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Bishop Carter, Norman Dwayne, sign the University Charter.
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Kate Maher,
Class of 2004,
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On the cover: Connecticut Governor John Dempsey proudly smiles as the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis signs the charter, establishing Sacred Heart University as Connecticut's newest institution of higher education in 1963.
Dear Friends,

This year, Sacred Heart University is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding. At such a milestone it is important to reflect on our past, celebrate our present, and look with confidence towards the future.

Sacred Heart University began with a pioneering vision. Inspired by the Second Vatican Council, Bishop Walter Curtis established the first Catholic university in the country to be led by laypeople. Although September 11 now conjures images of fear and terrorism in our national consciousness, 40 years ago, on the same date, Sacred Heart University began with 173 students and 9 faculty members as a place of faith and bold leadership. Our founders were unafraid to ask the important questions about how a community of scholars and learners could seek knowledge and truth in an environment that recognizes and celebrates the religious dimension of human life. I am proud to say that a careful look at the University's history, its current programs and activities, and our Strategic Plan clearly demonstrates that we have kept faith with that vision.

In an early yearbook, a student said, "It was good to be a student in these early years of beginning. It was a time to set standards and traditions . . . a time when initiative and energy were the norm." Sacred Heart University students, faculty, and staff today echo those very themes in their active pursuit of academic excellence, their participation in a vibrant community of learning and service, and their energetic and self-conscious participation in the continued development of this leading University. That spirit of tradition, initiative and leadership still guides our lives.

This year, while we watch the construction crews complete the new residence halls, we also observe the faculty building new programs for learning throughout our colleges, and enlivening their current offerings with vigorous new methodologies. Of special note in the College of Arts and Sciences is the establishment of a ground-breaking Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture. In the College of Education and Health Professions, the University's first doctoral program in Physical Therapy was approved. In the College of Business, our students have the opportunity to study with European students from our Luxembourg campus through weekly teleconferencing. Also, on the national level, we again took the lead and hosted a timely conference, "Lay Leaders in Catholic Higher Education: An Emerging Paradigm for the 21st Century," which drew over 180 senior-level educators, administrators, university trustees and leaders of religious communities, including 26 Catholic college presidents. Such building of fine space, excellence in learning, and national leadership, have always distinguished Sacred Heart University and will continue to do so in the future.

At a moment of such reflection as this, I recognize in a particular way how fortunate I have been with the opportunity to have led this University for 15 years. I am also blessed with the generous and ongoing support of so many of you in realizing our founders' dreams. At this anniversary moment, I invite us all to recommit to our vision and increase our efforts to make Sacred Heart University into an even better place to serve our students and the society they will lead.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President
Groundbreaking for New Dorm

From left to right: Sacred Heart University Trustees, Christopher K. McLeod and Joseph D. Roxe flank Sacred Heart University President, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, in the official groundbreaking ceremony for three new residence halls.

On Saturday, September 13 a groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of construction on a new three-building, three-story residence hall complex set to rise at 5252 Park Avenue, directly across the street from the main campus.

Following the blessing of the site by Rev. Andrew Garavel, S.J., Campus Minister, Joseph D. Roxe and Christopher K. McLeod, members of the University’s Board of Trustees, assisted President Anthony Cernera, Ph.D., in the ceremonial turning of the soil.

The $18 million development consists of three buildings that will contain twelve six-bedroom suites, each to house about twelve students. Each suite will include a living area, study lounge, kitchen, and two bathrooms. In addition, the buildings will have wireless network connectivity (Wi-Fi) capability.

The building closest to Park Avenue will include a fitness center and cyber café. The three-building complex will accommodate a total of 403 students and is scheduled for completion in September 2004.

High School Students Get a SUCCESS™-ful College Experience at SHU

This summer, 64 inner-city high school students experienced college and forged relationships that will make a lasting difference in their young lives. For three weeks, the Sacred Heart University campus was their home as they took part in SUCCESS™, an enrichment program for deserving inner-city, low-income ninth grade students.

The objective of the program is to get at-risk students on the college track by preparing them academically, demystifying the admissions process, and raising their expectations and aspirations. The curriculum, taught by local high-school teachers, included study skills, effective learning habits and time management techniques, as well as writing and computer skills. Guest speakers and evening events rounded out the program.

SUCCESS™, which stands for Students Undertaking College Career Enhancing Study Skills, was co-founded and is sponsored by Robinson & Cole LLP, the Westchester-Fairfield Chapter of the American Corporate Counsel Association (WES-FACCA) and Sacred Heart University.

In addition to the summer program, SUCCESS™ will continue to foster these students’ progress through an ongoing support network, corporate mentor relationships, and help with the college admissions process in their senior year. The students will be a part of SUCCESS™ throughout their high school experience.

According to Rebecca Wilson, director of SUCCESS™, “When they look back, this is going to be the experience that’s truly made a difference in their lives.”
College of Arts & Sciences

Neuroscience Lab to Support Research and Study

A group of rodents will soon find a new home in the new Neuroscience Research Laboratory established by the departments of Biology and Psychology. The two departments joined efforts in creating this lab, which will support both student and faculty research.

In addition to being an invaluable resource for independent research, the lab will also benefit many classes in the College of Arts and Sciences, as the study of animal behavior and physiology plays an important role in courses such as Animal Behavior, Neurobiology, Experimental Physiological Psychology, and Experimental Learning, to name a few.

The lab, which meets all federally mandated guidelines, will provide students with hands-on research experience that is essential to scientific study and to preparation for graduate school. According to Drs. Mindy Miserendino and Rachel Bowman, students' experimentation in the laboratory will mostly consist of non-invasive psychological testing, using mazes, operant chambers, and other humane testing paradigms.

With the increasing complexities of doing business in our global economy, companies have recognized that their employees need to either update their skills or acquire new abilities.

"Upon completion of the Certificate Program in IT and Network Security, the student will be better equipped to enter or continue as a professional in the Cyber Security Field," said Domenick Pinto, associate professor and chair of the department. "The dependence on and utilization of technology are accompanied by a growing risk of security issues that must be addressed if we are to survive and thrive in a technology-driven world," according to Pinto.

New IT Certificate Geared to Give Students ‘Edge’ in Ever-Changing Industry

Computer Information Systems experts agree that continuing education provides individuals with the “edge” not only to survive, but to flourish in the new and future economy. The Information Technology Department’s new Certificate Program in IT and Network Security is designed to provide graduates with introductory networking, ethical and security skills.

Professor Austin Honored by American Physical Therapy Association

Dr. Gary P. Austin, assistant professor of physical therapy has been selected by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) as the 2003 recipient of the Margaret L. Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty Member. Dr. Austin, co-director of the University’s Motion Analysis Laboratory of the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Science, received the award at the 2003 APTA Honors and Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APTA annual meeting, held in June in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the award is to acknowledge an outstanding new faculty member who is pursuing a career as an academician and has demonstrated excellence in research and teaching as exemplified by the professional career of Margaret L. Moore. Established in 1989, the award is named in honor of Dr. Moore, who for many years was the Director of the Division of Physical Therapy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professional criteria used for the APTA
selection include: at least two but no more than five years teaching experience in physical therapy education; expertise in at least one subject area to which research and teaching efforts have been directed; past, current and potential contributions to scholarly activities; teaching excellence; and commitment to service to the institution and to the profession.

"To be recognized by your peers is the ultimate honor. It has been a privilege to work here at SHU and I am grateful for the support I have received, not only from my colleagues, but from the exceptional physical therapy students, staff and faculty of the University," said Dr. Austin.

‘New Girl’ Comes to Town

Mike Reynolds’ latest nonfiction work, The New Girl, has been released by Publish America Books. A compassionate, often humorous and hard-hitting look at how we develop our sense of gender, the book chronicles a two-month experiment in crossing gender lines.

In the fall of 2001, Mike became Lisa. Lisa Anne Weber — 35, overweight, unemployed and female. Changing his name, appearance and legal identity, he lived as this woman for two months, attempting to find employment and build a life for her in the city of New Haven. He did not find what he expected, and in the end, he was to discover something that transcends all our differences.

A native of Connecticut, Mike Reynolds is an adjunct instructor of Media Studies at Sacred Heart University. The New Girl is available at www.mike-reynolds.com, directly from Publish America or at area bookstores.

University Establishes Department of Media Studies & Digital Culture

Media Studies students were welcomed back to campus this fall with an official department to call their own. The new Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture was recently created from the Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies (LL&MS).

“It was clear to the faculty that in reality, given the digital age, we had become increasingly big and more distinct from the rest of LL&MS. It was felt that we could really flourish if we had more autonomy and resources," said the new department’s chair, Dr. James Castonguay.

According to Dr. Castonguay, Media Studies students will now benefit from a state-of-the-art experience, where they will learn the critical thinking and practical applications of media production with a humanities-based, artistic approach. The students will have the opportunity to complete their studies with the production of a DVD that can be used as a portfolio tool as they embark on their career.

The department currently offers two majors, Media Studies, and Communication and Technology Studies.
Noted Fashion Designer
Joseph Abboud Joins Faculty

Joseph Abboud, famed designer of a successful line of men’s wear and home fashions, has joined Sacred Heart University as a visiting professor in the College of Business. Currently, he is co-teaching an MBA course entitled, The Management of Creativity.

According to Dr. Stephen Brown, dean of the College of Business, the course will cover how to go from idea or artistic talent to a profitable business, by using case studies, including Abboud’s own.

The course will cover three modules including creativity, finance and marketing and is co-taught by Dr. Peter Maresco, assistant professor of Management, and John Gerlach, associate professor of Finance, in addition to Abboud. Students will develop a formal business plan based on their own idea as a component of this class.

Abboud is slated to teach an undergraduate course in the Spring semester. He is currently the chairman emeritus and creative director of J.A. Apparel Corporation.

Leadership & Ethics Seminars Feature Area CEOs

A College of Business seminar series highlighting the importance of ethical corporate leadership recently featured lectures by two well-known Fairfield County CEOs, Paul McManus of Leading Hotels of the World, and Kim Jeffrey of Nestlé Waters North America, Inc. The Leadership and Ethics Seminar is part of the University’s MBA curriculum.

MBA Students Providing Strategic Guidance to Area Nonprofits

Professor Rawlin A. “Pete” Fairbaugh, of the College of Business, and graduate students in his Global Management class, are working closely with the Diocese of Bridgeport and other nonprofit organizations. The students help these groups analyze their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) and then work with them on reaching their goals. Thus far, they have assisted Catholic schools in two regions of the Diocese and have counseled a shelter for homeless persons in Ridgefield.

Dr. Fairbaugh, who founded the University’s MBA program in Luxembourg and teaches every spring in Hungary, expects to see a Center for Strategic Management for Nonprofit Organizations established by the year’s end. MBA Global Management students will assist area nonprofits with numerous aspects of strategic planning as part of their final academic project.
Sacred Heart University and its Department of Education has launched a unique and accelerated Saturday program that will lead to Connecticut State certification in Educational Administration and to the 6th Year degree in Administration.

Two cohorts of students began this post-Master's graduate program at SHU's inviting and high-tech Stamford campus this fall. Students will participate in intensive Saturday seminars that meet every other weekend. They will be eligible for Connecticut Administrative certification by next June. Students who elect to continue on will receive the 6th Year degree in Administration by the following fall.

"We have received many inquiries about these programs and a number of area school districts have expressed interest in having their next generation of school leaders prepared in this manner. These programs are expected to grow and we plan to accommodate new cohorts of prospective school administrators every six to twelve months," said Dr. Steve Rubin, director of Educational Administration, Leadership and Management.

Presently, over 90 percent of the students in Sacred Heart University's Educational Administration certification program have passed the State's qualifying examination for school administrators. To receive more information on the certificate program, contact: Dr. Steve Rubin, Director of Educational Administration, Leadership and Management at rubins@sacredheart.edu.

Dr. Jane M. Gangi, associate professor of Education in the College of Education and Health Professions, recently published *Encountering Children's Literature: An Arts Approach*. The book, published by Allyn & Bacon, is described as a "vibrant text...that provides one a new perspective on how integrating the fine arts and literature fosters the active participation and in-depth understanding that is as important for future practicing teachers as it is to children."

This summer, University College and the Master of Arts in Learning program hosted nationally recognized journalists Eleanor Clift and Tom Brazaitis, who were on campus as Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows. This highly respected program connects distinguished professionals in numerous fields with college campuses across the country. Ms. Clift has been affiliated with Newsweek magazine and TV's McLaughlin Group for many years, and Mr. Brazaitis is a veteran editor with the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The journalists spent part of each day with students in the Master of Arts in Learning program. They participated in discussions with the University's MBA students, including those from the Luxembourg campus, and met with a variety of University constituents such as faculty members and administrators. The week's busy schedule concluded with a public forum on "Media and Democracy," in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts followed by a book signing.

According to Interim Dean Nancy Sidoti of University College, the Wilson Fellows generously made themselves available for a wide-ranging set of activities. As experts in politics and foreign affairs, for example, they participated in a lively breakfast discussion with representatives of the University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies. The conversation centered on efforts to rebuild Iraq and the potential role for the Jesuit Fathers there.

The Wilson Fellows program, launched in 1945, brings leaders in their fields to the campuses of small liberal arts colleges for a week of classes, informal discussions with students and faculty, and career counseling. Further, it is the occasion for these eminent practitioners to reflect on their craft in a setting conducive to dialogue and education.
Lay Leaders in Catholic Higher Education: An Emerging Paradigm for the 21st Century

Scores of educators and administrators from across the country met at Sacred Heart University after the close of the academic year to explore issues at the core of their mission. “Lay Leaders in Catholic Higher Education: An Emerging Paradigm for the 21st Century” drew the presidents of 28 colleges and universities for an intensely focused three-day forum. In addition, 150 professors and senior administrators probed such issues as the role of Trustees, the sponsorship of faith-based institutions, “hiring for mission,” spirituality for lay leaders, the changing face of American Catholicism, and Catholic identity. The June 13-15 symposium was cosponsored by the University and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU).

Following in the footsteps of the University’s successful conference in 2000 on the Catholic intellectual tradition, “Lay Leaders” offered priests, religious and lay people provocative plenary meetings, in-depth working sessions, and ample time for both “shop talk” and reflection. The Most Reverend William E. Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport and Chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, cocelebrated Mass for the conferees on Saturday evening.

The keynote address on Friday, June 13, was presented by Father Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., Ed.D., and Melanie M. Morey, Ed.D. They discussed their recently completed study of “Leadership and the Age of the Laity.” This comprehensive analysis of Catholic college administration found that for the first time lay leaders now outnumber sisters, priests and brothers. Of the nation’s 222 Catholic colleges and universities, 116 are now headed by lay men and women — with women occupying a shrinking percentage of the top positions. This revealing survey informed every one of the discussions to follow as participants weighed the future course of Catholic higher education.

Among the nationally recognized academicians and administrators were delegates from such schools as Georgetown University, Boston College, the University of Notre Dame, the University of San Diego and Fairfield University. Also in attendance were representatives of the conference’s cosponsor, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. ACCU’s executive director, Dr. Monika K. Hellwig, sent the delegates off with a stirring challenge to make the Catholic intellectual tradition an increasingly vigorous and important force in modern American higher education.

Proceedings from the conference and additional materials are being gathered for anticipated publication in 2004. For further information, visit the conference’s website at http://cit.sacredheart.edu.
14th Annual Discovery Dinner Sets New Record: $300,000 Raised for Scholarships

The 2003 Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner was held on Saturday, May 10. Almost 400 friends of the University gathered for the celebration at the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. A glamorous silent auction kicked off the evening's festivities. The gala event raised a record $300,000, which will be used exclusively to provide scholarships for deserving students. The total raised represented a 33 percent increase over last year.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2003 Discovery Awards to Connecticut's Fourth District Congressman Christopher Shays, noted menswear designer Joseph Abboud, and Robert M. Devlin, chairman of Curragh Capital Partners. The Rev. Thomas F. Lynch, pastor of St. James Church, Stratford, Conn., and the largest parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport, was awarded the Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor. Dave Price, weather personality for the CBS Early Show, regaled the audience with his unique brand of humor and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Connecticut's Attorney General, Richard Blumenthal, along with 15 Sacred Heart University scholarship students, were among the special guests.
14th Annual Pioneer Open Raises $70,000 for Scholarships

Not all the drives were straight, not all the putts were true, but it almost didn’t matter as the 14th Annual Pioneer Open Golf Tournament raised a record total — $70,000 — for the benefit of SHU scholarships. The tournament was held on June 2 at the Patterson Club’s Robert Trent Jones-designed course in Fairfield, Connecticut. A field of 132 hit the fairways and enjoyed the challenges of the expertly groomed, par 71 course. The sun-filled afternoon on the links was followed by the traditional awards dinner where President Anthony J. Cernera presented sponsor appreciation awards.

Among the day’s highlights:
• Mike Brienza hit the longest drive of the day on the 534-yard 11th hole.
• Richard Lovanio captured closest to the pin honors, won on the 6th hole.
• The day’s winning low-gross foursome, which included Richard Lovanio, Matt Reale, Brian Truini and Brian Luby, posted a 61.
• The winning low-net team comprised of Steve Karl, Leo Karl, Marc Lorenti and Gus Koumarbos posted a 51.2 net score.

Official tournament sponsors were DELL®, Lanese Construction, Inc., and Nextel. The golf cart sponsor was Anthony & Reale, Attorneys-at-Law. Hole-in-one sponsors were Karl Chevrolet/Hummer and Bridgeport Harley-Davidson.

Federal Grant Funds Library Renovations

Recent renovations to the Ryan-Matura Library are providing students with a more secure and “connected” place for study. Thanks to an $89,400 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, several important improvements to the infrastructure of the library will enhance this engaged-learning environment for students.

An upgrade to the electrical infrastructure of the main and upper levels will improve functionality for students using their laptops for long periods of research and learning.

In addition, several library departments and offices were relocated and refurbished and the library’s security systems were extensively overhauled. Upgrades include new security devices for the library’s entrances and an improved book security system that will ensure that materials have been properly charged out through the circulation system. Video monitoring equipment has also been upgraded so that monitoring can now take place at the University’s Public Safety Office as well as from the library’s circulation desk.
People’s Bank Connecting the Community to Sacred Heart University

Students choose to come to Sacred Heart University for any number of reasons, an important one being the chance to make a positive impact on the surrounding community. With a grant from People’s Bank, incoming freshmen have the opportunity to do just that.

Now in its eighth year, the “Community Connections” program run by Phyllis Machledt, director of service-learning & volunteer programs, takes 22 incoming freshmen and introduces them to service programs in the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut. For one week, the students actually live at the St. Charles Urban Center, a social services center in the city. While there, students will renovate Habitat Houses, feed the hungry at Merton House and interact with urban children and parents. Student volunteers also help run sports programs at local neighborhood community centers, renovate parks or participate in a Read-Aloud at a nearby school.

Through partnerships like the one with People’s Bank, Sacred Heart University is able to instill values in its students that they can take with them and teach to future generations. “This type of program is designed to help deepen students’ sense of commitment to the community and to train students to be future leaders,” says Ms. Machledt. “This People’s Bank grant also supports a similar week (CURTIS Week) in January open to all students. The students who have participated have become the core leaders of service at the University.”

Through its generous grant, People’s Bank also supports the leasing of the three Community Connections minivans which allow students to travel all over the Bridgeport area for various community projects during the year. They tutor in Bridgeport schools, work in after-school programs, help teach English, mentor local children, prepare meals at shelters and do “wellness” checkups, just to name a few of their volunteer activities.

SHU student and Community Connections volunteer, Mark Stanczak said, “Community Connections has inspired me to stay involved through Habitat for Humanity and Merton House. Now that I know the problems, I believe it is part of our responsibility as a University to make a difference in our local community. With the support of People’s Bank we are doing just that.”

2003 Community Connections volunteers (left to right) Liza Gennari, Nicole Briglio, Michael Masri, Lisa Kolodzik, Noelle D’Agostino, David Cherniske, Jacqueline Olen, Sabine Auguste, Sarah Jacques, David Mosher, Valerie Graham, Meghan Hickey, Justin Colby, Stephanie Barnickle, Miguel Colon, Ashley Pratt, Meghan Feeley, Jessica Alvarez, Mark Stanczak, Ashley Citron, Kathleen Schultz, Judy Rogers of People’s Bank, Carolyn Davis, Meghan Sullivan, Anne Elizabeth Belletiere, and Megan Wood.
GE Foundation Brings Good Things to Sacred Heart University

The old adage has it that the best way to learn is to teach. For a couple dozen Sacred Heart University students each year, this truism is an important element of their participation in a productive nine-year-old effort called the GE Foundation Scholars Program.

Six students from each undergraduate class are selected annually for this coveted award. These men and women are full-time undergraduates with a demonstrated interest in mathematics, information technology and/or one of the quantitative business disciplines. Designed for minority students with a demonstrated financial need, this program has assisted more than 100 students since its creation during the 1994-95 semester.

Recently, the second annual installment on a four-year commitment of $588,000 was received by the University. Totaling $147,000, the funds are divided almost evenly between the scholarship component that supports University students and an innovative outreach to inner-city school children in Bridgeport.

Youngsters at the nearby Winthrop School benefit from the regular involvement by GE Scholars in their academic and extracurricular lives. As part of the Winthrop Mathematics Collaborative, University students tutor young people in math skills and serve as active and visible role models to the culturally and racially diverse student body.

GE Foundation Scholars receive $3,000 per year for each year of their college experience, without the need to reapply every year. Over its history, the Scholars have achieved an impressive 80 percent graduation rate, remarkable when one considers the numerous pressures under which they often operate.

Virginia Stephens, the University’s program director, notes that an important element of this effort is its “enrichment” component. Scholars team with mentors from GE, whose world headquarters is just a mile from the University’s main campus. They also meet monthly to socialize and to benefit from instruction in such areas as resume writing, career planning and the like. Cultural opportunities are built into the schedule as well as the commitment of at least 20 hours per student of volunteer service in the community each semester.

As Ms. Stephens points out, “These young men and women are not only learning to excel academically, they are growing personally and culturally. And, at least as important, they are being encouraged, in the best Sacred Heart tradition, to share their gifts with the larger community. This program has changed the lives of dozens of young people, and through them, countless others.”
**Pitt Scholars Program Surpasses 100 Awards**

The William H. Pitt Foundation has awarded $120,000 to the University, in support of the University’s existing Pitt Scholars Program. Since this program was established in 1995, more than 100 scholarships have helped deserving students gain access to a quality education. In keeping with the philosophy of the organization’s founder, the late William H. Pitt, the Pitt Scholars Program seeks to help the disadvantaged to succeed. Twenty full-time undergraduate students received scholarships through this program in 2003-2004.

**Foundation Grants Support Community Scholars**

Grants totaling $77,500 were received from several foundations for the University's Community Scholars Program. This scholarship program makes awards to full-time undergraduate students in their sophomore through senior years, who have shown an interest and commitment to community service.

In keeping with the University’s mission, this program seeks to increase participating students’ awareness of the plight of the poor, confidence as agents of change, and active involvement in the betterment of community. Recipients commit to 50-100 hours of work per semester in one or more of the University’s many service-related activities.

**Occupational Therapy Benefits from Gift**

For the second year, the University has received $50,000 from the Ridgefield Foundation, in support of its Occupational Therapy Program. The generous support of the Ridgefield Foundation has allowed our developing program to progress in ways that would not otherwise have been possible, benefiting both students and faculty in the program.

Grant funds have supported the purchase of supplies and various items of equipment, assessment tools, and learning resources needed to accommodate our expanding student enrollment in the program. Grant funds have also supported faculty development activities for focused training and education. This, in turn, has strengthened the program in the form of enriched curriculum development and quality of teaching.

In addition, the Foundation responded favorably to the University’s request for scholarship support for needy students in 2003-2004, awarding $20,000 for this purpose.

**“Newman’s Own” Raises the Pitch For WSHU Fundraising Drive**

It was the last day of WSHU’s early-summer fund drive when the award-winning National Public Radio affiliate received a surprise — and very welcome — call. Newman’s Own, a regular corporate sponsor, was offering an unprecedented challenge: It would match, dollar for dollar, every contribution pledged that day, up to a total of $50,000. Volunteers rushed in at a moment’s notice, staff dropped everything to answer phones, and the entire operation took on a “war room” readiness. The effort was more than worth it. At the end of the day, WSHU listeners had pledged a whopping $54,000 — the single-most successful day of fundraising in the station’s history. The day’s total: $104,000.
A Commencement of Milestones
University Passes 25,000 Degree Mark with Record Number of Graduates

By Christopher Sheehan and Bernie Gilmore

The sun shone, the band played, parents, relatives and friends beamed as 1,387 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 in the University's Thirty-Seventh Annual Commencement. Distinguished leaders in education, business, medicine and philanthropy were also awarded honorary degrees during the ceremonies.

This year's Commencement Weekend saw the University break several significant records, most notably, passing the 25,000 mark in degrees awarded since its first graduation ceremony in 1967. This year's nearly 1,400 graduates brought the total since the founding of the University four decades ago to 25,708.

The University conferred 55 associate's degrees; 778 bachelor's degrees, a new high; 529 master's degrees, also a record; and 25 professional certificates, for a total of 1,387 degrees and certificates. Over its history, there have been 3,790 associate's degrees, 14,611 baccalaureate degrees, 6,488 master's degrees, and 819 professional certificates.

The weekend began under sunny skies with Saturday ceremonies for graduate students. The Campus Field services were highlighted by an address from Connecticut's Commissioner of Education, Theodore S. Sergi, Ph.D., J.D. After a distinguished career in public service, Dr. Sergi chose "early retirement" and is returning to his first love: the classroom. The Commissioner received a Doctor of Humane letters degree, *honoris causa*, in celebration of his lifelong dedication to the needs of students and teachers.

Sunday's Undergraduate Commencement, also held on Campus Field, featured an address by Richard Lapchick, Ph.D. The founder and director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society is an internationally recognized authority on human rights and especially the intersection of athletics and racism. The electrifying speech outlined his lifelong commitment to human rights, especially for minority athletes. His address focused on the need to reach out and teach children to love each other, irrespective of color, in order to reduce the cycle of violence in schools and on the street. Speaking directly to the graduates, he said: "We need you all to help save the lives of our children, to help build bridges across the racial divide in our nation. We need you to reach out to our children." The original keynote speaker at the opening of the University's William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center in 1997 was given an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.
Other honorary degree recipients, each of whom received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*, included Arnold P. Gold, M.D., and his wife, Sandra O. Gold, Ed.D., cited for their humanitarian efforts in medical education and on behalf of those with special needs; Emmy award-winner Hubert J. Schlafly K.M., an old friend of the University, who was honored for his pioneering efforts in the television industry where he invented the TelePrompTer; and Bernard B. Beal, founder and head of one of the nation’s largest minority-owned firms specializing in bonds and government securities, who has been named one of the country’s Top 50 Black Entrepreneurs by *Black Enterprise* magazine.

A special tribute closed the ceremonies. Graduating senior Michael Pascuma accepted the President’s Medal on behalf of his grandfather, Michael J. Pascuma, Sr., the oldest living broker on Wall Street. Mr. Pascuma, who lost his son and partner, also Michael, in the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, began his career before the Crash of 1929 and has been active on “the Street” in the seven decades since then.

Sacred Heart University’s campus in Luxembourg held its 11th Commencement ceremonies on July 5th, awarding three dozen graduate degrees and certificates. See sidebar for details.
By Christopher J. Sheehan

1969
President Conley is presented with portrait

1963:
Classes open with 173 students and nine professors, in four classrooms of Notre Dame High School in Fairfield.

1967:
112 men and women receive degrees at the University’s first Commencement.

1968:
With enrollment already approaching 2,000, the University’s first new building, its library, is dedicated.

FORTY CANDLES on Sacred Heart University’s Cake

By Christopher J. Sheehan
September 11th, 1963: John F. Kennedy was still president, beetles were garden pests, and “Made in Japan” was synonymous with junk, everyone owned an American car, and computers were people who added up figures at the bank. It was a time before ATMs and PCs, AIDS and IMAX theaters, cell phones and $3.50 lattes.

This was also the day Sacred Heart University opened its doors for the first time. Its 173 pioneering students shared the vision of Bishop Walter W. Curtis of a comprehensive Catholic university to be led and staffed by lay people. At 160, the University’s present full-time faculty is nearly the size of that first student body, and the University is now the second-largest Catholic college in New England.

Bishop Curtis was a visionary. He dared to imagine a coeducational university when the area’s nearest Catholic schools, Fairfield University and Albertus Magnus College, were both single-sex institutions. Seeing the growth of the post-war Baby Boomer generation, he envisioned a superior education that was both accessible and affordable to the men and women of Fairfield County and its environs.

But what truly sets him apart in this regard from other leaders of his generation was his insistence that this new college would be led and staffed by lay people. Remember, this was before the “empowerment of the laity” became such a dominant force during the Second Vatican Council. And this was not a decision pressed upon him by a shortage of qualified sisters, brothers, and priests.

Rather, he recognized what the Council would so forcefully confirm: that the duty of educating the sons and daughters of the Church belonged to every Christian. It was a revolutionary idea. Today, more than half of the nation’s Catholic colleges and universities are headed by lay presidents, a trend that will surely continue to grow. In 1963, however, there was but one: Sacred Heart University was the pioneer.

While four decades is a respectable span of time, the University is young enough so that most of its alumni are still contributing to the community, raising families and earning a living. In fact, the oldest of its more than 25,000 graduates are only in their early 60s. An example of how the University has changed since its founding is that students routinely enroll who are older than the University, and some have earned degrees here who are older than its oldest alumni!

The University’s first bulletin shows that undergraduate students could major in English, History, Math, Accounting, Business Administration, and Secondary or Elementary Education. Tuition for full-time students was $375 for the entire year, with room and board, typically, provided by Mom and Dad. The 60s, with all that the term now implies, were slow in
arriving on Park Avenue. Students wore a kind of school uniform to class for years: a jacket or sweater and tie for the boys, a dress or skirt for the girls.

The University graduated its first class of 112 students in 1967, and the school was already showing signs of the growth and vigor that would mark its entire history. As the University's first yearbook, the Prologue, noted: "It was good to be a student in these early years of beginning. It was a time to set standards and traditions which would become as much a part of Sacred Heart as the concrete arcade that runs along the front of the building, a time when initiative and energy were the norm." It was noted that with no older students, the faculty had to serve as "an unofficial senior class." This closeness between students and instructors has remained an integral part of the school's atmosphere.

By the University's fifth year, the growth was obvious. Enrollment was approaching 2,000. The school's first new building—the entire operation was originally housed in the former Notre Dame High School—was its new library. The instructors for the Modern Languages Department alone now outnumbered the original faculty of nine members, and there were more graduates than the entire student body five years previous. Clearly, Sacred Heart University was an idea whose time had come.

An important milestone occurred in 1969 when the University was accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It was as if the University itself were graduating. As the late Dean John Croffy explained at the time: "I attended the Boston conference of the Association with Dr. William Conley, the president of the school, and Dr. Maurice O'Sullivan, the dean of the school, and the joy we felt on the final accreditation, of being accepted by our academic peers, is still one of the greatest thrills I've ever experienced."

By the University's 20th birthday in 1983, the number of alumni exceeded 5,000 and over 500 students joined their ranks that year. From its initial handful of academic majors, the University now offered 23 undergraduate programs and four graduate fields. Five thousand alumni were making their mark in the region, and Sacred Heart University was recognized as the fastest-growing college in New England.

Sacred Heart University's silver anniversary came at a crossroads for the school. By the late 1980s, the heady growth that had characterized the previous decades had begun to sputter. Enrollment was down, income was off, the future was decidedly uncertain. New leadership was called for, and it came in the person of Dr. Anthony J. Cernera.

Bishop Curtis had envisioned a kind of community college, accessible and affordable to people...
in the region. Dr. Cernera shared that vision, but saw a larger definition of the word “community,” allowing young men and women from neighboring states – and eventually from half the states in the country – to forge an extended family here.

Fifteen years ago, the residential option was introduced, and it made an immediate and irrevocable difference in the life of this college. Today 70 percent of all full-time undergraduates choose to live in University housing, often including those who could easily commute. Three new residence halls are rising at 5252 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, directly opposite the main Fairfield campus to meet the growing demand for safe and attractive housing.

Educators recognize that students learn in diverse settings: classrooms and libraries, of course, but also athletic fields, cafeterias, dorm rooms and even inner city streets, where volunteers engage the life of the community.

Dr. Cernera set in motion a series of changes that would reenergize and revitalize the campus. In the past 15 years, the University has invested more than $100 million in infrastructure improvements, and plans for the future include greatly expanded academic and student service facilities.

In just 40 years, the University has blossomed into a leader in Catholic higher education, with alumni in virtually every state, numerous offshoots in Connecticut and Europe, and plans in place to offer the school’s first doctoral program, in physical therapy. The Ryan-Matura Library, the University’s first new building, is now 35 years old, and is undergoing the inaugural phases of a massive rebuilding, and committees have been working for months on plans for a substantial capital campaign that will usher Sacred Heart University to its golden anniversary and beyond.

On February 29th, 1964, Pope Paul VI sent a special Apostolic Benediction to the “new Catholic University dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus...that...will be directed and staffed by the laity. This new advance in Catholic Education in the United States of America,” he continued, “merits every encouragement.” The Holy Father invoked upon the University’s “Rector, professors, students and personnel abundant divine graces of illumination and guidance,” and he imparted a special pontifical blessing on them and their benefactors.

Over the past four decades, tens of thousands of men and women, and their families, have chosen to invest in Sacred Heart University, as students, teachers, members of the staff, and devoted friends and supporters. Probably not even Bishop Curtis and his closest colleagues would have dared imagine where his dream would take them. The school remains vigorous and resilient, ever willing to grow and stretch, to reach beyond convention and expectation. To learn. To lead. To serve.
President Anthony Cernera is the Heir of a Proud Tradition

By Christopher J. Sheehan

Sacred Heart University occupies a unique and trend-setting position in the history of American higher education as a Catholic institution designed to be led and staffed by lay people. Over the course of its 40 years, the University has been guided by five presidents. The founding president was Dr. William H. Conley, who led the University during its formative first years: 1963 to 1971. He was succeeded by Mr. Robert A. Kidera, who served for the next five years. Dr. Thomas P. Melady was president from 1976 till 1986, and he was followed in office by Dr. Robert A. Preston, who led the University until 1988.

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera began his service as the University's fifth president on June 1, 1988. In 15 eventful years, he has led the transformation of a small, struggling commuter school into a robust, comprehensive residential Catholic university. During that time, the University has become the second-largest institution of Catholic higher education in New England, after Boston College. He has headed the school for nearly 40 percent of its history, and it is no exaggeration to call him Sacred Heart University's “second founder.”

When he arrived in 1988, everyone agreed that the school had reached the limit of its abilities as a locally oriented Catholic “commuter college.” Working closely with the Board of Trustees and the wider University community, he has successfully implemented three five-year strategic plans that have made Sacred Heart University one of the leading Catholic universities in the Northeast. He is a tireless champion of academic excellence, at all times guided by the Sacred Heart University mission.

When he assumed the presidency of Sacred Heart University, he was just 38, the youngest head of a leading center of higher education in America. Among numerous leadership positions that have brought distinction to the University, he served for three years as the elected chairman of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and is a vice president of the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

In 1990, he helped found the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS), which has reached more than 24,000 adult learners since then. Under his leadership, Sacred Heart University has taken an internationally recognized role in interreligious education with the creation, in 1992, of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU). The University has also hosted national conferences such as “Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition,” which attracted delegates from 52 colleges across the country. In June, it hosted a national assembly on “Lay Leaders in Catholic Higher Education,” drawing presidents from two dozen Catholic colleges and universities.

In his first year as president, Dr. Cernera implemented a strategic-planning process that has enabled the University to prepare for the future. First and fore-
most is the enhancement and expansion of its academic offerings. Other changes include strengthening finances, improving and enlarging the infrastructure, instituting residential life, recruiting top faculty, and increasing the University's community service efforts. He is both a prudent manager and an adept fund-raiser, as evidenced by 15 years of balanced budgets and an endowment that has grown to $29 million, an increase of more than $28 million.

Dr. Cernera has spearheaded many initiatives to strengthen the curriculum. Fourteen new undergraduate and graduate programs and a Master's of Business Administration Program in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg have been introduced since 1991. The European program attracts students from five continents. Next fall, the University launches its first doctoral program, in Physical Therapy.

Significantly, these changes have enabled the University to recruit and retain increasingly larger numbers of bright, determined students. The full-time undergraduate enrollment, for example, has grown from 1,411 in 1989 to more than 3,000, a jump of over 100 percent. Fully 70 percent of the University's undergraduate student body now lives in campus housing, an option introduced by Dr. Cernera, and a definite link to the school's ongoing vitality.

Recognizing the immense value of a vibrant campus life to the educational experience, Dr. Cernera has championed expansions in student services and, in 1999, the University achieved a milestone by entering athletic competition in Division 1 of the NCAA.

To accommodate and educate Sacred Heart University's growing student population, Dr. Cernera has overseen the enlargement and renovation of the University's physical plant. Since 1992, the University has built six residence halls, with a three-building complex under construction at present. This is in addition to new classrooms and laboratories, a $17.5 million health and recreation center, a synthetic-surface multipurpose athletic field, and tennis courts. In all, investments in the physical plant have exceeded $100 million.

Under Dr. Cernera's guidance, a Service-Learning Program was established in 1995. The program offers students the opportunity to develop and learn through active participation in service experiences that are related to the curriculum. Last year, more than 1,000 of the University's students and staff took part in community service activities, largely in Greater Bridgeport, and student and staff efforts have been recognized at the state level for the past decade.

A native of the Bronx, Anthony Cernera received his doctorate of Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Fordham University, where he also earned his Master of Arts degree in Religious Education and his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Theology. A champion of the Catholic intellectual tradition, he teaches in the Religious Studies department each semester.

Dr. Cernera has shown that the spiritual origins of this University can provide for a much-needed anchoring in human values, while also promoting the wide examination of, and tolerance for, diverse traditions. He has both revitalized the energy and pride of its student community and fortified its financial soundness. Very few educational leaders today can point to such broad accomplishments.
The 2003-04 Sacred Heart University women's basketball team will have a young and fresh look this season with the return of reigning Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year, Nicolle Rubino and the addition of six freshmen to an already solid nucleus. The Pioneers aren't looking to rebuild but to move forward and take the next step towards a conference title.

Senior Ashley Kohl is back at the point for her senior campaign. Kohl started last year coming off the bench as shooting guard and took over the starting point guard role when Allie Bagnell was lost to injury. The team was 12-5 in games that Kohl started, with the senior averaging 9.1 points, 3.0 assists and 1.0 steals per-game.

The key to the backcourt could be the return of Bagnell, who returns to the mix after missing most of last season with a knee injury. Before her injury, Bagnell was in the midst of a solid sophomore year, averaging 6.4 points, 2.1 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game.

Rubino, last year's second-leading scorer, has a tight grip on the starting two guard spot as she looks for a carryover of last season's success. Rubino averaged 12.3 points per game last season and was tops on the team with 53 steals. She also showed she could fill it up from beyond the arc hitting 43 trys last season.

Three of the Pioneer newcomers will play at the guard position and not only bring depth and versatility but will be counted on to contribute this year. Much heralded freshman Amanda Pape will look to step in and push the upper classmen for playing time early. Pape enters SHU off an outstanding high school career where she was selected as the Gatorade Female Player of the Year in Connecticut and ranks second among Connecticut's top scorers in girls' high school basketball history.

Joining her are freshmen Mary Rush and Kerri Burke. Rush, at 5' 10", could also see time at small forward while Burke will push for minutes at the point this season. “Mary is a very versatile, strong
athletic player who can play at the two or three positions,” stated Women’s Basketball Coach, Ed Swanson. “Kerri is going to push for time at the point. She is the kind of player who can score inside and create for herself.”

The graduation of Brooke Kelly, third on SHU’s all-time scoring list, and Brooke Rutnik leaves a big hole in the Pioneer frontcourt to be filled. Senior Kate Maher will be looked to for more production on both ends of the floor this season to make up for the losses. She averaged 5.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game last season, her highest total in her three years in the program. Maher also improved her passing last season, handing out a career-high of 60 assists. Defensively, she has grown into one of the Pioneers’ and the conference’s most feared defenders. The addition of three six foot-plus players this season should go a long way to giving Sacred Heart a big inside game. Freshmen Aleisha Mott, 6’2”, Jasmine Walker, 6’1”, and Colleen Bray, 6’1”, are ready to join the mix and be a force in the paint this season. “The additions of Jasmine, Colleen and Aleisha will put pressure on our returnees for minutes and bring depth and size to our lineup,” commented Swanson.

The team’s 27-game schedule features a challenging slate of out-of-conference opponents including an appearance at the University of Maryland’s Tournament. The season starts off with two home games, starting on Friday, November 21st, when the Pioneers host the University of Massachusetts Minutewomen and continuing on Tuesday, November 25th, against the Lafayette College Leopards. From there, SHU will hit the road for the Thanksgiving holiday as they take part in the Maryland Tournament with Louisiana-Lafayette, Maryland-Eastern Shore and the host Terrapins.

Sacred Heart will travel to Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts to take on Big East power, Boston College on December 21st. The two teams met once before back in 1979, with the Pioneers coming away with a 60-48 win over the Eagles in the Bentley Tournament.

“We get UMass at home to start the year who will give us a big challenge after beating us pretty good last season,” stated Swanson. “Playing in the Maryland Tournament at the Comcast Center and traveling up to BC, who made it to the NCAA Sweet 16 last season, will give us a solid test and get us ready for our tough conference schedule.”
Sacred Heart University alumnus Eddy Ferhi recently reported to his first-ever National Hockey League training camp with the defending Western Conference Champion Anaheim Mighty Ducks. Ferhi had a chance to open some eyes right from the start, making 14 saves and combining on a shutout in a rookie game played recently.

Ferhi, who was the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Co-Goalie of the year last season, signed on with the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks of the American Hockey League at the conclusion of the Pioneers’ campaign and appeared in the final regular season game for the Mighty Ducks on April 4th against the Cleveland Barons. In that game the Charenton, France native stopped 28 of 30 shots in recording the first win of his professional career.

After the season was over, Anaheim signed Ferhi to a two-year minor league contract. While he reported to training camp in Anaheim this fall, he will likely be assigned to Cincinnati for the 2003-04 season.

“It is my first year so I am not asking for much,” said Ferhi. “But I am hoping and certainly confident that eventually I can play in the NHL.”

While at Sacred Heart, Ferhi set school records for goals against average in a career (2.63) and for a single season (2.27) during the 2002-03 campaign. He also tied the record for career wins (36) and games played in a season (31) during the 2001-02 season. He also places second for six additional records.

“He’s realistic about playing in the NHL. He’s prepared to go to Cincinnati and battle for a job there and develop in the AHL,” said Pioneers head coach Shaun Hannah. “This will be a stressful and busy time for Eddy. The daily practice sessions are long and a couple times a week are followed by games that night. Goaltenders don’t necessarily play every game so Eddy will have to be patient and remain focused and prepared for when his time comes. Eddy’s good at that.

“What Eddy did here is a testament to our program and the type of student athletes that we are bringing here, as well as the quality of play in our league,” Hannah said.
### Winter Athletics Schedule

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All game times subject to change
OCTOBER
EXHIBIT
*In the Realm of the Absurd*
curated by Nohra Haime
September 14 - November 6, 2003
(closed Columbus Day weekend)
Gallery of Contemporary Art
Contact: 203-365-7650

SEMINAR
*Breast Cancer — Diagnosis through Survivorship: Rehabilitation Considerations for Health Care Professionals*
October 25, 2003, 8 am-5:30 pm
Sacred Heart University
Contact: 203-396-8018

Internship and Job Fair
October 29, 2003, 1-4 pm
University Commons
Contact: 203-371-7975

CONFERENCE
*Bioterrorism: Implications for Nursing Education*
October 31, 2003
Capital Community Technical College
Hartford, Connecticut
Contact: 203-371-7715

NOVEMBER
5th Annual Eldercare Symposium
*Caring for Culturally Diverse Older Adults: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*
November 1, 2003, 8 am-5 pm
Sacred Heart University
Contact: 203-365-4721

LECTURE
*A Cultural Study of “The Bakhtiari Tribe” Nomads of Iran*
November 5, 2003 4-6 pm
Pitt Center Board Room
Department of Education: 203-365-4717

PERFORMANCE
*Fool for Christ*
November 7th & 8th 2003, 7 pm.
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
Contact: 203-365-7657

EXHIBIT
*Faculty Art Exhibition*
November 16 – December 16, 2003
(closed November 26–30)
Reception: November 19th, 4:30-6:30 pm
Artist’s Talk: TBA
Gallery of Contemporary Art
Contact: 203-365-7650

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
November 19, 2-3 pm
University Commons
Campus Ministry: 203-371-7840

DECEMBER
FORUM
*Corporate Strategies & Insights Forum*
Louis D. Boccardi, Recently Retired President/CEO, Associated Press
December 1, 2003, 6 pm
Contact: 203-371-7970

PERFORMANCE
*Concert Choir*
December 7, 2003
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
Contact: 203-365-7657

*Connecticut League for Nursing Students Day*
December 4, 2003, 8 am-2 pm
Aqua Turf, Southington, CT
Contact: 203-371-7715
Sacred Heart University
Displays Latin American Art

“In The Realm of The Absurd” Exhibition debuted September 14

The Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart University opened its season with the work of 25 Latin American and Caribbean artists on Sunday, September 14, with a reception that featured Latin Jazz by the Carole Sudhalter Duo. The exhibit, titled “In the Realm of the Absurd,” is curated by Nohra Haime of the Nohra Haime Gallery of New York City. The exhibit presents a diverse group of artists who represent the different Latin American cultures within a culture. With a multitude of techniques, these artists talk about our thoughts — our present, past and future.

“In the Realm of the Absurd” features works by: Susana Jaime-Mena (Argentina), Lydia Azout, Adriana Carvahlo, Vik Muniz, Gabriela Machado, Daniel Senise (Brazil), Benjamin Lira, Francisca Sutil, Jorge Tacla (Chile), Maria Fernanda Cardoso, Oscar Muñoz, Maripaz Jaramillo, Nadin Ospina (Colombia), Jose Bedia, Juana Valdes (Cuba), Hugo Bastidas (Ecuador), Luis Gonzalez-Palma (Guatemala), Monica Castillo, Flor Garduno, Javier Marin, Betsabee Romero (Mexico), Ramiro Llona, Ana de Orbegoso (Peru), and Arnaldo Roche-Rabell (Puerto Rico). The exhibit runs through November 6th.
Sabine Auguste, a senior at Sacred Heart University, has received national recognition from the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network in Washington, D.C. She is the recipient of a "Daily Point of Light" Award.

Auguste, a Stamford, Connecticut resident, has been involved in a wide range of community service activities ever since her freshman year. Past president of the SHU campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, she has participated in various activities for the housing charity, including the planning of a four-day Habitat Challenge in a South Philadelphia neighborhood, where students worked to renovate dilapidated housing. In addition, she has taken part in Habitat Alternative Spring Break trips to Wilmington, Delaware, and Boston. Most recently, she took part in a University-sponsored fact-finding trip to Haiti.

An English major and a Dean's List student, Auguste commented on being selected as a “Point of Light.” "The reward, for me, is not the award, but the fact that maybe I can help make a small, positive change that will affect someone’s future. It’s my hope that we can be sensitive to the needs of all members of our community because we all share this space," she said.

Service in the local community is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Sacred Heart University. During 2002-2003, over 1,200 SHU students took part in a wide range of community service activities.

The Points of Light program was originally founded during the administration of former president, George Bush, Sr., as a way to honor the many Americans who devote time to volunteer community service. Daily Points of Light awards are given in partnership with the Knights of Columbus and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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1970s

Harold Baird (1970) has recently been elected president of the Sterling House Community Center council in Stratford, Connecticut. Baird was the 1999 recipient of the center's Mary Hardy award, given to the volunteer of the year.

Kathleen Deignan, CND, Ph.D. (1972) recently edited a new book which quickly became a bestseller in the world of Catholic publications. Published by Sorin Books, *When the Trees Say Nothing -- Writings on Nature* is a collection of over 300 of Thomas Merton's nature writings. Kathleen, a theologian and sacred songwriter, is currently an associate professor of Religious Studies at Iona College. She is also the director of the Iona Spirituality Institute, which she founded.

1980s

Annette Bailey (1985) has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Smith College, one of the most distinguished Social Work Ph.D. programs in the country. Her dissertation is titled "School-Based Mental Health Providers: Job Tasks and Responsibilities." According to Nicole Xavier Cauvin, professor and chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Annette is the first known SHU alumsna to earn a Ph.D. in Social Work.

1990s

Sacred Heart University's own Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, Robert Cottle (1990) and Cathy Molloy Cottle (1990) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Molloy Cottle on Labor Day, September 1, 2003. Grace was born at Bridgeport Hospital, in Bridgeport, Connecticut and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. The Cottle family resides in Milford, Connecticut.

James Kraemer (1994) was recently promoted to Vice President at Chase Insurance Agency, Inc., a subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co. He was a product manager responsible for nationally distributed life, health and property and casualty insurance products. Jim, his wife Jackie and their two sons Chris (3 1/2) and Patrick (2) reside in Merrick, New York.

Joanne (Coffey) Tomko (1996) writes, "Just an update! Joe Tomko (1996) and I have been married since April of 1998! We live in New Hampshire where we built a house in 1999." First son Cameron was born in September 2001 and second son Owen was born in October of 2002.

Jorge Rivera (1996) and Catherine Rivera (1999) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Brianna Ailis Rivera. She was born on April 16, 2003 in Stamford, Connecticut, and weighed 7 pounds, 10.5 ounces.

In Memoriam

DuPre Benning (1999), age 29, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2003. DuPre was born in Buffalo, New York, on November 1, 1973. He graduated from Niagara University, where he was involved in many activities and became a proud brother of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. He went on to receive his MBA degree from Sacred Heart University in May of 1999. The Sacred Heart community knew him and loved him not only for his involvement with the school, but also his never ending support for its students. DuPre worked for GE Commercial Finance in Stamford in the Bank Loan Group. He was involved with various community services and mentoring programs, one of which was the Junior Achievement Program of Southwest Connecticut. He is survived by his mother, Marie Benning; brother, Cory Benning; and niece, Deja, all of New Jersey; and father, Ronald Benning of Buffalo. DuPre was posthumously presented the Distinguished Alumni Award at this year’s Alumni Awards Presentation. In addition, the University has established the DuPre Benning Scholarship in his memory. Memorial contributions can be arranged by calling 203-365-4801.
Echavarre Offers Healing Hands in Haiti

"I went to Haiti with the intention of giving the Haitians hope for a 'better' life … by the end of the week, I realized I got one hundred times more in return."

Marissa Echavarre, a 2001 graduate of Sacred Heart University's Physical Therapy Program, currently practices as a physical therapist at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Institute (SHRI) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A staff physical therapist in the In-Patient Rehab Unit, Marissa enjoys "the interdisciplinary team approach, the diverse patient population, and the autonomy to explore various treatment ideas." As an integral member of the rehabilitation team working with patients with stroke, cancer, orthopedic injuries and spinal cord injuries, Marissa is responsible for helping patients return to maximal function.

She and a team from Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Institute recently traveled to Haiti with the organization Healing Hands for Haiti. This non-profit organization is devoted to providing medical volunteers and rehabilitation technology to train Haitians to improve the health services available in Haiti.

On January 25, 2003, Marissa and the team arrived at the clinic in Port-au-Prince. Over the next eight days, she worked in the clinic and local orphanages helping approximately 200 local residents with various conditions (mostly amputations) related to automobile accidents, gunshot wounds, infections and congenital deformities.

The services provided by the team consisted mostly of fitting of and training with prosthetics, positioning in wheelchairs, and instruction in exercise programs. When asked what was the most rewarding experience of the trip, Marissa recalled "seeing a young man who hadn't walked in four years, due to a double amputation, walk with crutches by the end of the week -- now that's determination!"

Marissa believes "the trip was very rewarding in so many aspects. The people's appreciation and patience, not to mention the respect they had for us, was amazing!" She adds that "leaving Haiti was very hard – I found a sense of fulfillment and peace with the country, its people, my team members, and most importantly myself. I came back to Milwaukee wanting to be a better person for myself and others." Marissa hopes to return to Port-au-Prince with Healing Hands for Haiti and is also considering joining a team that will travel to Belarus on a similar mission.

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Brian Lawn (1997) and Suzanne Izykowski (1997) are happy to announce their marriage on July 13, 2002 in Flemington, New Jersey. They currently reside in Three Bridges, New Jersey. SHU Alumni that attended the ceremony were Steve Pilla, Stefanie Ferri, Rob Wall and Chris “Dude” Twarowski. They honeymooned in Aruba.

Tom Petrillo (1997) is the Director of Senator Joseph Lieberman’s presidential campaign in the city of Manchester, New Hampshire. Tom is responsible for mobilizing voters on behalf of the Senator for the forthcoming New Hampshire primary. Prior to joining the Lieberman campaign, he was a staff member of the Democratic National Committee and attended the George Washington School for Political Management in Washington, D.C.

Rob Sawicki (1997) is Deputy Press Secretary for Senator Joseph Lieberman in Washington, D.C. Rob is a graduate of the George Washington School for Political Management in Washington, D.C.

Valerie (Hau) Fortney (1998) and Matthew Fortney (1998) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Katelyn Marie. She was born on March 13, 2003 in Waterbury Hospital, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Kendra (Heriot) Johnson (1998) and Brian Johnson are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Robert Patrick. He was born on December 20, 2002 in Franklin, Massachusetts, and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.


Raymond Turner, MD (1998) recently accepted a position at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation located in Cleveland, Ohio, as Neurological Surgeon. Ray is enjoying the new challenges of working in one of America’s top hospitals (US News and World Report) and has also been invited to present his research at the International Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in Denver, Colorado this fall. Ray and his wife, Magdalena, reside in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Lisa (Pompilio) Boccardi (1999) and John Boccardi are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, John Anthony, Jr. He was born on April 28, 2002 in Mt. Kisco New York - Northern Westchester Hospital, and weighed 6 pounds, .5 ounces. “My husband and I have enjoyed the first year of John’s life. We cannot believe how much, and how fast he has grown. From his first word to his first steps we have had smiles from ear to ear,” Lisa reports.

Citigroup Selects Sacred Heart University Student for Leadership Development Program

Edgar Palacios, a graduate student at Sacred Heart University, has been selected to participate in a Citigroup Leadership Development Program for the Operations & Technology, Shared Services Group.

The competitive three-year program attracts almost 2000 applicants from across the U.S. Finalist candidates undergo an intensive two-day interview process, with just 10 selected to participate in the program. Those selected receive three 12-month assignments in one of Citigroup’s worldwide locations. In addition, all participants receive in-depth formal business training focused on improving overall job performance.

Palacios, who also earned his Bachelor’s degree at Sacred Heart University in 2002, graduated with a Master’s of Science in Information Technology this past spring.

“I’m very excited to have such a wonderful opportunity with one of the world’s leading business organizations. The support of my family and friends has helped bring me to this point,” said Palacios.

Theodore Miller (2000) writes, “Hey SHU friends! When last we chatted, I was the national sports sales and marketing manager for Club Med. Unfortunately all good things come to an end (meaning layoffs). I am still living in Coral Gables, Florida, but am currently the director of business development and PR for an entertainment marketing company on Miami Beach. I am looking to get back into sports shortly, possibly in Orlando or San Diego. Ok, here is the deal, I want to hear from you. Send me an e-mail at tedfun21@aol.com. Peace.”

Cheryl McGill (2000) and Eddie Condello are happy to announce their marriage on August 9, 2003 at The Manor in West Orange, New Jersey. They currently reside in Garfield, New Jersey. Emily Houlihan (2000) was a bridesmaid; Thomas Puzo (2000) was a groomsman. Colleen Browning (2000) and fiancé Chris LaFlamme (2000) were guests. They celebrated their honeymoon in St. Lucia on Sandals Grande Resorts.

Kristen Downey (2000) and Sylvio Mantello are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on May 22, 2004 in Amsterdam, New York. They currently reside in Troy, New York.

Jessica Andrade (2002) and Eric Scibek are happy to announce their marriage on June 21, 2003 in Fall River Country Club, Fall River, Massachusetts. They currently reside in Trumbull, Connecticut and attend graduate school at Southern Connecticut State University. SHU alumni who attended the ceremony were Jennifer Pascoa (2003) as a reader, Amy Foster (2001), John Sakowich (2002), and Anthony DiCerbo (2002). Former SHU staff Jason Scibek was best man.

Mary (Moran) Kallmeyer (1986), (1989), (2001) and Mark Kallmeyer are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Aidan Luke Kallmeyer. He was born on July 26, 2003 in Baylor All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, and weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

Sarah Morrill (2000) and Robert Cocchiaro are happy to announce their marriage on October 12, 2002 in North Haven, Connecticut. They currently reside in Hamden, Connecticut. Emily Houlihan (2000) was the maid of honor.

Diana Knox (2002) and Scott Urbinati (2002) are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on October 7, 2005 in East Rockaway, New York with the reception to follow in Holbrook, New York. For now, Diana resides in Pennsylvania and Scott in New York.
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Twice this summer, President Anthony J. Cernera hosted “Tony’s Trattoria,” a special prize from the Discovery Dinner Silent Auction. The first winning group included six faculty guests who enjoyed a home-cooked gourmet Italian dinner prepared by Dr. Cernera himself. Pictured below, from top left, Dr. Anne Barker; Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, Dr. Mary Trefry; bottom from left, Dr. Jill Woodilla; Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan, Valerie Christian, and Dr. Andra Gumbus.

Dr. Cernera later donned his apron once again for his second prize-winner, The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) board member Louella Lieberman and her guests.

Proceeds from the Discovery Dinner Silent Auction benefit the University’s Scholarship Fund.