Jack de Graffenried’s pencil drawing, “Bipolar,” is among the work on display in the annual Faculty Art Exhibit.

All events free unless otherwise noted

**FEBRUARY**

5/Sunday-March 2/Thursday Faculty Art Exhibit, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Opening reception 2/6, 4-7 p.m., closed President’s Day Weekend.

15/Wednesday “Exploring the Possibilities: What Can I Do With A Major In...” Career Services Spring 1995 Workshop, location TBA, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

19/Sunday “The Tamburitzans,” from Duquesne University, Theatre, 3 p.m. Tickets: $15 adults, $10 children and seniors.

23/Thursday Alumni Student-Mentor Program, co-sponsored by Alumni Relations and Career Services, Chubby’s Lounge, 7 p.m.

**MARCH**

8/Wednesday Transfer Fair for full- and part-time students, sponsored by Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, Dining Hall, 5-8 p.m.

9/Thursday Open House, sponsored by Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, location TBA, 5:30-7:30 p.m.


15/Wednesday “The Piano,” film sponsored by Women’s Studies, Faculty Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

19/Sunday-April 6/Thursday Student Art Exhibit, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Opening reception 3/19, 1-4 p.m., Charles Plohn Scholarship Awards, 2 p.m.

21/Tuesday “Women’s History: Latin American Women Speak Out,” roundtable discussion sponsored by Global Studies. Videos from El Salvador, Guatemala and Brazil, location and time TBA.

22/Wednesday Curtis Lecture, Schine Auditorium, details TBA.

23/Thursday Founder’s Day. We honor those who have served the University.

24/Friday Pioneer Day, open house for prospective students, sponsored by Admissions, Theatre, 10 a.m.

28/Tuesday Lecture by Dr. Doris Lippman of Fairfield University on the Women’s Vietnam Memorial Project, sponsored by Women’s Studies, Schine Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**APRIL**

1/Saturday Professional Development and Career Planning Workshop, sponsored by Alumni Relations and Continuing Education Council, Hawley Lounge, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. $25 per person includes guest speaker, workshops, continental breakfast, luncheon and wine & cheese. Reservations required.

5/Wednesday “Marketing Yourself: Job Search Strategies,” sponsored by Career Services, location TBA, 1:45-2:45 p.m.

15/Saturday Children’s Easter Egg Hunt and Party, sponsored by Alumni Relations, Gymnasium, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. $6 per child. Reservations required.


29/Saturday Junior Day, sponsored by Admissions, Theatre, 10 a.m.

**MAY**

21/Sunday 29th Commencement exercises, campus, 1 p.m.

**JUNE**


19/Monday “Pioneer Open” Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alumni Relations, Oronoque Village Country Club, $160 per person.

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In 1957, my favorite uncle decided he was going to visit the Soviet Union. At the time I didn’t question why a rock-ribbed Republican, John Deere dealer from Homedale, Idaho (pop. 1,500) might go to Russia. I just knew he came back with great stories and everyone thought his journey was strange and exciting.

Years later he explained that he felt driven to take that trip by a question he couldn’t answer: How could the Soviet Union put a satellite in space when it couldn’t make a good plow or a dependable tractor? He didn’t find an answer that satisfied him. But he never stopped travelling and he never forgot his main lesson from that trip — expect the unexpected.

The second issue of Sacred Heart University Magazine may bring you a taste of the unexpected. Your image of Sacred Heart may not lead you to expect:

• a duo of path-breaking undergraduates trying their hand at diplomacy through internships at the U.N.; or
• a Scholar-in-Residence from the highly competitive Fulbright program; or
• a first-person account by Pauline Yatrakis, director of our English as a Foreign Language Program, of her recent trip to Vietnam.

These stories, and others, highlight a number of projects with a global dimension. “International education, with the broad perspective it brings, may well be the sine qua non of success in a global marketplace,” according to Henry Kaufman, a New York-based financial analyst. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan has suggested that an international academic experience be mandatory for all college graduates. While not a requirement for Sacred Heart University students, international education is increasingly part of their college experience.

The excellence of the University’s international programs has been recognized by several organizations. During the last year, funding has been received from the U.S. Department of Education and the Agency for International Development, NAFSA: the Association of International Educators, and the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars.

In the midst of these activities and accomplishments, the unexpected greets me nearly daily:

• a Jewish faculty member is leading our first study tour to a Moslem country;
• international students participated in a service project making regular visits to a neighboring nursing home;
• a powerful portrayal of peace and war in El Salvador was painted by the wife of a faculty member inspired by her husband’s journal of his Salvadoran odyssey.

As Sacred Heart University continues to develop international programs, it will be driven, as my uncle was, by questions which may or may not be answered. As we search for answers we will educate, serve, and keep expecting the unexpected.

Katherine M. Kidd, Ph.D.
Director of Global Studies
LEARNING THE ART OF DIPLOMACY AT THE U.N.

Sacred Heart University undergraduates Joseph Downer Jr. and Kim Luczynski spent the fall semester as interns at the United Nations, Downer with the Lithuanian mission, Luczynski with the Federated States of Micronesia delegation. The hours were long, the rewards plentiful.

STRATEGIC PLAN II

The new Strategic Plan is designed to place the University among the five leading Catholic universities in New England.

SITE ART IS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD

New York sculptor Helene Brandt's monumental work, "Path of Expanding Vision," complements the campus architecture and has become a gathering place.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR'S VISIT ENRICHES UNIVERSITY

As the University's first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Henri Etienne brought a global perspective on economics and business to campus. He returned home to Luxembourg with some knowledge of his own: American students excel in independent research.

VISIT TO VIETNAM PROVES ENLIGHTENING ... AND HEALING

Pauline Yatrakis, director of the University's English as a Foreign Language Program, leaned about harmony during her recent trip to Vietnam.

ACHIEVERS, ET AL.

A self-described "poor kid from the wrong side of the economic tracks," Mike Kinney '72 has risen to the top as president of Philip Morris Capital.

IN MEMORIAM
Response to the inaugural issue

Good job on the first magazine. Both my wife and I are graduates ('83), Linda in Computer Science, me in Media Studies, and I am the former editor of The Obelisk, which was the student newspaper before it was renamed The Spectrum. As a matter of fact, we met at SHU.

I was recently at the University for the first time in years when I gave a one-hour talk on Internet to a graduate class taught by one of my colleagues here at Group W, Bob Montagna. I also recently met President Anthony Cernera on a train coming back from New York; I told him personally how we could see the many changes at SHU since his arrival.

I write articles for both the local and national newsletters of Westinghouse Broadcasting, so I am always interested in different publications and how companies (or universities) communicate with their various "communities." I’d like to meet with you all sometime... I always thought the Media Studies people should get in touch with us since we own five television stations and more than 15 radio stations. I’m also on the board of the DPMA (Data Processing Management Association) and thought it would be good to get some of the Computer Science students involved.

Richard Fohrenbach, Sr. ’83
Milford

Let’s talk soon.—ED.

The magazine was very professionally done, as is everything Sacred Heart University pursues.

Eileen Greenberg-Fruithandler ’83
Parkland, Fla.

I was very inspired when I received the University magazine at home. I enjoyed the layout, the use of color, the publication’s focus. Please include more articles about successful graduates.

Anthony Marini ’86, ’91 MAT
Bridgeport

From cover to cover, Vol. 1, No. 1 is a beaut. Congratulations to all those people involved in creating and publishing this inaugural issue. The layout is crisp, clean; the copy informative and thoughtful for all members of the University family; the graphics stand out because they blend with the copy, sharpening the focus on yesteryear, today and tomorrow; the cover stunning in its simplicity and sincerity — truly P.E.A.C.E.ful.

Gerry Eckber
Fairfield

Eckber, a gracious lady, wrote with style for the University Public Relations office prior to her retirement three years ago.—ED.

The format was very professional, the pictures were great, and the articles were interesting. I would appreciate seeing more where-are-they-now? features about alumni.

Marian Burns Hampel ’92
Trumbull

I found the first issue to be very professional and catchy, truly first class.

Would like to see more pictures and write-ups about alumni events so they can see what they are missing.

Denise Sutphin ’89
Milford

Sutphin is the University’s coordinator of student activities.—ED.

If you choose to do an ounce of research, you’ll find that Diane Danscuk ’73 has lived in Australia since 1973-74, after taking a teaching position arranged through the University. So not only is she living there, she arrived long before Nancy Evans Martin ’87.

Name Witheld

Thanks for bringing us up to speed on alumni living Down Under. According to our records, Danscuk lives in Park Orchards, Australia.—ED.

Readers’ comments and story suggestions are invited. Mail to: Reader’s View, Sacred Heart University Magazine, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432-1000 or fax to: (203) 365-7512. Please include your daytime telephone number. Letters may be edited for space or clarity.

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Mini-drama stresses serious message

It was only a skit. Five Sacred Heart University students had gone to a bar and had too much to drink. On the way home, they were killed in a car wreck. One by one, the victims' names and ages were recited by a narrator as many members of the audience wept.

The only thing to really die that night were delusions some students had about drinking and driving. The mini-drama presented by members of the University's Athletic Council had a cathartic effect on the 40 students who had gathered to watch. Later during an open discussion, they acknowledged the considerable peer pressure to drink. Many said the skit showed them it wasn't worth it.

"I'm glad we got the message across," says Patti Dillon, a 21-year-old senior from Dumont, N.J., and co-captain of the women's basketball team, who "died" in the skit.

"Drunk driving is the biggest problem on college campuses and the sad thing is that people don't have to die. It can be so easily prevented. Nobody should be letting their friends drive if they've been drinking."

The event was just one of many held on campus in November during Wellness Week, an early indication of the type of activities associated with the University's unique Wellness Center, which will open soon.

More than 800 students participated in workshops, lectures and skits focused on the six categories known as SPICES — Spiritual, Physical, intellectual, Career, Emotional and Social. Some of the Wellness Week topics included aerobics, self-defense, cancer-screening, play therapy, Shiatsu massage and résumé writing, as well as the dangers of drunken driving.

"The skit was chilling, it really made me think about the dangers of drinking and driving," says Lester Sutton, an 18-year-old freshman from Springfield, Mass. "I learned so many things I need to know about staying healthy."

Senior Jennifer Schultz, of Southport, agrees: "The skit really opened a lot of people's eyes to the dangers of drunk driving because you know these people and it's very tough to think about anything happening to them. Having a Wellness Center that will be providing this kind of education on an ongoing basis is a great idea."

The center will be located in the Park Avenue House, with each of its three floors devoted to one of three major areas — Counseling, Health Services and Career Services. Dean of Students Kevin Kelly said that the center's multi-faceted services have been provided by the University for the past few years, but students will benefit by finding them in one central location.

"The Wellness Center will provide a model for a balanced life," says Mitch Holmes, the University's assistant dean of students and director of wellness. "The whole theme is prevention through education by taking a well-rounded and holistic approach to health. We think the students are already listening to that message."

The potentially fatal danger of combining alcohol with driving is demonstrated by Athletic Council members.

Navigating the information super highway

There's plenty of buzz about the information super highway. But who will use it and how does one get access to it?

That's the subject that Domenick Pinto, associate professor of computer science, addressed during the presentation of a paper in December at the CAUSE94 conference in Orlando, Fla. The conference was attended by more than 1,700 university and industry representatives from across the country.

Pinto told attendees about the various special programs that Sacred Heart University has implemented to educate teachers, students and the general public about science and technology. Among the programs discussed by Pinto were SMARTNET 2000 for teacher enhancement, Project 2000 for students and the Institute of Computer Technology, workshops for corporate and municipal employees.

Pinto said these programs aim not only to teach about the new technologies and science, but also how to use them and apply them to daily lives as we prepare for the 21st century. 

Richard Weizel

Dean Golembeski

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Anxiety workshops Taylor-made

Having difficulty coping with anxiety? Are panic attacks a frequent source of discomfort?

A Sacred Heart University professor may be able to help.

Christina Taylor, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and a clinical psychologist who specializes in the treatment of anxiety disorders such as phobias, social fears, public speaking anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, et al., conducts periodic workshops to teach people how to overcome what can be crippling fears and disorders.

"Anxiety is such a common part of our lives and is the most important and most basic human emotion," says Taylor '70. "But there is a difference between the kind of normal anxiety that helps us in situations that are truly dangerous and maladaptive anxiety that can interfere tremendously in people's lives."

Taylor believes that more people are suffering from these disorders than ever before because of the fast-paced contemporary lifestyle. "The pressures of dealing with the explosion of technology and the added responsibilities in an ever-changing complex world are certainly contributing factors," she says. "But there are things people can do to overcome these problems."

One solution may be Taylor's workshops. About 50 people attended a recent workshop on campus in which Taylor taught breathing exercises and other techniques that can alleviate many of the uncomfortable physical symptoms.

"I teach people to be aware of what is happening to their bodies during a panic attack and show them techniques that have been effective in reducing anxiety for a lot of people. Even people not prone to these attacks can benefit from these exercises," she states.

Denise Discapol, a Sacred Heart University senior from Bangor, Me., said she learned a great deal by attending Taylor's workshop. "It was fabulous," says Discapol. "Hearing her speak about anxiety and panic really validated things that I feel in my life all the time. The kind of techniques she teaches are amazingly helpful, things like breathing through your diaphragm rather than through your chest. I'm using the things she taught in the workshop every day."

Carlson Festival Biennial '94

Alicia de Larrocha, the world-renowned pianist, performed as soloist in the Carlson Festival Biennial '94 at Sacred Heart University's Center for the Performing Arts on Nov. 5.

The Carlson Festivals are part of the overall Carlson programs established and designed in 1956 by Ruth Carlson Horn; since 1973, the festivals have been maintained by the Carlson Fund of the Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation. Mrs. Horn, who has an unbroken 38-year record of high-caliber productions, chaired and directed the Nov. 5 event, which raised funds for the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU).

"Earth," a four-times life-size bronze head in an expression of agony and anguish, was one of the many powerful works by nationally known Peter Rubino of Wilton and New York, whose week-long sculptural exhibit in The Gallery of Contemporary Art opened the Carlson Festival Biennial '94. Says Rubino: "We are witnessing the destruction of the Earth. This is actually an outcry for humanity to cease destroying itself."
University's enrollment now 3rd in New England

The remarkable growth of Sacred Heart University is illustrated by its ranking as the third largest Catholic University in New England, according to figures released this fall. Only Boston College and Providence have larger enrollments.

The current freshman class of 605 students was also the fifth largest among the 22 Catholic universities in New England, after BC, Providence, Holy Cross and Fairfield University.

The University reported a record-high 5,589 students enrolled for the 1994-95 academic year, up 5.4 percent compared to the 5,300 students registered at the start of the 1993-94 school year. Included in the figures was a record number of full-time undergraduate students, 1,921 compared to 1,707 a year ago — a 12 percent increase.

Graduate enrollment increased 2 percent in the past year, from 1,554 to 1,590 this fall. Neither figure includes students enrolled in the University's MBA program in Luxembourg.

The number and types of students have changed dramatically at the University since 1989, when the five-year Strategic Plan was implemented and the University began to make the transition from a commuter school to a residential university. More than 1,000 students now live on campus.

"We continue to grow and develop because of the strategic planning process we implemented five years ago," says President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. "This plan has enabled us to create new academic programs, establish a residential life component and provide a broad array of student activities. We fully expect to continue our upward climb and further strengthen our position as a leading comprehensive Catholic university." • Dean Golembeski

European trips combine Summer travel with learning

Ever dream of traveling abroad during the summer to places like England, Dublin and Rome? Sacred Heart University is making it possible for students and others to both travel and earn college credits with its Summer Study Abroad programs.

An intensive six-credit, month-long program in historic Rome (June 28-July 26), for students of all levels, will include a variety of Italian literature and language courses. Art and culture classes in English will also be available. Students will live in Rome, visit local historical and cultural sites and take part in two three-day weekend excursions to neighboring cities.

The courses will be taught by Claire Marrone, Ph.D., assistant professor of modern languages. The cost is $2,000 plus tuition, with a $200 deposit due by May 9.

A two-week, three-credit course in England (July 24-Aug. 8) will enable undergraduate and graduate students to study the theater and oral interpretations in London and Stratford-upon-Avon. Students will attend daily performances and seminars, write critiques of plays and perform interpretive readings. The $1,840 program fee, plus tuition, includes performance tickets and airfare, housing in London and in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The courses will be taught by Marian Calabrese, Ph.D., and Roberta Staples, Ph.D., both associate professors of English. Registration and a $200 deposit are due by May 1.

Finally, a three-credit, two-week course on the study of the ancient Celtic religious traditions of Ireland (July 30-Aug. 13) is being offered to both undergraduate and graduate students. Students will live at Trinity College and attend classes Monday through Thursday. Long weekends will allow for independent study and exploration. The course will be taught by Walter Brooks, Ph.D., associate professor of religion.

The cost is $1,580 for undergraduates (graduate students add $100), which includes tuition, plus airfare. Registration and a $200 deposit are due by April 15.

For information about these and other summer programs, contact Katherine Kidd, Ph.D., director of the Global Studies program, at (203) 365-7680. • R.W.

Analyzing Arthurian characters

*The Company of Camelot* marks the publishing debut of Roberta Lynne Staples, Ph.D., associate professor of English at Sacred Heart University and a scholar in Arthurian literature.

Written with Charlotte Spivack, Ph.D., an English professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the new book (Greenwood Press; 162 pages; $45) addresses the characterization in Arthurian legend.

“There was no critical book that dealt with the Arthurian literature from the beginning. We were repeatedly struck by the virtual absence of criticism on the subject of characterization in the major characters,” explains Staples, a Huntington resident and Fairfield native, adding that the project was “five years in the works.”

Staples is a 20-years-plus member of the Sacred Heart faculty, a period of service interrupted in the mid-1970s when she was studying for her Ph.D. in English at UMass-Amherst. “Charlotte was my mentor when I was in graduate school,” says Staples, who has published several articles on Arthurian and English literature. Last year, she was the recipient of the University’s Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

Spivack, a former Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) National Professor of the Year, has published widely in the fields of fantasy and medieval literature. She is the author of *Merlin vs. Faust* (1992), *Merlin's Daughters: Contemporary Women Writers of Fantasy* (1987) and other books. The authors are planning to collaborate on a second book, with women in drama as the theme.

Who's Who on campus

Seventeen Sacred Heart University students have been inducted into *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges* for 1994-95.

They join an elite group of outstanding national leaders selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries. Selections were based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Selected to the prestigious annual directory were:

- Seniors John D. Butkevicius of Naugatuck;
- Gina Curtin of Bethpage, N.Y.; Keran Deterville of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Patti Dillon of Dumont, N.J.; Stacy L. Foran of Meriden; Kellee Grucci of West Springfield, Mass.; Linda Polletta of Waterbury; Katia Poulard of Stamford; Maria Puopolo of Somerville, Mass.; Sabrina Santiago of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; Lloyd Scott of Bridgeport; and Melinda Tucci of Seymour.

- Juniors Garrett English of Newark Valley, N.Y.; Evonne Juliano of Ludlow, Mass.; Kimberley Luzynski of Newport, R.I.; Jonathan McCarthy of Huntington Station, N.Y.; and Dorian Pettway of Bridgeport.
Women's Basketball
Patti Dillon and Beth Huber grew up, so to speak, hearing all the negatives.


Tall was good. Short or small, by any definition, was bad.

At 5-foot-1 and perhaps another three-quarters of an inch, Dillon was told she was too small to play college basketball. Huber, who checks in at 5-3, had some doubters, too. “Somebody used to call me ‘Minute,’ after Manute Bol,” she says, laughing.

Nobody is laughing anymore. In the winter of 1994-95, Dillon and Huber are two very large reasons for Sacred Heart University coming of age in women’s basketball. As mid-season arrived, the Lady Pioneers were bonafide contenders for the New England Collegiate Conference title.

“I don’t think any team in New England has two guards this small,” says Coach Ed Swanson. He smiles. “I don’t think any other coach is smart enough to have two guards this small.”

Dillon, an all-county star at Dumont (N.J.) High School, declined a full scholarship from a neighboring Division I program, St. Peter’s, to attend Sacred Heart. (“I didn’t want to commute.”) Voted the NECC’s Rookie of the Year as a freshman, she was an important contributor to the Lady Pioneers’ 11-16 record — their finest in more than a decade. But she went into a funk as a sophomore after losing her position to Solinsky, a transfer from Bridgeport. “A tough year. I played a lot of mind games,” Patti recalls.

To her credit, Dillon bounced back late in the season. She even provided the assist on Kim McCullion’s final-second basket that upended New Hampshire College, 71-69, gaining Sacred Heart a fourth-place finish in the conference and its first-ever homecourt appearance in the NECC playoffs (a game it won). The team’s 16 victories were a high-water mark for the program.

Voted a tri-captain as a junior, Dillon displayed both maturity and leadership — characteristics which have been reinforced in this, her final season. “This year’s team is more like a unit than any of the others,” says Patti, an English major who is a Dean’s List student and president of the Athletic Council. “We really want to get past the first round of the (NECC) playoffs and go to the (NCAA Division II New England) regionals.”

Huber came to Sacred Heart from Southington High, where, despite her diminutive stature, she played a major role on back-to-back Connecticut Class LL championship teams.

Although not yet in the starting lineup, Huber’s contributions have been important from the very beginning. Her scoring average has climbed from the 5.1 of her freshman year to 9.5; defensively, few players are quicker or peskier. “If somebody isn’t playing well, then somebody else will pick them up,” says Huber, who plans to major in psychology. “Just as long as I get to play, I’m happy.” — Don Harrison
Men's Basketball
They comprise two-thirds of the starting backcourt for Sacred Heart University's 1994-95 men's basketball team, the team that got off to a 5-0 start — the program's best since the NCAA national championship season of 1985-86.

And while 5-foot-9 Captain Mike Kmiec and playmaker Johnny Burkette, an angular 5-10, took entirely different routes to the Pioneers' backcourt, both seniors had to overcome the same obstacle in a sport where size is paramount to success — being too short.

While Burkette was a star in high school and came to the Pioneers as a highly touted freshman, Kmiec had to overcome not only his height, but an apparent lack of natural talent to make the team as a freshman walk-on, something few achieve. Kmiec said many people told him he wasn't big enough.

"A lot of people said I was too small for Division II, but I wasn't willing to listen to them without at least giving it a try. At first, I didn't think I had much of a chance, but I always wanted to play and worked real hard to improve," explains Kmiec, who rode the bench during most of his freshman and sophomore years, but blossomed as a "sixth man" during his junior season, averaging 9.0 points a game.

In a win over New Haven last year, the young man from Lynn, Mass., scored a career-high 30 points, setting a school record with six three-point baskets in seven attempts.

This season, Kmiec is a starter along with Burkette and 6-2 sophomore Joe Doyle. With sound floor play and a 9.0 scoring average, he's a big factor in the team's resurgence. "I just love basketball and I wasn't willing to settle for playing just a few minutes a game," he says. "I wanted to play so bad that I wouldn't give up.

"I guess it's paid off. I'm proud of not only being a starter now, but being able to contribute to the team."

Burkette never had to worry about starting. As a flashy point guard at New Utrecht High School, he achieved all-Brooklyn honors (from Newsday) and led his team to the semifinals as a junior and into the playoffs as a senior when he averaged 21.2 points, nine assists and four steals a game.

After being recruited by Sacred Heart and turning down a few scholarships elsewhere, Burkette started immediately for the Pioneers and has been in the lineup ever since. As a freshman, he led the New England Collegiate Conference in assists; an inconsistent scorer for two years, his average climbed to 13.4 as a junior and to 17.5, the team high, as a senior.

"I never felt size was a factor, I just got out there and played and the rest took care of itself," says Burkette, adding, however, that he didn't even like basketball when he started playing in junior high school. But that quickly changed.

"I started finding that I really like getting my team pumped up and into the game, that gave me a real good feeling," he says. "Somewhere along the way people started telling me I could really play."

One of those people was Pioneers Coach Dave Bike.

"He's a real good basketball player who is skilled in a number of facets of the game; he can do a lot of things very well," Bike says. "He can shoot, he can pass, he can drive and he can play some defense. He's got a great feel for the game."

And so does Kmiec, who forced his way into the starting backcourt because of his work ethic and leadership abilities.

"Sure, I was skeptical at first because of his size. In basketball the first thing you naturally notice when you walk into a gym is the players' size," Bike says. "But Mike's high school coach asked me to give him a chance. He said he was a good shooter and a great kid with a great attitude. He was right."

Richard Weizel
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Winter Results, Schedules

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Head Coach: Dave Bike ’69

November
Constitution Classic, New Haven Coliseum
Fri. 18 Quinnipiac W 75-69
Sat. 19 Stonehill W 91-64
Tue. 22 BENTLEY W 93-87
Sat. 26 at Queens W 89-76

December
Sat. 3 MERRIMACK W 96-83
Tue. 6 AIC L 81-75
Sat. 10 at St. Anselm L 82-78
Sun. 11 at New Hampshire C. L 79-78
Merrimack Tourn., N. Andover, Mass.
Sat. 28 Westbrook W 97-86
Sun. 29 Merrimack L 82-70

January
Sat. 7 *KEENE STATE W 72-59
Mon. 9 at Assumption W 112-90
Wed. 11 *at Franklin Pierce L 75-69
Mon. 16 *at Le Moyne L 83-75
Wed. 18 *SOUTHERN CONN. L 76-67
Sat. 21 *UMASS-LOWELL L 99-87
Wed. 25 *BRIDGEPORT W 94-76
Sat. 28 *N. HAMPSHIRE C. L 102-94

February
Wed. 1 *at New Haven W 87-60
Sun. 5 *LE MOYNE L 70-50
Wed. 8 *at Southern Conn. L 53-30
Sat. 11 *at UMass-Lowell 2 pm
Mon. 13 *FRANKLIN PIERCE 6 pm
Wed. 15 *NEW HAVEN 6 pm
Mon. 20 *at Keene State 5:30 pm
Wed. 22 *at Bridgeport 5:30 pm

* New England Collegiate Conference games

ICE HOCKEY
Head Coach: John Glynne

November
Sun. 6 *Fairfield L 4-1
Fri. 11 at Holy Cross L 8-1
Sat. 12 *SKIDMORE L 5-0
Wed. 16 *at Wentworth W 20-0
Sat. 19 *VILLANOVA W 6-4
Tue. 22 at Trinity L 9-2
Tue. 29 at AIC L 8-3

December
Sat. 3 *at Wesleyan L 6-4
Tue. 6 *at Iowa L 8-3
Fri. 9 SCRANTON W 8-2
Sun. 11 *QUINNIPIAC W 5-3

January
Wed. 11 RHODE ISLAND W 6-4
Sun. 14 *WENTWORTH W 7-2
Tue. 17 *at Roger Williams L 8-4
Sun. 22 *at Quinnipiac L 4-3
Fri. 27 NORWICH L 6-3
Sat. 29 *at Skidmore L 6-2

February
Wed. 1 BENTLEY W 4-2
Sat. 4 NEW HAMPSHIRE C. ppd.
Sun. 5 *FAIRFIELD L 5-3
Sat. 11 *at Villanova 7:30 pm
Tue. 14 at Connecticut 7 pm
Fri. 17 *WESLEYAN 7 pm
Sat. 18 ASSUMPTION 7 pm
Wed. 22 *IONA 7 pm

Home games at Milford Ice Pavilion

*ECAC South games

TRACK & FIELD
Head Coach: Christian Morrison

December
Sat. 10-11 at Collegiate Track Conference
Relay Carnival, Southern Conn.
M 8th, W 9th

January
Tue. 24 at Coast Guard Multi-Way Meet
(Men)

February
Sat. 4 at Stony Brook Invit.
Sat. 11 at Albany State
All-Comers Meet TBA
Sat. 18-19 at Conn. Track Conference
Indoor Championships, Southern Conn. St. U.
TBA
Sat. 25 at Seton Hall Open 9 pm

March
Sat. 3-4 at ECAC Division II Champ.,
Kutztown U. TBA

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL
Head Coach: Li Poeng

January
Tue. 24 at Jersey City State W 3-1
Sun. 28 JOHN JAY COLLEGE W 3-1
Mon. 30 STEVENS INSTE W 3-0
Tue. 31 at CCNY W 3-0

February
Thu. 2 at Ramapo W 3-0
Sat. 4 JERSEY CITY STATE ppd.
Mon. 6 at Concordia 7 pm
Sat. 11 ROWER 2 pm
Tue. 14 at Queens 7 pm
Fri. 17 at Bard 5 pm
Sat. 18 USM/H.
MT. ST. VINCENT 4 pm
Mon. 20 BARUCH 7:30 pm

standout from Kittanning, Pa.,
continues to provide leadership
as team captain as well as high-
spirited all-round play. "Jon’s
leadership and the way he plays
the game has a positive effect on
the whole team,” says first-year
Head Coach John Glynne.

Thanks to Yackmack and
Aaron Foust, another sophomore
from Kittanning, the 1994-95
Pioneers have already exceeded
last season’s win total of four as
the program continues to gain
respect in New England collegiate
hockey circles. Mike Guastello

Yackmack:
The last word in hockey

Regardless of what he achieves
in life, Jon Yackmack will be
remembered for his "firsts" at
Sacred Heart University — fresh-
man captain of the University’s
initial ice hockey team, Eastern
College Athletic Conference (ECAC)
South Rookie of the Year.

Yackmack led a squad com-
possed of freshmen with 15 assists
and was second in scoring with 24
points. Four of those assists came
in one game, the 9-4 road victory
over Wentworth. He was also
instrumental in the 7-5 upset of
crosstown rival Fairfield.

Now a sophomore, the

MEN’S & WOMEN’S BOWLING
Head Coaches: Bob Burline,
Beverly Kregling

October
Sun. 9 Interstate Conference Meet,
Ramsey, NJ
Fri. 21-23 Nittany Lion Tournament,
State College, PA M 2nd, W 1st

November
Thu. 24-27 Match Game Championships,
St. Louis M 11th, W 11th

December
Sun. 4 Cranston (RI) Conference Meet
Tue. 27-28 Atlantic City (NJ) Invitational
Mon. 29-30 Northeast Conference Showdown,
Turnersville, NJ M 13th, W 7th

January
Sat. 21 Fairfield Conference Meet
(M & W)

February
Sat. 11 Conference Finals
(M & W), Swosser, NY
Sat. 25 ACU-I Tournament
(M & W), Boston

March
Thu. 2-5 Buckeye Tournament
(M & W), Columbus, OH
Sat. 11-12 Collegiate Sectional Tournament
(Men), Norfolk, VA

April
Wed. 12-16 National Championships
(M & W), Knoxville, TN

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At U.N., student-interns learn that diplomacy includes ‘yelling politely’

By Don Harrison

The United Nations building stands hard by the shores of the East River, a gleaming beacon of hope or an interminable mix of bureaucratic babble, depending on the day. Inside, nations attempt to mend fences, forge alliances and keep the world safe for future generations.

Assisting in this process during the fall semester were two students from Sacred Heart University who, twice a week and sometimes with greater frequency, rode the rails of Metro North to New York City to serve their respective missions at the U.N. Joseph Downer Jr. was an intern with the Lithuanian delegation. Kimberley Luczynski carried out her internship duties at the Federated States of Micronesia mission.

They view their unique opportunity as an experience to savor, well worth the six credits each received, although both wonder if they would endure the time...
crunch again. “For both of us, it was too much to do, too little time to do it in,” says Downer, a 22-year-old senior and political science major from Norwalk. “It’s definitely a valuable experience. If asked to do it again, I don’t believe I’d say ‘no.’”

Luczynski, a junior also majoring in political science, brought more of a global perspective to the job: Raised as an “Air Force brat,” she was born in Great Britain and has lived in Germany, Limestone, Me. (where she attended high school) and now Newport, R.I. At 20, she found the world of international diplomacy intriguing but also difficult to decipher.

“It’s interesting, a whole new ballgame,” she explains. “People don’t come out and say what they mean. They yell politely at each other.”

Downer and Luczynski were in a pilot intern program developed by the United Nations Association-USA, a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization, in conjunction with the University. Based in Manhattan, the UNA-USA is dedicated to fostering international cooperation and advancing U.S. participation in international institutions. Since virtually all internships at the U.N. are reserved for graduate students, they considered themselves fortunate to have been selected.

“I received extraordinary feedback on both from their missions,” says John Kikoski, Ph.D., head of Sacred Heart University’s political science department and the professor responsible for monitoring their academic progress. “Joe and Kim have capitalized on the advantages which the internship offers, and have been doing real work, very important work. Both have grown extraordinarily throughout the semester and have acquired experience that will provide the basis for career decisions.”

While Downer spent the bulk of his time researching material and “drafting position papers” for Lithuania, Luczynski’s internship afforded her the opportunity to cover U.N. committee meetings for the Micronesian delegation — pretty heady stuff for a college junior. On one occasion, she was in the General Assembly during a speech given by the president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. “Nobody claps during a speech, but he was allowing applause from his supporters,” she recalls. “He spoke for 20 minutes and didn’t say anything new.”

To function as a member of the delegation, it was important for Luczynski to become immersed in Micronesian history and culture. She discovered that the four federated states, Truk (also known as Chuuk), Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap, are located in the western Pacific, about 3,500 miles west of Hawaii. Together, they comprise 600 inhabitable islands, but including territorial waters are comparable in size to the continental U.S.

“They’ve progressed from a U.S.-administered trust territory to an independent state, and are now under a treaty with the U.S. called The Compact of Free Association,” she says.

An ardent but moderate feminist, Luczynski learned that the traditional roles for Micronesian women, childbearer and farmer, are changing. Still, men fish and remain dominant in tribal leadership. “But,” she emphasizes, “women play a very authoritative role. Women step in for peace.”

One of her duties was to filter information and documents from the U.N. to the Council on Women in Micronesia on topics concerning women, including the Fourth World Conference on Women scheduled for Beijing in September 1995. “My aim,” she states, “is to help inform the council about opportunities for Micronesian women in leadership roles, economic empowerment, and equal access to health and education.”

Luczynski began her mornings in New York at the Micronesian U.N. mission’s headquarters, located on Second Avenue near 44th Street, then joined the minister counsellor 1/2 blocks away at the committee meetings in the U.N. Most of her time was devoted to attending sessions on human rights and development.

“For her internship to be very useful, the more exposure we could give Kim, the better it would be,” says Mathias Maradol, a 39-year-old native of Yap and the mission’s minister counsellor. “She was very helpful and accepting of the challenges. She did everything from running down to the U.N. to get the (daily) journal to sitting in on the General Assembly. She even sat in on closed meetings for us. Kim became, in essence,
a very valuable member of our staff.”

The drawback to Kim’s internship was the time it extracted from a typical week — 28 hours including commutation. Her schedule was already crowded: Three classes, part-time jobs as a Learning Center tutor and secretary to Mitch Holmes, the assistant dean of students. Then, there were the practices and matches with the women’s bowling team. One will find her name in the 1994-95 volume of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

In January, Luczynski’s juggling act ceased. She departed for London to spend the spring semester at the American Institute for Foreign Studies.

Joe Downer’s internship gained him some exposure to the U.N.’s inner workings, but most of his duties consisted of gathering information in the U.N. Library and drafting position papers for the mission. One document pertained to the demilitarization of Kaliningrad, a Russian enclave situated between Lithuania and Poland, “which Russia has access to by sea or air or by transit through Lithuania.

“This region has one of the largest concentrations of troops in the world, estimated by some sources to be as high as 200,000.”

Through lengthy research at the U.N. Library and the U.N. Treaty Division, Downer quickly developed into an expert on Lithuania, a tiny nation barely larger than West Virginia, situated on the Baltic.

“I got an idea of how difficult it is for a smaller country in the U.N.,” he says.

“History has not been kind to Lithuania. It was a sovereign state, and then it was occupied from the beginning of World War II to 1990. As a former Soviet satellite, its economy is in transition and the legal institutions are not in place. Its credit rating is still not good.”

Ginte Damusis, the Lithuanian counsellor who supervised Downer’s internship, says the mission was pleased to have some assistance, especially during its busiest time of the year. “He sat in on some of the committee meetings, taking notes when we aren’t able to attend,” states Damusis, sitting in her Fifth Avenue office. “But mainly, he helped us develop a brochure on Lithuania’s activities at the U.N. and an overview of the regional security threat posed by the military enclave in Kaliningrad. It’s right on our border and we’re very concerned.”

On the whole, Damusis describes the internship program as a “good experience for us and for Joe.”

Although Downer’s Norwalk-to-New York commute was slightly less time-consuming than Luczynski’s trek from Fairfield, he, too, found himself stretched. He began the semester with four classes, but soon dropped to three. At home, he works 20 hours a week, and occasionally full time, as a projectionist at Norwalk’s Maritime Center. “It was a tough juggle,” he notes.

After witnessing some of the activity in the General Assembly, and seeing how the larger nations “throw their weight around,” Downer has decided that life as a diplomat can be “testing.”

“You have to be very careful and cautious. It’s like being in a royal court; you address an ambassador as your highness, your excellency. You have to make sure you’re not intentionally insulting another country,” explains the Sacred Heart University senior. He pauses. Another thought hits him. “It’s like being a guppy in a sea with a lot of sharks.” ☛
If you don't know where you are going, you'll probably end up some place else.

This statement appeared on a popular poster several years ago to encourage institutions and individuals to plan their futures. Sacred Heart University does not need such a reminder, however, for the University knows exactly where it is going and has been travelling successfully toward that goal for the past six years.

In 1988, under the dynamic leadership of a new president, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, Sacred Heart University embarked on a strategic planning process. Through the combined efforts of the University community, a comprehensive strategic plan was developed to position the University as one of the leading Catholic universities in the State of Connecticut.

If anyone ever doubted the value of good planning, one need only look at Sacred Heart University at the end of that five-year Strategic Plan.

While remaining faithful to its original mission, the University had become a changed institution. Once a commuter school, it had acquired a substantial residential population. Several residence facilities were constructed, the physical plant underwent considerable renovations and student programs were added to address the needs of a new population of students living away from home. Off-site programs were established at several sites within Connecticut and as far away as Luxembourg.

Fund-raising efforts increased dramatically and a surplus existed at the end of each fiscal year — money used to build the University’s financial reserve. Prudent spending and excellent fiscal management became standard operating procedures.

And during the five years of the plan, the students came. They came not only from the surrounding area, but from the tri-state region and other states and more than 30 countries as well. Inquiries, applications and enrollments of full-time undergraduate students were welcomed in record-breaking numbers. The undergraduate part-time population also increased as did the number of graduate student enrollments. Academic programs were added on the bachelor’s and master’s levels and the number of faculty grew proportionately. In short, the campus was transformed.

The story of Sacred Heart University from 1989 to 1993 can serve as a model for institutions and for students of higher education well into the future. But for the University itself, the story resumes as does the continuing need for further strategic planning and management.

In our rapidly changing society, institutions can no longer afford to rest on their accomplishments and bask in the glory of their successes. And so, during the 1993-94 academic year, Sacred Heart University embarked on its second five-year Strategic Plan.

Building on the success of the first plan, Dr. Cernera once again called on the University community to join him in shaping the institution’s direction for the next five years. A Steering Committee was appointed to facilitate the process and 13 sub-committees were formed to examine various issues and concerns expected to impact on the University during the coming years. The sub-committees analyzed these issues, identified strengths and weaknesses, shared basic assumptions, and discussed opportunities and challenges within each area. Their subsequent reports provided the foundation for the University’s planning assumptions and goals and objectives for 1994-1999.

The University community had many opportunities to discuss the draft of the plan and to offer suggestions for change. In addition, outside speakers were invited to campus to share their insights on trends in the external environment.

The resulting plan, entitled Leadership for the 21st Century: Charting a Course for Excellence, was the topic for the Board of Trustees’ retreat in September and was subsequently approved by the trustees at their October meeting. The plan provides Sacred Heart University with a roadmap or chart for positioning itself as one of the
leading comprehensive Catholic institutions in New England.

Leadership for the 21st Century: Charting a Course for Excellence is comprehensive in nature. Its specific goals and objectives are focused on:

• increasing enrollment and retention;
• strengthening academic programs;
• improving services to adult students;
• renovating and expanding facilities;
• providing faculty with opportunities for continued professional growth;
• developing a comprehensive student life program;
• expanding technological opportunities for students, faculty and staff;
• increasing and expanding fund-raising efforts;
• strengthening financial resources;
• increasing educational and cultural opportunities for the surrounding community; and
• strengthening the University's mission as a comprehensive Catholic institution.

Academic Programs

The University community has been engaged for the past few months in developing the strategies to implement the plan — identifying the resources needed, the people responsible, the time frame for implementation and the specific activities and programs that will occur during the coming years.

This is an exciting moment in the history of Sacred Heart University. While the first strategic plan might have been characterized as a blueprint for survival, the current plan focuses on excellence in every aspect of the University's life. Although it is a realistic and achievable plan, it is not without challenges.

The external environment is changing rapidly and increased regulations from governmental and regulatory agencies require more and more time and resources. Technological advances continue to demand up-to-date knowledge of the resources and opportunities available as well as the know-how to integrate these into the curriculum and management of the University. Decreased levels of governmental support for the independent sector of higher education necessitate new funding sources for grants and student scholarships.

In addition, competition among colleges and universities continues to demand creative ways of attracting and supporting a diverse student population and faculty. The University will be challenged to remain vigilant to changes, trends and opportunities within the environment and to respond in a proactive rather than reactive way.

Sacred Heart University will meet this challenge. Through the combined efforts and continued dedication of the University community, the ongoing support of its alumni and friends, and the energetic leadership of its president, Dr. Cernera, Sacred Heart University in 1999 will be one of the leading comprehensive Catholic institutions in New England — it definitely knows where it is going.

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100,885 thank-yous

Saturno P. Francini, chairman of the board of P. Francini & Co., Inc., grins widely after presenting a check in the amount of $100,885 to University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. The company's generous donation is earmarked for the new Health and Recreation Center on campus. Francini & Co., located in Derby, was the general contractor for West and South halls, the six-story residence hall complex. West Hall was completed this past summer, South Hall a year earlier.

Kraieski's legacy to benefit students

John J. Kraieski, a Polish immigrant and a machinist by trade, worked hard for most of his life, helped by his wife, Stella. He lived in the Bridgeport area to be near his employment, at the Avco Manufacturing Co. plant (now Lycoming Division) in Stratford. As he neared retirement age, his wife died.

Kraieski always appreciated the value of a college education; he had seen Sacred Heart University at its birth in 1963. In fact, James R. Kerr, who rose through the executive ranks to become Avco's president and chairman, was a founding trustee of the University.

In later years, Kraieski had the opportunity to leave his personal mark on higher education as well. Through his will, he established an academic scholarship — the John J. and Stella M. Kraieski Scholarship at Sacred Heart University.

Last Sept. 15, John Kraieski died. But through his planning, the Kraieski estate recently gave $35,000 to the University to endow the Kraieski Scholarship. The University will name its first John J. and Stella M. Kraieski Scholar this fall.

"These scholarship endowments celebrate an appreciation of the human spirit," said John J. Daley, the University's director of special gifts. "They affirm a donor's belief in the power of men and women to better themselves through education. They also let a donor honor loved ones, or even themselves, in their commitment to help others.

"Life is very short. You work hard to make the most of it, and you hope you leave a mark on this Earth after you've gone," Daley added. "In doing it with a scholarship, you leave that mark. You're telling generations to come of your values and what you believe are important: Education and a readiness to help others."

The University has a variety of ways to establish a scholarship, whether through annual contributions, an endowment, planned giving or an estate or insurance gift.

For assistance or more information, contact Daley at (203) 371-7725. His Fax: (203) 365-7512.
Corporations reward scholars

Elated. That was Keith Castor’s reaction when he learned he was to be the first Aquarion Corporate Scholarship recipient.

A senior biochemistry major from Trinidad pursuing his interest in environmental science, Castor is one of four Sacred Heart University students to benefit from a new Corporate Scholarship program. The annual program was implemented this year by the Institutional Advancement office working in partnership with community-minded corporate neighbors.

To date, four corporations have contributed more than $13,000 in financial assistance to Sacred Heart University students. Joining Aquarion in taking a leadership role in the scholarship effort are Bridgeport Resco, Dresser Industries of Stratford and Physicians Health Services (PHS) in Trumbull.

The sponsorship program allows scholarships to be tailored to a corporation’s particular interests, such as preferred students in select majors or from specific geographical areas.

PHS elected to recognize students who value community service and live in the Bridgeport area. Freshmen Kathleen Horkheimer and Maria Gaudioso, who served as Queen and Princess of Bridgeport’s Barnum Festival, were selected as recipients.

Dresser Industries expressed an interest in supporting students majoring in chemistry, computer science or medical technology. Joseph Peddle, a sophomore computer science major from Fairfield, was named the Dresser Corporate Scholar.

While Bridgeport Resco scholarship support was unrestricted, the company preferred that funds be awarded to a student from Fairfield County. Deslouches Pierre-Louis, a junior finance major from Stamford, was the recipient. Says Resco Plant Manager James Doughtery: “We believe it’s important to participate in the community. Our pledge is a premium on education and our commitment to helping the local community.”

David Byrnes, the University’s director of corporate and foundation relations, is pleased by the interest in the program.

“The economy is undergoing fundamental changes and we really don’t know what the ramifications will be,” he says. “But no matter where a company’s employment level leads, the need for well-educated employees will always exist.”

Byrnes sees the program as a win-win situation for Sacred Heart University and its students—many of whom are the first member of their family to attend college; for corporate sponsors, and for the region insofar as a trained work force will spur the productivity and the economy.

Charles Firlotte, vice president of operations, Bridgeport Hydraulic, an Aquarion company, agrees. “Aquarion’s commitment to the environment and the community has garnered the company several awards in recent years, including the Governor’s Award for environmental management,” says Firlotte, noting that the company owns 20,000 acres in Connecticut.

“It’s vitally important that we are stewards of the land and that we protect the environment. This scholarship program is an opportunity to do that by supporting the professional development of a student who shares these interests.”

Byrnes notes that participation in the scholarship program is open to individuals as well as corporations. The University’s scholarship sponsorship program also received a gift from David Carson, president of People’s Bank, and Sara Carson, who designated that funds support a Sacred Heart University student from a Bridgeport public high school. This year’s Carson Scholars, freshmen Lakeya Brown and Elizabeth Machado, were among those honored at the University’s Discovery Awards and Scholarship gala in October.

The Weller Foundation also contributed to a scholarship this year, with Danielle N. Hargrove, a freshman from Trumbull who plans to specialize in early childhood development, as the recipient.

“Unlike an endowed scholarship which requires a minimum gift of $10,000 to establish the scholarship fund, this program offers a variety of giving levels,” says Byrnes. “It also allows the donor or the corporate sponsor the opportunity to see the benefit of their gift immediately since the funds are awarded in the semester following the date on which the gift was received.”

For more information about supporting the University’s scholarship programs, contact Byrnes at (203) 371-7879 regarding corporate scholarships and John Daley, director of special gifts, at (203) 371-7725 to discuss personal scholarship sponsorships. © Susan DiGangi

Senior Keith Castor (right) receives the first Aquarion Scholarship for Environmental Studies from Charles Firlotte (left), vice president of operations at Bridgeport Hydraulic, as President Cernera looks on. “I found Keith to be an extraordinarily gifted student in my Ethics and Public Policy class,” said Cernera. “He displayed a high degree of understanding of the fundamental issues facing our society as it makes significant public policy decisions.”

General Re commits scholarship support

General Re Corporation is the latest area business to join Sacred Heart University’s new Corporate Scholarship program.

The Stamford-based reinsurance company, the nation’s largest reinsurer, has committed $3,000 for scholarships at the University in 1995, it was announced in December. “We see the need students have and we are pleased and proud to support the fine work of Sacred Heart University,” says Richard W. Manz, General Re’s assistant treasurer. ©
It's known as site art, but the new sculpture on campus is also a sight to behold.

Inspired by her travels to Europe's ancient ruins and Sacred Heart University's mission to prepare students for an ever-changing world, sculptor Helene Brandt oversaw the creation of the bending and welding of aluminum to create the series of portals known as "Path of Expanding Vision."

The sculpture, which weighs 2,400 pounds, was installed in the courtyard between West and South halls in early December. The three portals, which are connected at ground level by rectilinear members topped with treated and painted cedar, range in size from 9 to 16 feet tall and 5 to 8 feet in width. The piece was fabricated by New Haven Art Fabricators, Inc. in Bethany.

"In designing the sculpture, I wanted it to look as though it belonged with the buildings," says Brandt, a well-respected sculptor from New York's Soho District. "'Path of Expanding Vision' is both a meditative space for introspection and a pathway that leads through different doorways that metaphorically express varied and ever-broadening ways of looking at the world. A student resting on the arms joining the three portals becomes part of the sculpture."

Significantly, the sculpture continues the University's unique commitment to the arts under its voluntary percent for the arts program, which reserves a percentage of each construction budget for the purchase of art. The program was developed with assistance from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts and is modeled after the state's program mandating funding for art in public construction projects.

"We are the only independent college or university in Connecticut that currently has a voluntary percent for art program," points out Sophia Gevas, director of the University's Gallery of Contemporary Art, which administers the program.

"Our quality of life is enhanced by the careful choice of the visual elements that surround us. It is now up to the students who will be interacting with these works in their daily lives to develop an awareness of the composition and placement of the works, and how they enhance the space," she says.
Fulbright Scholar's visit enriches University

By Richard Weizel

From founding what at the time was considered a radical newspaper in his native Luxembourg in the 1950s, to establishing an orphanage in Africa to honor his late son, to serving on the Commission of the European Communities, there was little Henri Etienne hadn't done.

But it wasn't until the fall of 1994 that the 66-year-old Luxembourg attorney with a law degree from the University of Paris became a Fulbright Scholar.

Selected by the European Union in Brussels, Etienne was sent to Sacred Heart University to serve as one of six scholars in the 1994-95 Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence program in the United States. Sacred Heart was among hundreds of colleges and universities that applied to the program.

As the University's first Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence, Etienne impressed both students and faculty alike with his extensive knowledge on issues pertaining to global economics and business. He has served nearly 40 years on the European Community Legal Commission, which was created from the ruins of World War II to help bring about peace and prosperity for its citizens in a spirit of cooperation among European nations.

"There are many differences in the way the business community operates here in the United States compared to Europe, but there are a number of similarities as well," says Etienne, who is considered an expert on legal, economic and monetary issues in both Europe and the United States. "I think we learned from each other."

Etienne, who shared a Fairfield Beach house with his wife, Nicole, during his stay, said he is fascinated by the differences between Europe and the United States in the areas of law, business and education.

"I learned a lot more about American students and the overall culture here than when I was at Harvard," he says. "What impressed me the most at Sacred Heart was how dedicated the students are to improving their lives by furthering their education. I felt like I got to know the real people in American society, what their struggles are and what they are really like as people."

Having taught a Saturday morning MBA class on multicultural management, Etienne was amazed at the willingness of working people to spend part of their weekend in the classroom.

"What impresses me and even amazes me most about Americans is their willingness and determination to go back to school as adults, while they are working in jobs, to further their education," he says. "In Europe that is not so common. Americans are also able to focus much more on a particular area of study and develop considerable expertise,
which is also not so possible in Europe. Here in America you have a much more mobile society where people can often choose exactly what they want to do.”

But Etienne said an educational deficiency exists in the United States in the high schools, which he maintains are not doing a good job covering the basics. He said European high school students are better educated because there are more demands made of them. In America, he said, many students go to college unprepared for the intensive level of study that is required.

“In Europe, the students are getting intensive education in high school; here that is happening more at the college level,” he says. “I think the key is to integrate the best aspects of both systems and find some kind of a balance. That is what I hope to do when I return home. I found that American students, though short on the basics, are particularly good at doing research work on their own. I believe that encouraging this kind of independent research is something we would be well advised to do in European education.”

Etienne also found it difficult to adjust to university life “being so scattered here. In Europe, everyone connected to the university lives on the campus. I find it more difficult here with so many students and faculty living away from the campus.”

In the business world, he says there are many differences, from wages to company structure to the chain of command. But he said there is one clear similarity that American businesses leaders share with their European counterparts — the profit motive. “All businesses want to make money and there are methods in both the United States and Europe that can be shared.”

He said he is struck by the array of choices many Americans have professionally. “The biggest problem in Europe is that there is no common language, and that doesn’t allow people to be as mobile as they can be here in America,” he says. “But I don’t know how that can be changed.”

Etienne has always fought hard for changes that would benefit ordinary citizens — as with his establishment as co-founder of the Letzburger Land Weekly in Luxembourg in 1953 to bring attention to what he believed were unjust laws, particularly in regard to foreigners. “We founded the newspaper because the press at that time was not professional enough and was dominated by the church,” says Etienne, who believes the media, as well as universities like Sacred Heart, must be allowed to operate independently.

“As a member of the Roman Catholic church I still believed the role of the press should not be as a church puppet, but as an independent entity,” he says.

Etienne said at the time his newspaper — which he no longer owns — was considered radical. “Yes, it was a radical idea at the time, but we were trying to say that you can be a good Catholic and still demand a split from the church on societal issues. We introduced investigative journalism and brought about many positive changes.”

Among the changes was a more humanitarian treatment of foreigners, who Etienne said could be legally in the country at the time, but without any legal rights.

“It was exactly the opposite to what you have in your country today where it may be difficult getting in, but once here, you have certain protections under the law. In Luxembourg at the time you could be legally in the country and still have no rights. I’m proud we were able to change that.”

Etienne’s life is not without tragedy. In 1978, the eldest of his three sons, Luc, a law student on vacation in Turkey, was killed in an automobile accident. To honor his son’s memory, Etienne established the “Centre Luc Etienne” in Africa, a home for orphans run by the Catholic church. The center now provides food and education for more than 500 children in the impoverished African nation of Burkina Faso, where his son often visited and worked for a brief time.

While at Sacred Heart University, Etienne was available as a guest lecturer and assisted faculty in developing courses, course components and course materials relating to the European community. He said he was impressed by the University’s size and range of curriculums. “This is a wonderful University that is providing a tremendous service to the community,” he says.

Similarly, University officials were impressed with Etienne. “He has practical hands-on experience concerning the economics of Europe and we were delighted to have him with us this fall,” says Katherine M. Kidd, Ph.D., director of the Global Studies program. “His presence gave both our students and faculty exposure to someone who is internationally renowned.”

Kidd said that Etienne changed the intellectual tone of the classes in which he taught and lectured. “He was able to provide ideas and materials that otherwise would not have been available to students and faculty,” she notes. “In my classes he had profound impact on the students. He added a dimension to the University that we never had before and I believe everyone who came in contact with him is more knowledgeable about the European systems than they were before.”

Etienne, who has taught in Europe and at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, will be a guest faculty member at Harvard Law School this spring. 

Fulbright Scholar
Henri Etienne
chats with
sophomores
Shelley Lyford (left) and Brian Lesnich
and Dr. Katherine M. Kidd, director
of the Global Studies program.
By Pauline Yatrakis

It all started on a clear day last June — a letter arrived asking me to be part of the first delegation of English as a Second Language educators to Vietnam at the invitation of the Vietnamese Ministry of Education. Vietnam! What mental images that name conjured in my mind, I who had grown out of adolescence during the turbulent 60s.

But I was enthralled with the idea of the journey and its mission and very flattered with the honor this invitation was to me in my professional capacity as the director of the English as a Foreign Language Program at Sacred Heart University.

The invitation was sent by the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People, an organization established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, and initially part of the State Department, in the belief that private citizens reaching out in friendship to people of other nations could make a significant contribution to world peace and understanding.

The purpose of this delegation was to create a dialogue with our colleagues in Vietnam on English/foreign language education. It was hoped that it would become an exceptional opportunity to develop professional linkages for future cooperation in such areas as teacher training, technical training and student/teacher exchanges. We knew that the format would be comprised of a series of meetings, seminars, site visits, and informal discussion during which we would have opportunities to learn and exchange information about teaching English as a second language in Vietnam.

My 18 fellow delegates were all educators, university-level academics and researchers, and government officials involved in the teaching of English to speakers of the other languages. We came from all parts of the U.S. and were total strangers before our journey began.

And so it was that on Nov. 10, 1994, I was flying over the South China Sea nervously anticipating a city no one I knew had ever been to before: Hanoi. I never knew it was only 1 1/2 hours flight time from Hong Kong.
At our briefing the day before, we were all forewarned to stay together and keep our People to People ambassador badges permanently affixed and prominently displayed to avoid being targeted and picked off by the red tape bureaucrats. But no such thing happened. We flowed through the immigration and customs procedures just as we flowed through and became part of the city itself.

Very few cars and buses clog the streets of Hanoi or Saigon, which is fortunate for the massive numbers of bicycles, motorbikes and cyclos. I giddily approached my first ride in a cyclo, or pedi-cab, a rickshaw-like vehicle which is not pulled but pedalled by a driver who sits behind the customer's seat, often wide enough to accommodate a whole Vietnamese family of four and their day's shopping. Westerners like to sit solo.

Riding through the streets of the oldest sections of Hanoi, my giddiness became an almost surreal feeling of melting into the city, of becoming part of its harmony as my driver wove us through the traffic at intersections where there were no stop-lights, but where there seemed to be secret rules of accommodation and courtesy; as little children called out musical "Hello's"; as we passed colorful goods for sale in the multitudinous small sidewalk shops. This feeling of oneness was the strongest impression of Hanoi that I would take away with me.

The strongest impression of Saigon that I would take away with me was also of oneness — of human beings reaching out across the gulf of former hostility to forge new alliances. This openness was strongly evident in my visit to the Museum of the Revolution, a museum devoted to proving that Vietnam has Communist roots that grow to the present from the 1920s. Three of us accidentally wandered into the building.

Many of the exhibits are blatantly anti-American, but our museum guide, a young woman who I initially thought was 20 years old and later discovered was 38, would stop at each of these, turn to us and apologize for the display before going on with the prescribed description. She didn't have to do that.

After the tour, we sat conversing with her, at her invitation, and found that she had spent her university years in Russia and had started to study English only eight months ago. She spoke with halting confidence but with admirable fluency and openly revealed many poignant details of her personal life.

I have begun to fulfill the goal of the delegation. It was made clear to us by the Ministry of Education and at other levels that learning English so that the Vietnamese can engage in joint business ventures with the U.S. is a top priority. The correspondence has started, and I will soon be sending off some English as a Second Language books and tapes as resource materials for my Vietnamese colleagues. Whatever I send will help fill their nearly empty library shelves.

But more has happened to me.

The Vietnamese people — my colleagues there, the shopkeepers, the children in the streets, the museum guide — have all helped me achieve a harmony with them and within myself so that I can now begin to reexamine that period of time we call the Vietnam War. Finally, I can pick at it, read, and watch without the shuddering dismissal and guilt I have felt for so many decades.
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Robert Montagna, MBA ’92, of Westport recently joined the group W in Shelton as manager of management information systems.

Peter L. Spalthoff of Trumbull, president of PLS Financial Services Inc., Bridgeport, was elected to the board of directors of the Connecticut Society of Mortgage Brokers. He is a licensed Connecticut mortgage broker who specializes in the placement of non-conforming residential mortgages. He has earned certificates from the American Institute of Banking, the Connecticut School of Savings and the National School of Finance and Management.

Richard Wargo of Monroe, president of Main Auto Supply of Fairfield, is the president of the Automotive Wholesalers Association of New England.

Michele A. Johnson of Fairfield has joined People’s Bank as compliance officer. She is responsible for developing and managing the bank’s consumer compliance program, which ensures the bank’s adherence to a variety of state and federal regulatory requirements. She recently was awarded the Certified Bank Compliance Officer designation by the Bank Administration Institute in Chicago, joining a select group of about 700 bankers certified nationwide since 1990. She brings to People’s more than 10 years of experience in bank compliance matters.

Michele (DeLuca) Pelosi of Easton recently assumed the position of executive secretary in the office of Public Affairs at Sacred Heart University. Her husband, Joseph Pelosi ‘81, president of BDS Corporation in Bridgeport, is the owner of discount stores in Bridgeport, New Haven, Stamford and Brooklyn, N.Y. They have three children, Joseph, 12, Nicole, 10, and Brandon, 6.

Karen Corsano of Orange has joined Gary Bellard Realtors as an agent. As the mother of two children and with previous sales experience, she brings to the firm a working knowledge of the town of Orange. She is past president of Orange Community Nursery School and PTO board member at Mary L. Tracey School and currently has two board positions at Turkey Hill School.

Maureen Birge of Milford was nominated as a “1994 Woman of Substance” by the Connecticut Post. A second grade teacher at St. Mary’s School in Milford where her three children are enrolled, she also gives generously to the community: co-chairwoman of the Milford Yacht Club’s youth sailing program; chairwoman of children’s entertainment at the Milford Yacht Club; serving on St. Mary’s School computer committee (raised money for 25 new computers); as a participant in Project Concern, a program where children from Northern Ireland spend a summer in the United States; and as a Brownie leader, 1989-1992. She co-founded the annual Milford St. Patrick’s Day Parade in 1991 with 110 participants and more than 30,000 people attending. She was presented the Outstanding Community Service Award from the Council of Catholic Women of Milford in 1991 and won the title “Mom of the Year” in 1991 as the result of an essay her daughter wrote for a contest sponsored by Mom USA.

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John W. Betkoski III of Beacon Falls worked hard in his campaign to be elected to a fifth term as Democratic state representative, even though unopposed by a Republican candidate. Betkoski is the director of human services for the Salvation Army in Waterbury. As a legislator, he has helped secure funds for improvements to Hoadley’s Pond and Sochin’s Pond, as well as funds for a comprehensive revitalization program in downtown Seymour. He will also be active on the committee planning the 125th anniversary of Beacon Falls in 1996.

‘76
Robert Montagna, MBA ’92, of North Haven recently joined Westhouse Group W in Shelton as manager of management information systems.

‘78
Jane Galgano has returned to her alma mater as manager of human resources. Most recently, she was associate director of career counseling and services at the Quinnipiac College School of Law. Galgano, a Norwalk resident, also holds an M.S. in human resource development and counseling from the University of Bridgeport.

Browne voted Connecticut’s top assessor

Browne, who received a bachelor’s degree in business administration, began his career as a personal property assessor for Fairfield in 1974. He was named deputy assessor in 1977 and town assessor in 1984. He served as president of the Fairfield County Assessors Association in 1977, first vice president of CAAO in 1985 and president of CAAO in 1986. Browne also was the 1993 president of the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers and currently serves on its executive board. He is an instructor of the Introduction to Appraisal Principles course at the University of Connecticut’s Annual Assessors’ School and has served as an instructor of appraisal principles and practices at Sacred Heart University.
Daniel Patrick, son of Phyllis (Luzzo) Quinn and her husband, Michael, of Blacksburg, Va., was born Sept. 22, 1994. The Quinns have two other children, Michael and Emily.

Judy Ann Stevens of Fairfield is now deputy assistant state's attorney in the Division of Criminal Justice, working at the Superior Court in Bridgeport. She is also active in the alumni student-mentor program, working with current Sacred Heart University students.

'81
Joseph Peloso, see '77

'82

Raymond Wilson of Cos Cob recently was named vice president senior originator of Heller Financial in New York City. He is also active in the alumni student-mentor program.

'83
Manuel Bernardo, MBA of Easton, who holds a J.D. from Fordham Law School, is the director of employee benefits for Deloitte & Touche. He recently gave an address at a meeting of the Ridgefield Clergy Association's Job Networking and Career Transition Group.

Lisa Buck Krajcik of Orange has accepted the position of computer education teacher at St. Mary's School in Milford. She pilots a new computer program for students in grades 2-8. Lisa and husband Stephen have two children, Ryan, 7, and Kristen, 4.


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'86

Margaret Chandra, a nursing alumna, graduated from University of Connecticut Law School, passed her bar exam and is practicing in Milford.

Diane Lynn Parkes was recently married to Roy Charles McLevy. They reside in Redding. She is a show manager at Conference Management Co., Norwalk.

Kevin Schmid, MBA of Grantham, N.H., was recently appointed director of engineering at New Jersey Machine, Inc., in Lebanon, N.H.

Laura Szamatulski of Trumbull has accepted a position as paralegal specialist with the State of Connecticut in the Stamford Workers Compensation Commission office.

She is active in the alumni student-mentor program.

'87
Gary Koos of Bridgeport has been appointed executive director of the New Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce. Formerly director and chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority, he has also headed the Bridgeport Housing Commission and the Neighborhood Alliance for a Better Bridgeport. The New Bridgeport Chamber, with 145 members, is the smaller of the Park City's two chambers of commerce.

'88

Barbara Fleischer of Ridgefield is a psychiatric social worker in private practice in Danbury. She is active in the alumni student-mentor program.

Carl O'Donnell of Stratford is art director with Ryan Partnership in Westport. He is also active in the alumni student-mentor program.

Alumni gatherings

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The Class of 1974's reunion, in October, reunited Joan Marrone '74 (right) and husband Joe Marrone '73 of Orange with Dr. Roberta Staples, associate professor of English.

Loretta Gentile was married to Gregory A. Marty, Nov. 5, 1994. They reside in Shelton. She is senior customer service specialist at Norelco Consumer Products Co., Stamford.

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Betty Lynch '75, MBA '82 will serve as chair of the Alumni Executive Committee for 1994-96 and as Alumni representative to the Board of Trustees. She previously was vice chairperson of the executive committee. Since May of 1994, Lynch has been the chief financial officer and vice president of Heritage Bank in Watertown. She is also an adjunct professor of management at the University.

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Michael Kinney '72

Reaching a pinnacle at Philip Morris

By Susan DiGangi

Michael Kinney rounded the corridor on the fifth floor at Philip Morris Capital Corp., heading for his office. It was 9:30 on this particularly blustery morning in Rye Brook, N.Y., and the 1972 Sacred Heart University graduate — the corporation's new president — was already in his shirt sleeves, a tell-tale sign of his hands-on management style.

At the moment Kinney was in a state of transition; he was in the throes of sorting out the strategies that his new leadership post brought.

Yet, despite his new-found responsibilities, or perhaps because of them, Kinney graciously agreed to talk with his alma mater about his career and his climb to the top of this Philip Morris subsidiary.

Some would call it a climb done “the hard way.” A self-described “poor kid from the wrong side of the economic tracks,” Kinney financed his Sacred Heart education by working part-time throughout his four years coupled with student loans. “In those days I could tell you exactly how much a pound of cold cuts weighed without even checking the scale,” he jokes.

He’ll tell you that his mother was a nurse and his father was a court clerk, and to this day he is the only one in the family of three children to go to college. And he’ll tell you, too, that his upbringing shaped, in large measure, his drive to “ensure that my children are not going to struggle, but to appreciate hard work and risk, if I can do anything about it.”

A Milford native, he enrolled at Sacred Heart University as a way of “trying something out.” While Kinney says he was unsure exactly what he wanted to do, his objective from the outset was simple: “To strive to get to the top.”

Kinney was active in the student government and he served as class vice president. He majored in business administration because “it was the only thing that really interested me.”

His plan was to pursue a career in sales.

Jobs were scarce when he graduated in 1972 and a college degree did not guarantee an “ideal” position. Recalls Kinney: “I went to numerous employment agencies from New Haven to Stamford and then in New York City every single day.” Did he find his ideal job?

“No, I took the first job I could get.”

For six months he made “cold calls” as a Dictaphone sales representative working New York’s West Side “rag” district between 42nd and 34th streets. When a position opened in the company’s New Haven operation, he took it. But his eye was always on the next step.

“I never stopped looking for the right opportunity, basically until I got here,” he says.

The road to Philip Morris was both circuitous and challenging. There was a three-year stint as a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch when “the market reached record lows in the early and mid-70s ... and no one would buy stock. In hindsight, I should have begged, borrowed or stolen to load up on ‘Mo’ (Philip Morris).” Then there was the opening at G.E. Capital Corp., which he considers very much the turning point in his career because it offered an opportunity to enter structured finance capital markets.

Later moves took him to a new GE office in Dallas and then to Chicago where he joined Continental Illinois Corp. Eventually, he found his way home to Connecticut, joining Bankers Trust capital markets group.
A joint venture with Philip Morris led to an offer in 1984 to run Philip Morris’ Capital Markets Division. On the way, he earned a master’s degree in finance, married, started a family and bought a home in Fairfield.

As president of the capital finance arm of Philip Morris Cos., providing financing to numerous U.S. industries — the corporation is the second largest lessor of assets in the U.S. — he sees his responsibility largely as providing guidance to various departments so that “we maintain our historical success.”

While his game plan is in process, he says it is hopeful the company will follow Philip Morris’ worldwide success and follow the investment opportunities. And while he sees numerous U.S. industries — the corporation is the second largest lessor of assets in the U.S. — the personal challenge facing this member of both The Connecticut Golf Club in Easton and The Patterson Club in Fairfield is trimming two strokes off his game.

Fast forward to the Mike Kinney who so avidly supports his alma mater and you’ll find the man who served as chair of the Alumni division of the 1992-93 Annual Fund, and as a member of the 30th Anniversary Celebration and Discovery Awards committee in 1993.

He’s pleased that this annual gala generated $124,000 for scholarships in 1993 and surpassed $198,000 this year.

In 1993, Kinney raised more than $30,000 through corporate sponsorships; this year he increased that support to $70,000. The challenge: The University had to meet a certain level of “gifting” independently. It did.

He says he likes what he sees happening at Sacred Heart University, describing it now as a “full-time place” and, in that respect, very different from the school he knew in the late 60s. “They’ve created some formative structures,” he says. “They’ve got a good plant started. They need to find out what they want to be when they grow up. Now they’ve got that chance.”

Asked what he’d like to be when he “grows up,” Kinney turns pensive. “I think a constant need to succeed. Challenges. I always loved different kinds of challenges.”

Pressed for advice for new graduates, Kinney offers: “A lot of people say, ‘I can’t get what I want.’ Well, who can? Get what you can, push for as much as you can do and don’t be geographical anywhere, otherwise you limit your opportunity.” It’s that philosophy — or rather that love for challenge — that drives many aspects of his life.

As Mike Kinney the family man, he travels, skis, goes to baseball games and plays golf with his wife, Cynthia, daughter Erin, and twin sons Christopher and Stephen. He’s proud of his sons’ competitive swimming records, and his daughter’s prowess on the tennis courts.

As a relatively “young” golfer, Kinney admits that he envisions his children soon beating dad’s performance. But that’s all right with him. In fact, he introduced his offspring to the game because he lacked the opportunity at their age. Right now, the personal challenge facing this member of both The Connecticut Golf Club in Easton and The Patterson Club in Fairfield is trimming two strokes off his game.

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Marina DiGiorgio married Angelo DiCicco in Valleluce, Italy, July 30, 1994. They live in Pignataro Interamna, Italy.

Jay Matthew, son of LeeAnne (Perry) Power and her husband, Jay, was born May 2, 1994. The family, including Brian, 21/2, resides in Southport. LeeAnne is a nurse.

Denise Ann Stabler recently was married to Robert H. Watcke Jr. They reside in Middletown. She is employed at Nail Perfection, West Hartford.

Katina Angelos of Bridgeport is an accountant with Philip Morris Capital Corp. in Rye Brook, N.Y.

Jim Brennan, MBA, received the Gold Bat Award in October from the West Haven Twilight League. He works as an accounting supervisor for Sikorsky Aircraft. Jim was an outstanding player, primarily at third base, in the league for nine seasons, as well as serving as a director, vice president, secretary and chairman of the fund-raising committee. A top high school and college football official, he has also been a member of the New Haven Football Officials Association for 15 years, this year taking on the white hat as a referee. He has been a member of the Connecticut Chapter of Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials for eight years. He resides in West Haven with his wife, Susan, and two children.

Isabel Dias married Elias DeLaRosa, Oct. 15, 1994. They reside in Bridgeport. She is an anesthesia coordinator at Bridgeport Hospital.

Jacob, son of Marian Burns Hampel and her husband, Matthew, was born Oct. 29, 1994. They live in Trumbull.

Pierrot Laurent is a programmer with Champion International Corp. in Hamilton, Ohio. He resides in Fairfield, Ohio.

Stacey J. Malachowski of Norwalk has joined Louis Dreyfus Corp. in
Going the distance

Martin McNamara '72 completed the New York Marathon last fall — a major accomplishment for a man whose life is full of challenges every day because of hearing impairment. "I attack life the way I attack the marathon: I don't quit," says the 45-year-old Norwalk resident.

Although born with sensorineural hearing loss that went undetected by schools and family for 30 years and hampered by a gradual decrease in hearing that has left him deaf in his right ear and with 20 percent hearing in his left ear, McNamara nevertheless leads a productive life. He's now director of media and community relations for the Fairfield County Medical Association, based in Fairfield.

"Every one of us has gifts ... we can't let a disability keep us from finding our true selves," he says.

Regina Sinko of Fairfield has joined the Audit Bureau of Circulations of Schaumburg, Ill., as a field auditor for the newspaper division and works primarily in the Eastern Region.

Marianne Dexter, MSN, of Milford has been appointed director of nurses at Mariner Health Care of Southern Connecticut in Ansonia. Prior to joining Mariner, she was head nurse of an inpatient acute rehabilitation unit at Park City/Bridgeport Hospital.

Claudia Laracca of Norwalk has joined Oxford Health Plans in Norwalk in customer service.

Rafael Medina of Bridgeport recently participated in two weeks of active duty training for Marine Corps reservists. During the training with the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Plainville, he received information and practical application relating to current military procedures. He joined the Marine Corps in May 1991.

Joseph Millo of Monroe was recently promoted to key account executive with American Skandia in Shelton. With Skandia for 1 1/2 years, he now travels throughout the country to promote the company products (annuities and stocks).

Jonathan Alcaide of Norwalk recently accepted a position in accounting with Executone in Milford.

Scott Appleby of Bridgeport is emergency management director with the City of Bridgeport Fire Dept.

Rania Melikokis of Stamford is responsible for design services for The Berni Co., a national marketing-design agency in Greenwich. Her accounts include Caldor, Foodtown, Gold's Gyms and Venture Stores.
Cardinal Keeler receives congratulations from President Cernera at the Vatican.

A friend to Sacred Heart University and its Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, Baltimore Archbishop William H. Keeler was among 30 churchmen elevated to cardinal by Pope John Paul II on Nov. 26 at the Vatican. More than 6,000, including 1,600 Americans, filled the Paul VI Auditorium for the ceremony during which each new cardinal knelt before the pope and received his three-cornered hat.

Among Keeler’s well-wishers were Sacred Heart University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and two rabbis: Jack Bemporad, director, and Joseph Ehrenkranz, administrator, of the University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. Keeler, 63, who was influential in the creation of the center, and the rabbis led a delegation of Americans who visited the site of the Nazi death camp in Auschwitz, Poland, two years ago.

“He’s a wonderful man, a champion of Jewish-Catholic relations, a man the Jewish community can trust,” said Bemporad.
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