WHERE THE FUTURE IS TAKING SHAPE

The President's 1995-96 Annual Report

Service-Learning: Freshmen Become Urban Volunteers
DECEMBER

2/Monday Modern Foreign Language Film Series: “Ciao Professore,” directed by Lena Wertmuller, Faculty Lounge, 7:30 p.m. Women’s Studies: 365-7629.


16/Monday “Voodoo Mambo,” new comedy by Wayne T. Moore, Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Stratford Festival Theater benefit series. Tickets: $15 benefit, $10 g.a., $5 students. Box Office: 374-2777.


JANUARY

13/Monday “Apollo’s Fire,” new play by Larry Schneideman, Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Stratford Festival Theater benefit series. Tickets: $15 benefit, $10 g.a., $5 students. Box Office: 374-2777.


31/Friday-Feb. 16 “Same Time, Next Year,” comedy by Bernard Slade, Theatre, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets $15 adults, $12.50 students/seniors. Box Office: 374-2777.

FEBRUARY

1/Saturday “Alumni Day” basketball double-header vs. Albany, Gym, and post-game party, Mahogany Room. Women’s game 2 p.m., men’s game 4 p.m. Tickets: game $5, reception $10. Alumni Relations: 371-7861.


10/Monday “He Had A Hat,” new comedy by Henry Slezar, Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Stratford Festival Theater benefit series. Tickets: $15 benefit, $10 g.a., $5 students. Box Office: 374-2777.

23/Sunday The Tamburitzans, East European folk music and dances, Theatre, 3 p.m. Tickets: $15 adults, $12.50 students/seniors. Box Office: 374-2777.


MARCH

7/Friday-23/Sunday “Is There Life After High School?” musical by Craig Carnelia, Theatre. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: $15 adults, $12.50 students/seniors. Box Office: 374-2777.

16/Sunday-April 12 REAPS’ Spring Concert featuring the Cantabile Choral, Mahogany Room, 3:30-7 p.m. Wine and cheese at intermission, light buffet dinner following performance. Tickets: $35. REAPS: 371-7867.

All events free unless otherwise noted.
On the Cover
On a fall afternoon, President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., met with representatives from each class and the Student Government at the site of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. The $17.5 million, 132,423-square-foot complex is scheduled for completion by the start of the next academic year.

From left: Senior Alina Popa (Waterbury), junior Chrissie Perkins (Waterford), sophomore Shawn Jones (Springfield, Mass.), freshman Mark Ungeheuer (Massapequa Park, N.Y.) and Student Government President Christy Ashley, a senior from Carteret, N.J.

Popa is a William Pitt Scholar; Perkins and Jones are varsity basketball players who will find the new gymnasium a fitting home court next winter; and Ungeheuer is a pre-physical therapy major who will use the center’s PT laboratories for studies.

This is photographer Richard Freeda’s fifth cover for the magazine.

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Prepaving the University's Annual Report, which appears in this issue, provided me with the opportunity to stop and reflect on the 1995-96 year. I use the word "opportunity" deliberately, for finding time to pause in the midst of all that is happening at Sacred Heart University is a challenge for all of us.

However, it is such pauses that enable us to appreciate anew the wonder of this institution and the many accomplishments of its students, faculty and staff. Completing a very successful fiscal year by surpassing all our budgetary goals was certainly one of those achievements. As professionals dedicated to providing quality education, we are equally proud of the progress we made toward becoming a leading Catholic university, a goal we set for ourselves in our Five-Year Strategic Plan.

While reviewing the events of the past year, I was especially struck by the fact that we have indeed become a university without borders. Today our academic program offerings extend well beyond our main campus in Fairfield. Off-site locations in Connecticut include Danbury, Derby, Lisbon, Stamford and Shelton. Our graduate program in Luxembourg is the only one in Central Europe that leads to an American Master of Business Administration degree. In addition, the University has had articulation agreements with the National University of El Salvador and with Sakura no Seibo College in Japan. I expect that we will soon reach new agreements with a college in South Korea and with a second one in Japan.

Furthermore, we recently launched a Distance Learning Program, which will enable any qualified individual with access to the Internet to use our advanced technology systems to take courses from the University without needing to set foot on campus.

Faculty, staff and students also extended our borders. Not only were they involved in important community service programs throughout the region and internationally in El Salvador, but because of their academic interests, they have traveled to many other points around the globe.

For example, Dr. Lucjan Orlowski, associate professor of economics, frequently goes abroad in his role as a financial adviser to the emerging governments of Eastern Europe. Dr. Rawlin Fairbaugh, associate professor of management, taught an international business seminar in Hungary. Ninety-one students studied abroad during the 1995-96 year; over 60 in Sacred Heart University-sponsored short-term study programs and the remainder in academic-year programs.

During the summer some students took advantage of the courses taught at Trinity College in Dublin by Dr. Walter Brooks, associate professor of religious studies, while others traveled to Greece, where they enjoyed the lectures of Dr. Barry Herman, associate professor of education. At the American College in Leuven, Belgium, the University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies co-sponsored a successful two-week Inner Sabbath program, which attracted a diverse international audience.

Also of note are the numerous seminars conducted throughout the United States by Rabbis Jack Bemporad and Joseph Ehrenkranz of the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. Their travels also took them out of the country both to Greece, where they were among a select group of the world's top religious leaders invited to a colloquium on the future of Jerusalem, and to Israel.

In their academic, service and social roles, the members of the Sacred Heart University community carried the University's mission to the world. Faculty, students and staff learned and worked among diverse cultures around the globe. This breadth and depth of experience among the whole human family has challenged us all to grow and has helped our students prepare to become leaders for others in the 21st century.

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President
University to seek Division I status

The third-largest Catholic university in New England will soon join its brethren among the athletic elite.

On Columbus Day, Sacred Heart University announced that it had accepted an invitation to join the Northeast Conference and will seek NCAA Division I status for its intercollegiate athletic teams. The decision fulfills a strategic initiative established seven years ago that was endorsed this fall by a select panel following an intensive, seven-month review of the University’s program.

“This is the culmination of a strategic-planning process that began in 1989 when we set out to become a leading Catholic university,” said President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. “Because of the many strides we have taken, we now consider the best Catholic colleges in New England to be our peers in terms of academics and faculty. So, it is only logical that we now compete against them athletically.”

The University ranks third in total enrollment among the region’s Catholic institutions, behind Boston College and Providence College. Fairfield University and Holy Cross College are fourth and fifth, respectively. All except Sacred Heart share the commonality of Division I athletics.

The Division I process will take two compliance years to complete, making Pioneer athletic teams eligible for Division I competition in 1999-2000. The University currently competes at the Division II level. In addition to Sacred Heart, the Northeast Conference invited Quinnipiac College and Central Connecticut State University to join its ranks.

“We firmly believe that Division I is where we belong,” said James Barquinero, vice president for enrollment planning and student affairs. “We have changed the competitive profile of the University significantly since we first considered the possibility of advancing to Division I. We now offer a broad-based program that is clearly among the finest in the region. There’s no doubt that this move will contribute to the quality of life and morale at the University, and help us solidify our position as one of the leading Catholic universities in New England.”

Jones on campus

Actor James Earl Jones graced the University Theatre stage in September for a single reading of "Monsters," a new play by Michael Folie. Among the other thespians donating their time and talent that evening was Edward Malin, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology. The Center for the Performing Arts and the Stratford Festival Theater, Inc., have combined to present six new works this season, the proceeds from which will benefit the reconstruction of the Connecticut Stratford Shakespeare Festival Theater. Upcoming events appear in the Calendar.

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Venu Dasigi, Ph.D., director of the MSCIS Program, presented a paper at the IFIP (International Federation for Information Processing) World Conference on Advanced Information Technology Tools at Canberra, Australia in September. Dasigi’s trip was partially supported by a travel grant from FOCUS (Federation of Computing in the United States).

Sara Donohue ’86, director of the Legal Assistant Program, contributed two articles to recent issues of The Paralegal Educator, the monthly newsletter of the American Association for Paralegal Education.

Frances Grodzinsky, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science, chaired a National Science Foundation workshop on computer networking this summer at Michigan State University.

Barry Herman, Ph.D., professor of education, led a group of 24, including faculty, students, Connecticut teachers and their spouses, on a 12-day study tour of Greece in July.

James P. Lyddy, Ph.D., vice president for Institutional Advancement, is serving as Higher Education chair of United Way of Eastern Fairfield County’s 1996 campaign. The goal is $6 million.

Jennifer Mattei, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, made a presentation at a symposium and moderated another session at the Society for Ecological Restoration’s 1996 International Conference at Rutgers University.

Dorothy Sayers, director of Lifelong Learning, is a member of the Executive Board of the Southern Connecticut Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development. As one of five international scholarship recipients, Sayers attended the LERN (Learning Resources Network) worldwide conference in San Antonio.
When Kana Abe of Fukishima, Japan saw the popular movie "Home Alone," she became fascinated by the film's depiction of American culture and dreamed of coming to the United States.

The 18-year-old's dream came true this summer. Through a special program at Sacred Heart University, Abe and 83 other students from Sakura no Seibo College—a Catholic junior women's college about 150 miles north of Tokyo—learned English and American culture during their two-month visit. The Japanese college and Sacred Heart are sister schools. The students, whose visit was coordinated by Cultural Homestay of San Anselmo, Calif., lived with host families throughout lower Fairfield County.

"I love it here, there is so much space and everything is so big," says Abe, who was so amazed by the size of a movie theater and even its bathroom that she took pictures of both to show family members, who reside in a tiny house.

"I like all the green trees and grass here and the beaches," adds Abe, who also enjoyed a trip to New York, where she got to see the Broadway musical "Cats."

"I want to come back to America someday and get married, and maybe get a job."

The learning works both ways. Abe’s American host family, Joseph and Laura Bivona of Stratford, say that having Kana as a guest was as much an educational experience for them and their children as it was for her.

"We came to love her so much that we didn’t want to send her back," says Laura Bivona. "I truly feel like I have another daughter now."

The Bivonas’ two daughters were thrilled to have a house guest who lives halfway around the world and in a society with such different customs. "It was a great experience for our entire family," says Laura Bivona. "Kana was amazed at how diverse our society is, and how everyone can get along. She learned how to be an Italian-American, and we learned about Japanese society and culture."

Megumi Watanube, an 18-year-old Japanese student who aspires to be a teacher, was so impressed by several visits to Fairfield County schools that she may return to America someday to teach. "Japanese students, including me, are very shy," says Watanube. "I like the way American students are not afraid to ask questions and be active in the classroom."

The program’s coordinator, Rosemary Lague, an adjunct assistant professor of English at Sacred Heart, says the students’ study-abroad experience was invaluable. "They learned things they were able to take back home and use for the rest of their lives, no matter what they decide to do or where they decide to live," she says.

Bill Steinmann, an American who has taught at the Japanese college for several years, shares Lague’s sentiment. "There’s no way you can teach in a classroom the kinds of things they learned by being here and interacting with American people and being part of the society," he says. "For some of them, this was the adventure of a lifetime."
Rebecca Abbott believes public education often gets a bad rap. To prove it, the University's director of Media Studies Programs has produced, directed and written her second documentary about the high caliber of education in Connecticut's public schools.

"Schooling That Works: The Middle Years" is a 60-minute Connecticut Public Television original documentary made possible by a William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund grant of $150,000. The video, which premiered in June, examines successful public middle school education in eight Connecticut communities. It's a follow-up to "Schooling That Works," Abbott's 1995 CPTV documentary about outstanding public elementary schools in Connecticut, which received a Certificate of Merit from the Intercom International Film and Video Festival in Chicago.

"I have always been a supporter of public education because the public schools are the best place for our children to learn not only about academic subjects, but about society and diversity," says Abbott. "Sure, there are problems in some public schools, but what I found in my research is that there are many highly dedicated educators working in a number of outstanding public middle schools."

As narrator, Abbott shares moving stories of how some Connecticut middle schools have responded in positive, significant ways to the multiple challenges involved in the education of adolescents. Schools represented are: John Winthrop and Longfellow, both of Bridgeport; Hillside Middle School, Naugatuck; Irving A. Robbins Middle School, Farmington; Lisbon Central School, Lisbon; Betsy Ross Arts Magnet, New Haven; Quirk Middle School, Hartford; Rippowam Middle Magnet, Stamford; and Swift Junior High School, Watertown.

Throughout the video, Abbott integrates interviews with students, teachers, parents and administrators about what makes their schools work and what issues are important to them.

"These schools have achieved higher test scores, greater student enthusiasm, improved attendance and other measures of success including higher rates of college acceptance," she says. Abbott discovered that the most successful middle schools emphasize the development of basic skills — frequently through interdisciplinary units of study — along with sensitivity to the developmental needs of the age group, team teaching, adult mentoring of students, community service and parental involvement.

"It is truly a confusing and perplexing time for many students, a time when they are pulling away from their parents and trying to establish independence, but in fact really need and are looking for adult role models they can trust and depend on," she says.

Larry Rifkin, the video's executive producer and CPTV's executive vice president for programming, believes that Abbott's documentary goes to the heart of the issue. "Rebecca is a terrific producer who continues to grow," he says. "What she does so well is get inside a school system and show what's really going on there. She's got wonderful insight and ability, and has a particular talent for assembling all the complex aspects of putting something like this together."

Abbott plans to complete her triad of videos with a documentary about high schools.  

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Reclaiming the spiritual inner self

Considering that nearly 50 people traveled from all over the earth to gather in the university community of Leuven, Belgium for two weeks of prayer and spiritual reflection, the world, indeed, is very small.

From Aug. 4-17, participants gathered in Flanders for “Inner Sabbath,” a program co-sponsored by The American College, Catholic University of Louvain and Sacred Heart University’s Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS). It was an experience of “world church.”

Designed by Rev. Msgr. Gregory M. Smith, Ed.D., REAPS director, and orchestrated with Dr. John Dick of The American College, the Inner Sabbath program offered busy church professionals and others an opportunity to reclaim their inner spiritual lives, gain needed respite and to experience Europe at its finest.

Deacon Frank Harla traveled from Beijing, China to participate; Bishop Leo Clarke came from Australia; Joan McCloskey from Ireland; Rosalie Schofield from Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forgue from Oklahoma City; Rev. Gerry Vandesompele from South Africa. From all corners of the globe, people with occupations as diverse as acupuncturist and chain store manager came seeking a place to let in God’s Spirit. In all, four continents, seven nations and 20 U.S. states were represented.

On staff for the event were several renowned authors and speakers, including Rev. Richard Rohr; Dr. Doris Donnelly; President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.; Rev. Jan Kerkhofs, S.J.; and Dr. Dick. Summed up one participant: “Enlightening, uplifting, encouraging and so touching in every detail ... that’s how Inner Sabbath has been to me.”

Participants applauded the merits of the program on a daily basis. In particular they found great meaning in the hospitality, camaraderie, insights, liturgy and prayer, and a heightened sense of self worth.

Asked what one thing should be changed in future Inner Sabbaths, one member glibly commented: “Nothing, absolutely nothing! Make this the first of many Inner Sabbaths.”

A unique element of the program was the integration of subject matter into the actual journey. That is, each participant was invited to take the content of each course as a principle for experiencing Christianity in Europe. This was particularly important during visits to Paris, Cologne, Germany; and Canterbury, England, where representatives of the Catholic Church in each country spoke of the Catholic experience in that land.

In addition, participants were invited to engage in the writing of a pastorally practical project, for which they were rewarded with a Certificate in Applied Pastoral Service. Approximately half of the group chose to do so and produced documents of invaluable spiritual importance. One such project involved the artistic rendering of the Inner Sabbath experience in five vignettes. Another translated the sorrowful and joyful mysteries of the Rosary into reflections on grieving the loss of a child.

Poll monitors state’s pulse

Ever wonder what your neighbors think about important issues of the day? If you’re a Connecticut resident, you’ll have some answers now that the University has launched The Sacred Heart University Poll conducted by The Center for Research and Public Policy (CRPP). At least three times a year, the University will conduct polls focusing on topics of concern to Connecticut residents.

The University released its first poll in September and the second in October, the results of which were widely reported in the state’s newspapers. Both polls examined issues related to the presidential election and were conducted by CRPP in New Haven under the auspices of the University’s Center for Policy Issues (CPI). The University and CRPP are exploring a formal relationship.

“We’re very excited by the research capabilities of The Center for Research and Policy, and we look forward to a long relationship during which we will explore issues important to Connecticut,” said John Gerlach, CPI director and a finance professor.

“We are not going to conduct polls for the sake of doing polls,” Gerlach said. “When the University founded CPI in 1980, the vision was to create a public forum for the discussion of issues important to our state. We believe that the polls we have planned will help us fulfill that mission.”

Since CPI’s founding, the University has sponsored numerous conferences, forums, symposia and other activities focusing on public issues with legislative implications of concern to Connecticut residents.  Dean Golembeski

Jesus and Judaism

What Jesus taught was Judaism — that was the essence of Rabbi Jack Bemporad’s “Frank Brennan Memorial Lecture” at the University on Sept. 16. According to Bemporad, director of the University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding and a ranking scholar, Jesus stressed values, ethics and morals in his teachings, which was “totally in concert with Judaism.” The lecture honored the late publisher, who was a leader in furthering dialogue between Christians and Jews.

New faces on campus

These administrators, all of whom joined the University this summer, will help shape the future. From left: David Harnett, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs; Larry Wielk, dean of students; and Thomas Forget, Ph.D., executive assistant to the president. For Wielk, who was born and bred in Bridgeport and educated at Fairfield University, his arrival was a homecoming of sorts.

The Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis Society

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If you have already made a provision for Sacred Heart University in your will, or would like to discuss how you can become a member of the Walter W. Curtis Society, please complete the reply and return to: Kelly Zuniga, Director of Planned Giving, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432-1000.
By Don Harrison

Joe McGuigan was the first.

Dozens of others have followed, elongated basketball players and hard-throwing pitchers and sweet-swinging lacrosse players, but Joe McGuigan was, and always will be, the first Sacred Heart University All-America.

The year was 1971, and contrary to rumor, the world wasn’t flat when native Scotsman McGuigan punctuated a remarkable four-year career in red and white by his selection to the All-America Soccer Team.

What’s more, he was chosen to the United States Pan American and Olympic teams, and he probably would have played in the 1972 Summer Games at Munich if a torn Achilles tendon hadn’t curtailed his mobility and cost him a spot on the Olympic squad. Most of the records he established at Sacred Heart — 6 goals and 14 points in a single match, 80 lifetime goals and an estimated 200 career points — remain intact.

“Soccer’s been the thing I’ve been chasing all my life,” a reflective McGuigan said on a recent afternoon. “It’s something I can never let go.”

But is he gripping the ball or is the ball gripping him? After college, he realized his dream by playing professionally for six years in the American Soccer League. In 1976, he made the ASL All-Star Team. Well after college, he’s still playing with the Gaelic-American Club in an over-30 league.

And so these many years later, Sacred Heart’s first All-American may still be found on college soccer fields in the Northeast. For the past 13 seasons, from the heat of late summer through the gray fall afternoons when a cold wind whips across the field, McGuigan has worn the mantle “coach” at his alma mater.

Without exception, all of his teams have been competitive within the New England Collegiate Conference, generally regarded as the strongest Division II group in the nation. Two of his recent squads, the 1990 (14-6) unit that featured All-America Daniel Dos Santos ’90, MBA ’92, and the well-balanced 1992 (15-6-1) team, were nationally ranked.

“With a break here or there, that 1992 team could have won an NCAA bid,” McGuigan says. “We were ranked 17th in the nation, and I thought we had a legitimate chance to win the national title.”

While he has yet to win a national championship, as NECC coaching rivals have done at Southern Connecticut and New Hampshire College, McGuigan’s peers recognize him as one of the region’s best. Three times, he’s been accorded Coach of the Year honors in the conference — more than anybody else.

At 52, an age when many coaches are content to exchange clipboard for an administrator’s desk and chair, McGuigan remains just as enthusiastic and committed to his sport and his alma mater, even if the hairline has receded and the waistline has, well, not receded.
“He’s really dedicated his life to Sacred Heart,” says a man who knows him better than most, older brother Patrick McGuigan ’72. “He’s produced some high-caliber teams, primarily with local players and without the support found at Southern Connecticut and some other places. More importantly, he’s really devoted to helping students who might not have seen a college education. He truly enjoys helping the kids.”

For proof positive, one need look no further than his current team. Gennaro Lamunno, a 21-year-old junior defender from New Haven, is indebted to his coach for his concern and persistence. “I took a year off from school, and if it wasn’t for him, I wouldn’t be here now. He encouraged me to come back to Sacred Heart,” Lamunno says.

Young Joe was 13 and already an accomplished soccer player when the McGuigan family emigrated from Motherwill, Scotland to Bridgeport in the mid-1950s. “Economic opportunity,” he recalls, was the reason for the uprooting. The youngest of Joseph Sr. and Rose Ann McGuigan’s three children exhibited his soccer skills at Notre Dame High School and in the area semi-pro ranks.

The four-year gap between high school graduation and his arrival at Sacred Heart in the fall of 1967 was an unsettling period in his life. His father died, and Joe accepted an early discharge from the Air Force to take a job as a lathe worker at Bridgeport Machine (now Textron). College seemed not to be part of his future — or so he thought. Rose Ann McGuigan, now 87, had loftier ideas for her son.

“You could say my mother recruited me for Sacred Heart,” McGuigan says with a grin. “She was working for Dean (John) Croffy, and she told him, ‘You’re going to give this boy a full scholarship.’” Croffy, the University’s indomitable dean of students during its formative years and a man who recognized the value of athletics, went her one better. He offered athletic scholarships to both sons.

During the University’s first decade, the brothers McGuigan formed the backbone of surprisingly competitive Sacred Heart soccer teams, Joe as the high-scoring inside left forward (“striker,” in today’s parlance) and Pat as the defensive stopper at center fullback (or sweeper). In their final three seasons together, 1969-71, the Pioneers assembled successive records of 7-4-2, 7-4-1 and 10-1. The McGuigans shared the captaincy as juniors and seniors.

“He was extremely talented and extremely focused. He had the ability to play offense and defense, and the stamina to make it happen,” recalls Pat, now the father of four and the president of Enclosures Plus, a Milford-based company that installs electrical enclosures.

Joe was a senior in his All-America season, a season in which his prodigious scoring exploits brought considerable attention to the Sacred Heart campus. Against neighboring Fairfield that fall, he reached a pinnacle with a record six goals plus two assists, contributing to all the scoring in an 8-1 Pioneer triumph.

McGuigan’s junior year was marked by an off-the-field event — his marriage to Edith Prat ’83 on a Saturday in November when the team was scheduled to play Manhattan. (Joe won Edith, but the McGuigan-less Pioneers lost to the Jaspers.)

“We’d already scheduled the wedding and the soccer schedule came afterward,” McGuigan explains somewhat sheepishly. “They’ve never let me forget that we lost.”

Their union, now entering its 27th year, has produced two children, Rebecca ’94, and Joseph, a senior at the University. Both played here for their father, Becky when her dad coached the women’s team in its initial season. (Head coach of two sports in the same season? Yup.) Mike McGuigan ’85, one of Pat’s three sons to graduate from the University, was a senior co-captain on his uncle’s first team, in 1984.

The McGuigan line continues, seemingly unbroken, today. ☀

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**THE FIRST PIONEER ALL-Americas BY SPORT**

| Men’s Soccer | Joe McGuigan, 1971 |
| Men’s Basketball | Ed Czernota, 1972 |
| Baseball | Joe Rietano, 1978 |
| Softball | Carol Ball, 1982 |
| Football | Russ Greenberg, 1993 |
| Women’s Lacrosse | Jen Fallon, 1994 |
| Field Hockey | Leslie Greene, 1995 |
| Women’s Bowling | Jen Swanson, 1996 |
| Men’s Lacrosse | Matt Krepil, 1996 |
| Doug Steele, 1996 |
Winter Home Schedules

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Coach: Dave Bike ’69
12/1 Sun. American Int’l 7 p.m.
12/22 Sun. Bentley 2 p.m.
1/8 Wed. New Haven 7:30 p.m.
1/14 Tue. South. Conn. 8 p.m.
1/25 Sat. N. Hamp. Coll. 4 p.m.
1/29 Wed. Franklin Pierce 8 p.m.
2/1 Sat. Albany 4 p.m.
2/4 Tue. Keene State 8 p.m.
2/8 Sat. UMass-Lowell 4 p.m.
2/12 Wed. Bridgport 6 p.m.
2/20 Thur. Stony Brook 8 p.m.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Coach: Ed Swanson ’89
12/1 Sun. Stonehill 2 p.m.
12/21 Sat. Bentley 2 p.m.
1/8 Wed. New Haven 5:30 p.m.
1/14 Wed. South. Conn. 6 p.m.
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2/12 Wed. Bridgport 6 p.m.
2/20 Thur. Stony Brook 6 p.m.

Basketball home games played at University Gymnasium.

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY
Coach: Shaun Hannah
11/8 Fri. Scranton 7:30 p.m.
11/9 Sat. Wentworth 7:30 p.m.
11/13 Wed. N. Adams State 7:30 p.m.
11/23 Sat. Villanova 7:30 p.m.
12/6 Fri. Skidmore 7:30 p.m.
12/7 Sat. Stonehill 7:30 p.m.
2/13 Fri. West. N. Eng. 7:30 p.m.
2/14 Thu. Bentley 7:30 p.m.
2/19 Wed. Iona 7:30 p.m.
2/27 Thu. Fairfield 7:30 p.m.
3/1 Sat. Quinnipiac 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY
Coach: Dave Laliberty
11/15 Fri. Union 8:15 p.m.
11/20 Wed. Massachusetts 8:15 p.m.
1/11 Sat. Wesleyan 7:15 p.m.
1/19 Sun. Maine @ Orono 12:15 p.m.
1/31 Fri. Trinity 8:15 p.m.
2/1 Sat. Boston Univ. 7:15 p.m.
2/14 Fri. Wheaton 8:15 p.m.
2/15 Sat. MIT 7:15 p.m.

Hockey home games played at Milford Ice Pavilion.

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New giving club created for young alumni

The Annual Fund Office has established a new leadership-level giving program to recognize young alumni donors — the Young Alumni President's Club. Young alumni are defined as undergraduate degree holders who received their degrees within the last 10 years.

“The purpose of the club is to show appreciation for our younger alumni’s ‘stretch’ gifts or leadership-level gifts,” says Hank Maly, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement. “Typically, young alumni are left out of recognition because they cannot meet the higher gifting levels of older, more established alumni.”

Currently only gifts of $1,000 or more receive the President's Club recognition. The Young Alumni President’s Club takes into consideration the donor’s graduation year, gradually bringing a donor to the $1,000 level over 10 years.

“This is an effort to show the importance of our young alumni donors. Young alumni represent 40 percent of our alumni donors and 23 percent of the alumni dollars received,” says Maly.

Matchmaker, Matchmaker, make me a match . . .

Last year, 241 Sacred Heart University alumni and friends doubled or tripled their gifts to the University by applying for matching funds from their employers. Their diligence resulted in additional donations totalling more than $70,000.

Each year, however, many Sacred Heart donors who are eligible to receive matching funds fail to apply for them. In some cases, the donor may not realize the funds are available.

According to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), more than 1,000 parent companies and corporate foundations in the United States match their employees’ and retirees’ gifts to higher education.

Laurie Bellico '88, director of corporate relations, notes there are many reasons why companies offer a matching gift program. “It is an opportunity not only for a company to support an institution that provides them with qualified, well-educated employees, but it also gives them the chance to support the interests of their employees,” she says.

Becoming a Sacred Heart matchmaker is easy. Donors simply need to obtain a form from their human resources office and enclose it with their gift. “By keeping career records current, we are able to identify donors who are eligible for matching funds and let them know. But, ultimately, the request must come from the donor,” Bellico says.

Matching gifts provide a cost-effective source of income for the University and make the impact of gifts even greater. For information regarding matching gifts or to update your career record, contact the Annual Fund Office at 203-365-4801 or through email at: alumni@sacredheart.edu.

Alumni: Work, laugh, break bread with us

There are many opportunities for alumni to be involved and stay connected with the University — Alumni Executive Council, Student-Alumni Mentor Program, athletic and special events, Class Agent Program and more.

For information, contact Carol Doyle in the Annual Fund Office at 203-365-4801 or through email at: alumni@sacredheart.edu.
A TREE GROWS IN BRIDGEPORT

By Don Harrison
Photos by Russ DeCerbo
Prior to the start of classes, 14 Sacred Heart freshmen became urban volunteers, bringing hope to a beleaguered neighborhood.
ow does a typical college freshman spend his or her final week of summer prior to arriving on campus? Soaking up the sun on the beach? Relaxing with buddies from high school? Earning a few additional dollars from a part-time summer job?

Logic tells us that any combination of answers is apropos.

Fourteen first-year students at Sacred Heart University traveled a different path this summer, spending the closing days of August in inner-city Bridgeport as part of the University’s new Service-Learning initiative, “Community Connections ’96.”

For the better part of the week prior to the start of classes, they prepared and served meals at a soup kitchen and wielded tools at a Habitat for Humanity building site; they performed landscaping and clean-up chores and read aloud to elementary school classes before retiring for the night at the St. Charles Urban Center on the city’s East Side.

“I have a feeling this is a week we will remember for all our lives,” said Phyllis Machledt, the project’s leader and director of Sacred Heart University’s Service-Learning Program, which incorporates community work into the curriculum. “The students worked hard and got sweaty and dirty. There were challenges ... the hard work, meeting new and different people every day and dealing with the poverty in the neighborhood. But the students met the challenges with maturity and a good attitude.”

Four upperclassmen, all with considerable experience as volunteers, accompanied the freshmen on their journey into the inner-city: Seniors Liz Rathbun of Stockbridge, Mass., and Dementred Young of Bridgeport, and juniors Doug Knowe of East Longmeadow, Mass., and Colleen McGrath of Merrimack, N.H. McGrath earned a 1996 President’s Youth Service Award from the Connecticut Department of Higher Education for leading a Girl Scout troop at Bridgeport’s Wilbur Cross Elementary School

“This program was created to get freshmen integrated into community service, give them an idea of what they can accomplish,” said Rathbun. “It’s allowed them to see the community and really reach out to people. Is it successful? It’s beyond a success.”

Throughout their week-long stay in Bridgeport, the group learned that inner-city residents share many of the same hopes and frustrations. The students also had the opportunity to become acquainted with more than 20 faculty, staff and alumni, who donated two- or three-hour blocks of time to the program during the week.

Despite their hectic week-prior-to-class schedules, both President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and the University’s new provost and vice president for academic affairs, David Harnett, Ph.D., visited the students on their final evening at the St. Charles Urban Center.

Without exception, the first-year students were enthusiastic and positive about their experience in the inner-city. “You get a great feeling helping people,” said Mark Ungeheuer, an 18-year-old from Massapequa Park, N.Y. “Everyone made Bridgeport out to be a bad place, but that wasn’t the case at all. People were very friendly to us.”

“It’s been so great, we don’t want to leave here,” chimed in Sara Dynok, 18, of Cummington, Mass. “We could stay here and do this forever.”

Another participant, Julie Torpey, a 17-year-old East Hartford resident, expressed similar sentiments about her week in Bridgeport. “When you volunteer, you get such a great feeling. The
more you give of yourself, the more you grow,” Torpey said.

For Shawn Avery, the program provided an entree to her prospective career. “I wanted this experience to help me get into social work. It’s been awesome,” said the 18-year-old from Colchester.

Prior to her departure from home, Charene Ralicki, 18, of Watertown encountered a few negative reactions from friends — “I can’t believe you’re leaving for college a week early,” she was told — but she remained firm to the commitment she’d made during orientation in June.

“When I was in the first grade, I joined the Girl Scouts and worked with them in a soup kitchen. So, I really enjoy helping people,” said Ralicki, who plans to major in physical therapy.

She spoke of seeing “hope in the faces” of homeless clients at the Merton Center, the soup kitchen and day care center where, for four days, the first-year students prepared and served breakfast and lunch. “Just stir their coffee and their faces would light up,” she noted.

While providing sustenance was important, so was the humanistic aspect of the program, pointed out Ungeheuer. “It’s not just the fact that you’re feeding people that makes this work so important. It’s treating people with respect and saying, ‘Hi, how are you doing?”

Away from the Merton Center, the participants brought parents and children from Alpha Home to the Beardsley Zoo, took part in activities with the Bridgeport Mental Health Center’s “Hope is Here” social club at Golden Hill Methodist Church, and helped landscape the new “Aspira” Hispanic community center on the city’s West End.

Agatha Barrows, a 16-year-old freshman from Westport, admitted feeling apprehensive as the week began. “Coming from Westport, I thought Bridgeport was a bad place,” said Barrows, who was “home taught” and thus able to complete her high-school requirements a year earlier than her peers.

“But that wasn’t the case at all. I had no bad feelings once I got here. In fact, everyone was open-minded and willing to help.”

Sean Otterspoor, a tall 18-year-old from Trumbull, agreed. “People are basically good and very accepting. If you want to help them, they’re not going to put you down,” he said.

Each first-year student contributed $25 out of pocket toward meals and lodging at the St. Charles Urban Center, but as Ralicki was to note, “That’s not very much to help people. I would have paid a lot more.”

Machledt, a long-time community volunteer whose multitude of accomplishments include helping to establish a Habitat for Humanity Chapter on campus, was tired but euphoric as the week in Bridgeport drew to a close. The project’s success had exceeded expectations; a second Community Connections week appears a probability next summer.

“Many times people come in to an experience like this expecting to change other people or the world,” Machledt said. “What really happens is that you change and you and your perceptions change. I’ve seen students grow up this week. Service-learning may be outside the classroom, but it’s a valuable component of education.”
When I traveled to Ireland this summer as a class member through Sacred Heart University's Global Studies Program, I was armed with expectations. My outlook was based on the fact that this would be my third trip to Ireland in as many years. On one of those previous trips, I took a class on “Pre-Christian Celtic Traditions.”

Looking back, I can gladly say that not only were my expectations met, but for the most part they were exceeded.

The class of 11 consisted of nine undergraduates and two graduate students, including myself. Our base of operations was the majestic Trinity College in Dublin. Founded more than 400 years ago by Queen Elizabeth I, Trinity has graduated some of the most dynamic figures in Irish history, including the Irish statesman Wolfe Tone, playwright Oliver Goldsmith, Dracula's creator Bram Stoker, and Ireland's first female president, Mary Robinson.

Trinity sits in the center of one of Europe's most energetic cities; Ireland's capital boasts that the average age of a Dubliner is 22 years. The vibrancy of this youthful population is apparent at first glance. While I had made note of this youthful energy on previous visits, many of my experiences and memories of the city were more traditional.

On past ventures, I would have considered sharing a pint with a new-found friend in one of Dublin's famous pubs or taking a walk up O'Connell Street to the General Post Office, the site of the famous Easter Rising of 1916, where Irish independence was declared by a heroic band of rebels.

Living in perfect harmony with these romantic notions is the “new” Dublin. In the Temple Bar district (Ireland's answer to Greenwich Village), one can enjoy a light lunch at one of the neighborhood's exotic cafes, listen to rock music played on the street corner, stroll through one of the many modern art galleries, or simply enjoy the serenity of the River Liffy from Half Penny Bridge.

Temple Bar is also home to several trendy night clubs. When the pub owners close their doors at 11:30 p.m., the city's alter ego takes control. Among these after-hours dance clubs is “The Kitchen,” which is housed in the basement of the Clarendon Hotel and is owned by the Irish rock band U2. The music and atmosphere are so alluring that even I, at the ripe old age of 26, attended my first “rave” there. The music pulsed with such power that at one point the clothes on my body began to move to the music's discretion.

Alas, the trip was not all empty pint glasses or all-night dance parties. I was even more impressed with the academic side of my trip. Associate Professor of Religious Studies Walter Brooks, Ph.D., the course instructor, exhibited a mastery of the subject material that was unparalleled in depth and scope. He also possesses a keen familiarity with Ireland. His lectures helped bring Ireland's Celtic past to life.

One angle he approached in the class material was the idea that not only are there similarities between Celtic traditions and other worldly tradition, but there is evidence of Celtic influence in present-day Ireland. Not only do Holy Wells, burial mounds and ancient worship sites line the countryside, but Ireland's current dwellers still tell many of the same stories of Ireland's past that were told by the ancient Celts. Contained in these wondrous myths are the Celtic philosophies and ways of life. Some of the more colorful characters in these stories are the heroic Cu Chulain, the Red Hound of Ulster, Finn Mac Chumi, leader of the Fianna army; and the powerful and deceptive Queen Medb, whose power of manipulation is unmatched in modern melodrama.

My trip also had a personal dimension. Unswervingly proud of my Irish heritage, I was fortunate to have my younger brother, Kevin, share the trip with me. I am also one of the few people who has gone to Ireland...
in search of family and actually found some. On my first trip, I was able to locate cousins of my paternal grandmother.

The occasion of my return to Ireland called for a trip to the countryside. Kevin and I and another student from the class, Sarah Corcoran, set out on a five-day journey throughout the country. To fully enjoy the trip, we took the longest route possible. Our auto ride took us though 18 of the Republic's 26 counties.

Our meticulously planned road trip brought us to such sites as the Rock of Cashel, Dunloe Cave and the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs are a five-mile stretch of 800-foot sea cliffs that hold off the Atlantic Ocean from the west.

Our final destination was the small fishing village of Killybegs, County Donegal, where my family has lived for generations. Having enjoyed the feeling of first contact with family on previous trips, it was a joy to relive the experience through my brother.

During our trip to Killybegs, we were welcomed at no fewer than six homes, some of family, other of friends, but all equally hospitable. For me, the highlight of the trip was a visit to the remains of my great, great-grandmother's home. What might seem like a pile of rocks and debris to the casual observer is actually the site in Ireland with which I identify the most. It truly is where my roots are.

To sum up the educational value of such an experience, I say that study abroad approaches education in such a three-dimensional and holistic fashion that no one, given the opportunity, should pass it up. Learning in this manner cannot be imitated but must be experienced.

Christopher Conway '92 graduated with a B.S. in media studies. This is his first article for the magazine.
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'68

Lynn Fontana of Naugatuck was recently included in 2007 Notable American Women and Marquis' Who's Who in the East, 26th edition. Fontana is a media specialist with the New Milford Board of Education.

'71

Marguerite (Oze) Cenzulli, a Falmouth, Mass., resident for 25 years, recently opened a fitness center, The Gym at Heritage Place. The center, which employs a staff of six, has an array of Nautilus equipment, treadmills, steppers, stationary bikes and a juice bar. Cenzulli worked with her husband, Dennis, for 11 years in the construction business.

'76

Barbara E. Garbarczyk was appointed administrator at the Westridge Healthcare Center in Marlborough, Mass. She was formerly administrator at Blaire House, Worcester, Mass., and assistant administrator at the Providence House Nursing Home, Southborough, Mass. She was associated with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for 20 years.

'77

Emily Ann, daughter of Robert C. Grilley and Mary O'Connell Grilley '78, was born Aug. 20. She joins brother Robert and sister Katherine at their Trumbull home.

'78

Anne Marie DeFronzo of Greenville, S.C., received The Jefferson Award in March for outstanding community service in the Carolinas. The award, established in 1972 as a Nobel Prize for Public Service in the United States, is a bronze medallion featuring a replica of the U.S. Seal and signed by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Sen. Robert Taft Jr. For six years as a cancer patient volunteer in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department of The Children's Hospital, DeFronzo touched hundreds of lives and gave more than 16,000 hours of her time.

Mary O'Connell Grilley see '77

Gary Myers was appointed district sales manager and regional distribution manager (from Maine to Virginia) at Houston-based Richardson Electronics, Ltd. Myers lives in Trumbull.

'79

Susan Marie Montagna married Paul C. Kochis on May 4 in St. Ann's Church, Bridgeport. The bride is a graduate of St. Vincent's College of Nursing and a registered nurse for private physicians offices in Trumbull and Bridgeport. The couple resides in Stratford.

Karl Frost, son of Lois I. (Frost) Palmer and her husband, Scott, was born Feb. 27. The family resides in Camden, Maine.

'81

Eric Charles, son of Rudolf Koelweyn and his wife, Elizabeth, was born Aug. 13. He joins sister Tracy and brother Marc at the family home in Trumbull.

Adam William, son of Nancy Sasso Janis MAT '89 and her husband, Fred, was born Sept. 1. Adam joins his brother, Nicholas Henry, at their home in Naugatuck.

'83

Gail Thibaudau Bellucci, MA, of North Haven, completed 12 years in parish ministry and is a member of the religious studies faculty at Notre Dame High School of West Haven.

'86

Beverly Salzman, MBA, was appointed assistant director of the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation.

Mary Ellen Nolan, MBA, married Glenn A. Thompson on May 24 in First Church of Christ, Woodbridge. The couple resides in Hamden. Mary Ellen is an accountant consultant with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Westport.

'87

La-Nelle Harris-Jackson is a financial analyst at GTE Service Corp. in Stamford, where she has been employed for 17 years. In August, Harris-Jackson was cited as a "Woman of Substance" by the Connecticut Post for her volunteer work with Women in Community Service (WICS), a national nonprofit organization that helps young women continue their education or find employment. She also organizes outreach programs for elderly and homebound members of the community at First Baptist Church of Stratford. A Bridgeport resident for seven years, La-Nelle and her husband, Terrance, a Bridgeport firefighter, have one son, Brandon, 2.

Andrew, son of Mirella Scafidi Ouellette and John Ouellette, was born March 7, 1995. The family resides in Farmington.

'88

Claire Kennedy, daughter of Anthony Capozziello, and his wife, Patricia, was born July 14. The family resides in Trumbull.

The Ale Man is a Sacred Heart man

This summer, there was a distinct Sacred Heart flavor to a national championship baseball team. No fewer than six former Pioneer athletes were members of Stratford Ale House, champions of Bridgeport's Senior City League, which went on to capture the National Amateur Baseball Federation Major Division national title at Louisville, Ky.

On the Ale squad were pitchers Mike Bennett '92, Jon Goode '94, Rich Licuri '91 and Bryan Muthersbaugh '93, infielder Al Carrara '94 and catcher Jay McDougal. With the exception of McDougal, who was a record-setting soccer goalie, all were contributors to Pioneer baseball teams that won or competed in three successive NCAA Regional Tournaments.

'90

Robert Cottle and Catherine Molloy '91, MBA '93 were married Sept. 14 in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Fairfield. They make their home in Bridgeport. Rob is sales and design representative at The New England Kitchen Design Center, Monroe, while Cathy is an account executive with Survey Sampling Inc., Fairfield.

Maria Xavier of Milford was named manager of the new People's Bank branch at the Dock Super Stop & Shop in Stratford. A People's employee for nine years, Xavier most recently was assistant manager at the bank's Hawley Lane location in Trumbull.

'91

Funda Alp was appointed director of public relations at the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMA) in Stratford. Alp's responsibilities include management of a major national campaign to promote pet ownership. She will also promote the industry's premier event, the APPMA's annual national trade show. Alp is a Stratford resident.

Frank Bramble, MAT, was featured in a solo exhibit, "Works by Frank Bramble," at Teikyo Post University of Waterbury in August. Bramble, of Torrington, has exhibited widely throughout Connecticut and Ohio, and has received awards from the Art Guild in Farmington and the Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich. This year, he was a Visiting Artist Nominee at Weir Farm in Wilton, and his artwork was featured on the cover of Ibis Review. He is the fine arts chair and art instructor at Fairfield College Preparatory School and an adjunct faculty member at Teikyo Post.

Frederick Ferris, MBA '95, of Newtown was promoted to team developer at Oxford Health Plans, Inc., Trumbull.

Angeline Ioannou of North Haven received a juris doctor degree from Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, Penn., in May. She was on the Executive Board of the Moot Court Honor Society at Widener. While awaiting the results of the July Connecticut Bar Exam, Ioannou is employed as a clerk with the

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Homecoming '96

Dozens of alumni and their offspring demonstrated "Pioneer Pride" at the sixth annual Fall Homecoming on a sunny afternoon in September. They laughed at the Amazing Andy's magic show, exercised their taste buds at a scrumptious Texas barbecue, agonized over an oh-so-close, 19-14 football loss to UMass-Lowell and then, capping the day, relaxed over spirits and a buffet dinner at the post-game party.

Connecticut Superior Court at the Judicial District at New Haven.

Catherine Molloy, see '90

Charles A. Langevin, principal of Plainfield High School, is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Quinebaug Valley Conference Principals' Association during the 1996-97 academic year. Langevin has been affiliated with Plainfield schools since 1968.

Trevor Michael, son of Craig Reeves and his wife, Shera Shumski, was born July 4. The family lives in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Catherine Swenson, MBA '94, was promoted to convention services assistant with The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. She lives in West Palm Beach.

The Amazing Andy's magic act draws mixed reactions from Tom Murphy MBA '89, wife Laurie '95, their children (from left) Kelsey, 3, and Patrick, 9 months, and cousin Nicole Charpentier, 3.
Craig Rydin, Class of '83, will tell you that being president of Godiva Worldwide is no box of chocolates. Running a boutique chocolate company, even if it's one of the best-known brands in the world, is a demanding business. Rydin, who earned his MBA from Sacred Heart in management, took over the presidency of Godiva in January of 1996 with the goal of continuing the company's double-digit sales growth for the last four years. That means plenty of hard work.

Rydin, who lives in Trumbull, travels about 50 percent of his week — often to the Godiva plant in Reading, Penn., or to Europe, Japan and Hong Kong. He also maintains an apartment in New York to work late and avoid the grind of the daily commute back to Trumbull. The demands of the job keep him away more than he would like from his wife, Linda, and their 10-year-old son, Brent.

Nonetheless, Rydin tells you he stepped into a tasty situation for any business executive. He inherited the reins of a company synonymous with the cream of the business. At $29 a pound, Godiva chocolate is expensive, but 'it's worth every penny, Rydin says. "This is a fast-growing business. Rydin's recipe for continued growth is creativity, aggressive marketing and gut instinct. He knows chocolate and the retail premium market business. He looks younger than his 45 years, still trim from playing tennis and plenty of downhill skiing. The New Hampshire native also retains a hint of the Granite State accent — hitting his vowels with flint hard edge.

"I love this business," he says. "It's a fun job. You have to love it to put all the time it requires into it."

Rydin didn't dream about becoming CEO of one of the world's best-known chocolate candy companies. As an undergraduate at the University of New Hampshire, he considered teaching, then thought of becoming a lawyer. After he married, he scrapped his plans and found a job in sales and later shifted to marketing. It required into it."

Rydin's rise to the top of Godiva was hardly candy-coated; rather it was the result of hard work. He began in marketing with Pepperidge Farm, the bakery company in Norwalk, where he worked for 17 years before moving to Godiva. While at Pepperidge, Rydin realized that he needed more education to compete with his then-junior marketing peers. He shopped around
Craig Rydin
MBA ’83
at
Godiva
Worldwide’s offices
in
New York City.

for an MBA program to fit his education needs and busy schedule and decided that Sacred Heart University was the best fit. The University’s MBA program gave him the expertise that he could immediately apply to his job. “I had a clear need for an MBA to progress,” he says. “An MBA was not mandatory, but an insurance policy to compete day to day. Sacred Heart did a good job. What I learned I could bring to my job. It was a great program.”

Rydin remembers that he and two other Pepperidge Farm marketing staff attended the same classes together, allowing them to carpool and share notes. He says he profited the most from finance, quantitative analysis and economics classes. Rydin liked the practical business experience of his professors. “I recall that many professors were solid in their fields,” Rydin says. “They had the practical, hands-on experience as well as the theoretical knowledge. The blend of both helped in giving you a fuller perspective on issues.”

George Miller, a professor of management, remembers Rydin as an outstanding student who showed the right stuff to become a business leader. “It’s no surprise Craig has gotten where he has,” Miller says. “He showed great leadership, creativity and the capacity to understand broad concepts. He has the skills to lead Godiva where they want to go.”

While Rydin’s academic experience at Sacred Heart broadened his theoretical knowledge of business, he believes he also received a strong marketing education at Pepperidge Farm. In particular, he says his experience as vice president/general manager of the Biscuit Division exposed him to international sales and marketing, preparing him for the CEO job at Godiva.

“This can be a demanding job, but I wouldn’t change it,” he says. “I get a great deal of help from my staff. I encourage input, but I don’t shy away from difficult decisions.”

Godiva’s classic Gold Ballotin box of fine chocolates has become the company’s trademark and synonymous with fine gift-giving. Rydin believes, however, it’s crucial for Godiva to introduce new high-quality products, which it does every year.

He meets monthly with his product development staff, including expert sensors (trained experts who sample products for taste, texture and color appeal) and “Master Chocolatiers.” He points out that Godiva recently expanded into biscotti, flavored coffees and new flavors in dessert chocolates.

Rydin considers running Godiva an art as well as a science. He weighs his decisions based on his broad business background, but there are times when he rides his hunches. So far it’s worked. Rydin knows the sweet taste of success — and it tastes a lot like chocolate.

“The focus of our products is chocolate,” he says. “But we’re always trying new things — new fillings and shape differentiation. I just love being a part of it. We’re always reinventing chocolate.”

This is Frank Szivos’ first article for the magazine.

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David Crowle married Tina Smith on June 1, and they reside in Milford. Crowle was named financial portfolio assistant with Creditanstalt in Greenwich.

Steve Dzik of Worcester, Mass., accepted a position at Oxford Health Plans, Inc. in Norwalk.

Laura Geier of Bethel is working at Professional Network Services (PNS) in Trumbull.

Keith Hudson of Easton has accepted a position with ITT in Stamford.

Tracey McKillop of Smithtown, N.Y., has started a management training program at Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Danbury.

Hanako Nakamura of Woodside, N.Y., accepted a position at Maruberi, an international trading company in New York City.

Herminio Olivera of Bridgeport is a management trainee at Foot Action in Milford.

Martin Polak of Easton has taken a position with Microwave.

Shannon Pons of Hampstead, N.H., is working at GE Capital in Stamford.

Sara Reilly of Ledyard has accepted a position in the Wilton office of U.S. Surgical.

Jamie Romeo of Oakdale is a counselor with the Sacred Heart University admissions office.

Denise Schatz of Rego Park, N.Y., is working in the customer service department of U.S. Surgical in Wilton.

Michael Schmitt of Board Channel, N.Y., was named a graduate admissions counselor at Sacred Heart University.

Robert Stopkoski of Branford is employed in the computer science department at Sacred Heart University.

Paul Uhrynowski of Shelton has taken a position with Morgan Stanley in New York City.

Laurie Willet of Shelton is working at Oxford Health Plans, Inc., Norwalk.
In Memoriam

Edward P. Bullard IV, an engineer, inventor and missionary who was a former trustee at the University and a 1982 honorary degree recipient, died of cancer May 30. He was 61.

Bullard was the founder and former president of TechnoServe Inc., a nonprofit, private agency serving Third World countries through enterprise development.

As a young man, he was in line to become the fourth Bullard to become chief executive officer of the Bullard Co., a Bridgeport manufacturer of machine tools, but he opted to take a year's leave of absence to serve as business manager of a church-sponsored hospital in Ghana. This experience led Bullard to resign from the family business in 1967 to create TechnoServe.

According to one admirer, the Norwalk-based agency “helped to bring real wealth — in terms of jobs, income and higher standards of living — into communities that were desperately poor.” In the past 28 years, TechnoServe provided assistance to more than 2 million people from 20 countries on three continents.

For his “contribution to the welfare of impoverished people,” Bullard was awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, at Commencement 1982. He served the University as a trustee from 1983-89.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Harrison Bullard of Wilton; three daughters, a son, four grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Mercedes de Arango, a retired Spanish professor with strong ties to Sacred Heart University, died of pneumonia on Aug. 11 in Greenwich. In 1981, the University conferred the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, on de Arango for her service with the Board of Trustees. She was a trustee emeritus.

De Arango, 88, was the retired chairman of the Spanish Department at Manhattanville College, where she established an audio-lingual system for teaching languages. She received a bachelor's degree from Manhattanville in 1930 and a master's degree in Spanish from Columbia University in 1934.

De Arango, who was born in Havana, is survived by her sister, Carmen Giroux.

Gary George Paulis '72 died June 3 in Sevierville, Tenn., as the result of a motorcycle accident. Paulis, who was the son of George J. and Rosemarie Braaccio Paulis of Trumbull, moved to Miami, Fla., from Bridgeport 15 years ago.

Laurie Anne (Coleman) Puglisi, MSN '92 of Wethersfield died Aug. 7. She was director of special projects at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain. Survivors include her husband, John R. Puglisi; a son, Kyle Puglisi; two daughters, Bethany Carr and Caitlyn Carr; a stepson, Andrew Puglisi, all of Wethersfield; a stepdaughter, Nancy Rolfe of New Britain; and her mother, Audrey Coleman of Newington.

Vicki Sajewicz, 20, a sophomore at the University, was the victim of an accidental drowning in Putnam Lake, near her hometown of Brewster, N.Y., on May 11. A Dean's List student with a 3.8 grade point average, Sajewicz was a biology/pre-veterinary medicine major and a member of the equestrian team. She died before learning she was one of 18 national recipients of an International Horse Show Association award for scholarship and sportsmanship.

What's New?

Tell your classmates and friends about your new job, new spouse, new baby or other noteworthy achievement. Mail to: Alumni Relations Office, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432-1000. Or e-mail: alumni@sacredheart.edu

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Senior Scholars move ahead

The Senior Scholars program, in conjunction with the University's Career Services office, reports that the following 1996 graduates were placed in positions in New England, New York and Washington, D.C.:

Christopher Beyer at Sacred Heart University; Gregory Botello, Dennis Lafaille, Frantz Lamour and Dorian Pettaway at People's Bank, Bridgeport; Jason Blais with Codman Research Group, Lebanon, N.H.; Jennifer Ciano with the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.; Cathy Coburn with Deloitte & Touche, Stamford; Joanne Coffey with Nuovo Pasta Productions, LTD, Fairfield; David Crowle with Creditanstalt, Greenwich; Eric Deboyes with User Technologies, Norwalk; Michelle Donovan with The William Carter Co., Shelton; Garret English with Newspaper Voice Systems, Buffalo, N.Y.; Vlad Goldsheteyn and Christopher Larkin with American Skandia, Bridgeport; Evonne Juliano with Pullman & Comley, Bridgeport; Kim Lucynski with Syracuse University School of Law; Antonette Pisanelli with U.S. Surgical, Norwalk; Joseph Tomko with Louis Dreyfus Corp., Wilton; and Kevin Vulin with Peat Marwick & Mitchell, New York City.
WHERE THE FUTURE IS TAKING SHAPE

The 1995-96 academic year brought a multitude of accomplishments, from the academic and personal growth of students to the construction of state-of-the-art facilities and expansion of academic programs.
The University began the 1995-96 academic year with a sense of anticipation. As a community, we set very high standards for ourselves in academics, community service, enrollment, student life and athletics, facilities improvement and construction, special programs, fund-raising and finances. We ended the year with a sense of satisfaction for a job well done as we continued to progress toward our goal of becoming a leading Catholic university. This report highlights some of the accomplishments that we choose to celebrate. It also reminds us that our work is not done and that the pursuit of quality and excellence is a never-ending challenge.

ACADEMICS/FACULTY

The University concluded the year by presenting a record 995 degrees during Commencement Day ceremonies held May 19 on Campus Field. The keynote speaker and one of the day's honorary degree recipients was David E.A. Carson, president and CEO of People's Bank, who received a Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa. Also receiving honorary degrees were Maryann Furlong, director of The Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport, and health-care pioneer Carmen A. Tortora Sr., founder of the Carlton Chronic and Convalescent Hospital in Fairfield and a trustee emeritus of the University. Both received the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

At its campus in Luxembourg, where students can earn an American MBA, the University conducted its fourth Commencement exercises on June 1. Sixteen students received their master's, while honorary degrees were conferred on Georges Calteux, director of national heritage at the Ministry of Culture, and Edmond Israel, honorary chairman of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

A major accomplishment during the past year was the successful launching and implementation of the Student Mobile Computing Program by the Academic and Information Services departments. As a result, all first-year students were equipped with laptop computers, enabling them to make full use of the University's advanced technologies. For instance, students, faculty and staff can link to each other and the outside world by computer users using our sophisticated fiber optic network and our Internet server. The University is one of about two dozen colleges nationwide and the first in Connecticut to equip first-year students with laptop computers. This program not only exposes students to new learning technologies and provides them a gateway to the emerging world of interactive computing but prepares them for the current and future job markets.

In other academic areas, the faculty completed a year-long study of the University's academic programs and forwarded a report to the Faculty Senate for review. Additional study and discussion of the report are expected during the year ahead. Another milestone was the decision by the state Department of Higher Education to license the University's master's degree program in physical therapy. The "3 plus 3" program is the first and only entry-level master's degree program in physical therapy in Connecticut. Under the program, students who complete three years of undergraduate work can advance to a three-year graduate program. The program uses a problem-based learning (PBL) curriculum, which places emphasis on the development of a reflective practitioner by teaching the student to learn from and solve problems. A central principle in PBL is the responsibility for one's own learning, a self-directedness expected of each student. The University also admitted its first class of full-time graduate PT students for the Fall 1996 semester. The Department of Higher Education also licensed and accredited the program in Environmental Science, leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Responding to an increasing interest in religious topics, the University established a unique master's degree program offering a concentration in Catholic practical theology. The University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS) and Department of Religious Studies co-sponsored the new program, which is the only master's degree program of its kind available in Connecticut. Students who elect the special studies in Catholic practical theology are required to complete 33 credits and a comprehensive examination or thesis to earn their master's degree.

Also of note was the decision by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) to accept the Management Department's plan to achieve accreditation and admit the program for AACSB candidacy. A department plan to achieve the level of excellence required by AACSB was accepted, and the University has four years to implement the plan, conduct a self-evaluation and apply for full accreditation. AACSB accreditation signifies that the business programs adhere to high standards and have processes in place to assure continuous improvement in faculty, curriculum and programs. In Connecticut, only the University of Connecticut and Yale are accredited at this time.

Meanwhile, the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education accepted the Report of Current Status submitted by Sacred Heart University/St. Vincent's Medical Center. Reaccreditation is to be completed in Fall 1996; the baccalaureate Social Work Program completed a self-study report that was submitted to The Council on Social Work Education, resulting in full reaccreditation and a favorable review report; in September 1995, the State Board of Education granted full approval for the University's teacher preparation programs; and the state licensed the new Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

In addition, an application for licensure of a program in Health Systems Management leading to a master's degree was filed with the state Department of Higher Education and is under review; the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy agreed to a proposal that will allow designated Sacred Heart University students who earn at least a 3.3 GPA in required pre-pharmacy science courses to be admitted into the professional pharmacy program leading to the Pharmacy Doctoral degree; and the University entered a contractual relationship with The Learning Collaborative, which may develop post-graduate programs (primarily in Professional Education) and offer them to Sacred Heart University for approval as formal University academic graduate programs through the regular University process.

The past academic year was a busy and productive year for faculty. John T. Gerlach, MBA Program director, co-authored the first and only textbook reviewing corporate restructuring, Restructuring Corporate America, with John J. Clark, Ph.D., of Drexel University and Gerard Olson, Ph.D., of Villanova University. Ralph Corrigan, Ph.D., professor of English, wrote a book for children about his favorite sport, Karate Made Easy; and Sidney Gottlieb, Ph.D., professor of English, published his third book, Hitchcock on Hitchcock, featuring little-known interviews with acclaimed director Alfred Hitchcock. The book was well-received by The New York Times and London Times.

Other authors included: Richard Grigg, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, who wrote When God Becomes Goddess; and Louis DeMichiel, R.R.T., C.P.E.T., director of clinical education for the University's respiratory care program, who produced a series of eight workbooks to accompany a video tape on respiratory care. The project was done with the assistance of Karen Miklowski, R.R.T., C.P.E.T., of Manchester Community Technical College. Additionally, Rebecca Abbott, director of Media Studies, produced, directed and wrote her second television documentary about the high caliber of education in Connecticut public schools, "Schooling That Works: The Middle Years," for Connecticut public television. It followed her award-winning 1995 documentary, "Schooling That Works."

Academics for Creative Teaching (ACT)
President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Student Government President Shannon Pons welcome the Class of 1999 at the Freshman Convocation in September.

Poet-actress-author-humanitarian Maya Angelou challenged young people to "use your energies to make this country more than it is today" during her November appearance on campus.

The Rev. Raimundo Panikkar, a distinguished author, lecturer and religious studies professor, delivered the ninth annual Walter W. Curtis Lecture in February.

President Cernera presented a book, Toward Greater Understanding: Essays in Honor of John Cardinal O'Connor, to his Eminence in November to "acknowledge publicly the significant contributions that Cardinal O'Connor has made to the furtherance of dialogue between Christians and Jews." At left is Rabbi Jack Bemporad, director of the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.

The men's lacrosse team celebrates its ECAC championship in May.

Ricardo Cordova, El Salvador's leading political scientist, spent the Fall Semester on campus as a Fulbright Scholar.

Anthony Spetrino, a retired chairman of the Language Department at Bridgeport's Bassick High School, established the endowed Anthony A. Spetrino Scholarships at the University.

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grants were awarded to Anita Suess-Kaushik, assistant professor, Faculty of Communication Studies, to provide research materials for a Spring Semester course and to Carol M. Batt, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, to assist her in attending the 18th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, where she participated in a poster presentation. ACT grants also were awarded to Assistant Biology Professor Shannon Brightman, Ph.D., for developing opportunities for undergraduate research in molecular and cellular biology; and to Louise Spence, Ph.D., assistant professor of media studies, to enable her to attend the “Robert Flaherty Seminar,” an intensive week of new film and video screenings and discussions with the makers.

University Research/Creative Grant (URCG) grants were awarded to Claire Marrone, Ph.D., assistant professor of modern languages, for her project on “Female Journeys: Identity and Development in Women’s Autobiography”; Lucjan Orlowski, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, for his project, “Fiscal Policy Adjustments in Central Europe in Preparation for Accession to the European Union”; and Mariann Russell, Ph.D., professor of English, for her project, “Ritual Elements in B.A. Teer’s Plays.”

Also receiving URCG grants were: Jack Jalbert, Ph.D., philosophy professor, for his project, “Time, Death and Historicity in Simmel and Heidegger”; Michelle Loris, Ph.D., associate English professor, to continue work on her book, The Critical Response to Gloria Naylor; to Dr. Brightman for developing opportunities for undergraduate research in molecular and cellular biology; and to Venu Dasigi, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science, for his project “Information Retrieval with Neural Networks.” Dasigi spent the summer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn., on a fellowship from the U.S. Department of Energy’s ORISE (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education) Summer Participation Program. The purpose of the program was to promote interaction between academia and the DOE labs in conducting advanced research.

Also of note was the appointment of Michael Emery, Ed.D., director of the Physical Therapy Program, to the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) in Alexandria, Va., for a three-year term from November 1995 to November 1998. Meanwhile, Babu George, Ph.D., chemistry professor and chairperson of the Faculty of Science, Mathematics and Computer Science, was elected to the Board of Connecticut United for Research Excellence, Inc. (CURE). Several faculty members taught courses abroad, including Rawlin A. Fairbaugh, Ed.D., associate professor of management, who lectured at an international management seminar at The College of Modern Business in Tatabanya, Hungary.

While encouraging and fostering the scholarship of its faculty, the University also welcomed outside scholars and others to lecture or speak on campus:

- For the second consecutive year, the University hosted a Fulbright Scholar, Ricardo Cordova, El Salvador’s leading political scientist, spent the Fall Semester at the University, teaching undergraduate courses, presenting seminars and lectures on Latin American politics;
- The annual Curtis Lecture was presented in February by the Rev. Raimundo Panikkar, the author of more than 40 books and 400 scholarly articles, who lectures worldwide, has taught at the Institute for World Religion at Harvard University and Union Theological Seminary, and serves as professor emeritus of religious studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara;
- Maya Angelou — the poet, actress, writer and civil rights activist — entertained and challenged the University community with a special performance in November. She encouraged students to free themselves from ignorance and do all they can to improve the world;
- The second annual Media Studies Symposium featured George P. Landow, an author and Brown University professor, whose talk, “The Implications of the New Media Technology,” focused on uses for the latest media in teaching;
- The Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics founded the Hersher Institute Advisory Council to advise, recommend and support activities for the Hersher Institute in a scholarly fashion. The new council is comprised of the following individuals: Michael Emery, Ed.D., director of the Physical Therapy Program; Frances Godzinsky, Ph.D., computer/information sciences; Katherine Kidd, Ph.D., global studies; Diana Mrotek, Ph.D., management; John Roney, Ph.D., history and humanitarian studies; and Constance Young, Ed.D., nursing.

In recognition of their contributions to the University, several faculty and staff were presented special awards during the academic year:

- At the third annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Dinner on May 4, two Joseph Graz Awards, which recognize outstanding service by full-time faculty and staff for developing and nurturing the University as an academic community committed to quality, excellence and service, were presented to John Young, assistant vice president for finance, and Ralph Corrigan, Ph.D., professor of English.
- The Faculty Scholarship Award was presented to Sidney P. Gottlieb, Ph.D., professor of English; and the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Awards were given to Penny Stempsinger, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, and Scott Colvin, assistant professor of accounting.
- Two awards were presented to staff who contributed to the life and spirit of Sacred Heart University: Marion Warne, manager, human resources systems, and Michael Bozzone, dean of freshmen. Edward Malin, Ph.D., was presented a special award from the Office of the President for the outstanding job he did and the contributions he made while serving as acting provost during the last academic year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/OUTREACH

The University continued to expand and refine its commitment to community service. It is the University’s belief that participation in community service enriches the lives of its students and enhances their education. Faculty, staff and students volunteer their time to such organizations as the Merton House of Hospitality Soup Kitchen, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Housatonic Council of Girl Scouts, the Stewart McKinney Foundation for AIDS, the United Way and many other organizations. The University’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the first of its kind in Fairfield County, continued to grow, while more than 125 students volunteered at the John Winthrop School in Bridgeport.

Our Service-Learning Program, which incorporates community service in course curriculums, also completed a successful year. It grew to involve 250 students and faculty from 21 different courses who provided service to 20 Bridgeport-area organizations. During spring break in March, the University conducted is first Service-Learning project abroad. Twelve students and faculty spent eight days in Tierra Blanca, a remote village in El Salvador, where they worked and lived with villagers, learning about life in that hard-pressed nation.

The University also founded Operation Bridgeport during the past year, a program in which faculty members and administrators spent a long weekend living and working on
Realtor William Pitt and President Cersnena playfully toss dirt at the site of the William Pitt Health and Recreation Center during ground-breaking ceremonies in April. Mr. Pitt's record gift of $3 million to the University made the facility a reality.

Honorary dinner chairman Tommy Hilfiger, the clothing designer, and co-chairman A. Joan Connor share smiles at the seventh annual Scholarship Dinner and Discovery Awards in October 1995.

The Rev. Thomas Michael McElrnon of Campus Ministry helps stock the shelves at the St. Charles Urban Center as part of the University's outreach program, "Operation Bridgeport."

Volunteers exhibit togetherness during the opening ceremonies of the Connecticut Special Olympics' 27th annual Summer Games on campus in June.

The women's lacrosse team rejoices over its ECAC title in May.
Sophomore Nadia Kendall (right), among nearly 30 Sacred Heart University students volunteering as Girl Scout troop leaders in Bridgeport, receives a hug from a troop member.

Senior Kevin Vulin was a standout in the classroom (3.83 GPA) and on the basketball court, earning New England Collegiate Conference Player-of-the-Year honors.

The two-story addition to the South Wing includes an expansion to the University bookstore on the first floor and new faculty offices on the second floor.

English Professor Sidney Gottlieb, Ph.D., published a labor of love, Hitchcock on Hitchcock, a compilation of forgotten essays and interviews by legendary director Alfred Hitchcock.
Bridgeport’s East Side. Their mission was to listen and learn by talking and working side by side with the people in the neighborhood, visiting local schools, working with Habitat for Humanity and volunteering at the St. Charles Urban Center, where they distributed food, clothing and furniture. Two such weekends have been held with additional ones planned for the coming year.

In June, the University co-hosted the Connecticut Special Olympics 27th annual Summer Games with Fairfield University, marking the start of a three-year commitment to hosting the Games. Thousands of athletes, their families and friends came to the campus to participate in or observe events held at the athletic fields. In July 1995, the University provided rooms to 686 athletes from 21 state and national delegations during the Special Olympic World Games, which were held in New Haven.

The University also continued to serve the community through a wide range of unique educational programs. The Saturday Hispanic Academy for mathematics and science provided intensive instruction to Bridgeport’s Hispanic high school youth, while the Training Opportunities for Paraprofessionals (TOPS) program provided teacher training for qualified paraprofessionals from inner-city schools. The 2+2 BET Program served as a business education tech-prep project for inner-city students, culminating in an associate’s degree in business administration.

The Upward Bound program, which prepares Bridgeport and Stratford high school students for college, received an $882,000 federal grant to continue its work for another four years. Also receiving new funding was SMARTNET, which reaches hundreds of students and teachers through lectures, demonstrations, in-service training and summer courses. Its continuing work was ensured with the receipt of a $77,295 federal grant under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program.

The grant to SMARTNET was among several that the University received during the year. In June, the Teagle Foundation of New York made a $135,000 two-year grant to establish an office of institutional research, which will collect information about and provide critical analysis of issues regarding students, faculty, staffing, financial issues and infrastructure. The National Science Foundation awarded the Chemistry Department $40,168 for the purchase of a gas chromatography/mass spectroscopy, which is used by students to determine and identify chemicals during experiments.

The University launched its Business Leaders Breakfast series in January. The program’s goal is to share ideas and information of importance to local business people. At the first breakfast, the discussion focused on banking reform and regulation. The second meeting in June examined the restructuring of American industry and the impact of defense cuts on these businesses. Speakers in the program included U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson of Connecticut’s 3rd Congressional District and Patrick J. Dinley, president of Norelco Consumer Products Co. and Regina Consumer Products Co.

**Facilities Improvement and Construction**

Perhaps the most significant event on campus this year was the April 24 groundbreaking for the $17.5 million health and recreation center. Construction on the project was made possible by William H. Pitt, founder of a successful real estate firm in Stamford, who gave $3 million to the Special Gifts campaign, the largest donation in the school’s history. In recognition of the gift, the University will honor Pitt by naming the facility the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

The project also received the support of businessman Robert J. Matura, chairman of the Board of Trustees executive committee, who gave a $1 million gift to the University. This gift was made possible by the Directors’ Giving Program of Fleet Financial Group, Inc. Matura is a director of that Boston-based financial institution. Nearly three years earlier, Matura and his wife, Bernadette, contributed an endowed gift of $1 million to the library, which was named the Ryan-Matura Library in honor of the Maturas’ parents.

Construction of the 132,423-square-foot health and recreation center began in early summer, and work was on schedule with completion expected in Fall 1997. The structure will house classroom and athletic facilities and will be the largest and most expensive building ever constructed by the University. Its three floors will include a gymnasium with four basketball/tennis courts and seating for 2,000 people, an indoor jogging track and a wrestling arena. It will also house a fitness center, multi-purpose health and exercise room, locker rooms, and athletic department offices, consolidating the location of athletic and fitness activities, programs, facilities and staff.

The center will complement the University’s flagship programs in the health sciences: physical therapy, occupational therapy and sports medicine/athletic training. The center also will house a clinic anticipated for use as a community and industrial health care facility. The center will be acoustically designed to accommodate commencements, convocations, fund-raising functions and other sizable events. Equally important, the new health and recreation center will further the University’s outreach efforts to the Greater Bridgeport area.

This major project highlighted the University’s continuing effort to provide the best possible facilities to enhance learning and to make the college experience enjoyable for all students. Construction of a two-story addition to the South Wing of the Academic Center doubled the size of the University bookstore on the first floor and provided much-needed office space for the faculty on the second floor. In the North Wing, classrooms on the second floor were reconstructed to accommodate the needs of the Physical Therapy Program. Dressing rooms, laboratories and classrooms were created from the reconfigured space. In another project, construction began on additional storage space for the University kitchen. Significantly, the year was completed with zero deferred maintenance, meaning that all necessary maintenance was completed without delay or impact to future budgets.

In addition, the University announced plans to expand the North Wing by constructing new classrooms and continued to move forward with its plan to build a new residential facility on Park Avenue in Bridgeport. Finally, work also began on a new University master plan, which will provide a guide for future construction and for the development of on-campus and off-campus facilities.

Under our progressive infrastructure program, the University has spent more than $35 million over the past six years. This resulted not only in much-needed facilities, but also created hundreds of jobs for residents of surrounding communities. By conservative estimates, the economic impact generated locally by the University is $100 million a year.

**Enrollment**

For the fifth consecutive year, the University increased its full-time undergraduate enrollment. A record total of 2,129 full-time undergraduate students enrolled during the Fall semester, a 10 percent increase compared to 1994’s total of 1,912 and a 55 percent increase over the 1990 figure of 1,372. Notably, the total surpassed the enrollment goal set forth in the Strategic Plan. Under the plan, the University set a target of 2,100 full-time undergraduate students by the 1999 fiscal year. From among 2,729 applications from prospective freshmen, 632 students enrolled in the Class of 1999. This included 507 resident students and 125 commuters. Women outnumbered men, 354 to 278. Also noteworthy was that 10 percent of the freshmen were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Connecticut, with 228 students, was well represented in the freshman class. The remainder of the class came from 13 other states, the District of Columbia, the
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U.S. Virgin Islands and four foreign countries. Also new to the University were 160 students who transferred from other institutions for the Fall semester. These students helped Sacred Heart University retain its position as the largest Catholic university in Connecticut and the third largest in New England after Boston College and Providence College.

The University's graduate and part-time student programs also continued to provide valuable degree and non-degree services to Fairfield County and the rest of Connecticut. With branch operations in Stamford, Derby, Lisbon and Danbury, in addition to the main campus in Fairfield, the University was able to serve 1,804 part-time undergraduate students and 1,492 graduate students.

Internationally, the University's MBA Program in Luxembourg continued to thrive, providing Central Europe with its only program offering an American Master of Business Administration degree. The program had 35 matriculated students per semester.

STUDENT AFFAIRS/ATHLETICS

The residence program recorded is sixth consecutive year of growth as 2,257 students lived in University housing during the academic year compared to 2,122 the year before. The Residence Hall Association represented the University at three leadership conferences and received an award from the Northeast Region Leadership Conference. In another important student leadership program, 60 junior mentors participated in the Freshman Seminar program, in which students help our newest students adjust to college life.

The University's Alumni-Mentor Program for sophomores and juniors, which pairs a student with an alumnus experienced in a profession of interest to the student, also continued to grow. This past academic year, 66 students worked with 53 mentors.

To improve further student life, the University expanded its intramural sports program beyond traditional programming to provide one-day clinics, tournaments and fitness training. A Student Health Advisory Council was established to work with the Health Center to continue to improve the delivery of health services and to provide thematic programming that included Wellness Week and Alcohol Awareness Week.

In Commuter Life, a Commuter Breakfast Club was formed to provide commuter students with an opportunity to socialize and interact with faculty and staff. The number of Commuter Assistants, who provide guidance to the University's commuter students, also was increased to 11.

In an effort to help graduating seniors start their careers following the completion of their degrees, the Wellness Center continued its highly successful corporate breakfasts. The program brings together top seniors and representatives, providing the business community with a first-hand look at the University and students. As a result of this effort and others, 73 percent of the Class of 1996 had secured jobs or planned to attend graduate schools upon completion of their undergraduate degrees.

The GE Scholars Program enjoyed another successful year. Twenty-two minority students participated in the scholarship program, funded by a $250,000, three-year grant from General Electric Foundation. The program recognizes and supports minority students with both a financial need and academic potential. The program also provides students with the support and services needed to successfully complete their college education.

The University fielded one of the largest NCAA Division II programs in the nation with 29 men's and women's teams representing more than 600 athletes. During the 1995-96 year, the University also added its newest team, women's ice hockey, which finished its inaugural season with a 2-5 record.

The most noteworthy development in athletics was the University's decision to study a possible move from NCAA Division II to Division I status. A six-month study commenced in the spring with the purpose of determining whether a move from Division II to Division I would help the University fulfill its mission to become a leading Catholic university.

James Barquinero, vice president for enrollment planning and student affairs, led the study and was assisted by Athletic Director Don Cook. They were supported by several internal committees and an external 14-member Division I Feasibility Study Committee. Christopher McLeod, executive vice president of CUC International, Inc. and a University trustee, chaired the external committee.

On the playing fields, the field hockey team posted an impressive 14-5 record, as junior forward Leslie Greene was voted a first-team All-America, junior goalie Cheryl Simmons was chosen a second-team All-America and Robin Schwartz was named coach of the year in the ECAC North Region. Not to be outdone, the women's basketball team registered its best season ever with a 20-7 record, earning Ed Swanson '89 coach-of-the-year honors in both District I and the New England Collegiate Conference. The men's volleyball team had a 22-14 record, while men's basketball finished 13-14. That team was led by senior center Kevin Vulin, whose scoring average of 21.2 and rebounding average of 11.7 were complemented by a GPA of 3.83. He was named Player of the Year in the New England Collegiate Conference.

In the spring, both the men's and women's lacrosse teams won their respective Eastern College Athletic Conference titles. The men, led by second-team All-Americans Doug Steele and Matt Kreplil, finished 13-2 and were ranked fourth in the nation among Division II programs. The women were 10-6. Senior mid-fielder Jen Fallon, who had 67 goals, was named an All-America for the third straight year.

In November, CCJU held a reception for Cardinal John O'Connor at the cardinal's residence during which O'Connor was presented a book paying tribute to his efforts to promote understanding between Jews and Christians. The book, Toward Greater Understanding: Essays in Honor of John Cardinal O'Connor, is a collection of essays known as a festschrift. The essays were written by leading members of the Jewish and Catholic faiths, including Nobel Peace Prize-winning author Elie Wiesel, former Israeli President Chaim Herzog and Cardinals William H. Keeler of Baltimore and Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago. The book was the first volume printed by the newly established Sacred Heart University Press and was edited by University President Anthony J. Cemera, Ph.D.

In June, CCJU presented its first Nostra Aetate Awards to Cardinal O'Connor and Connecticut U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman in recognition of their commitment to dialogue and action on important moral, ethical and religious issues. The awards were made during a black-tie dinner at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Co-chairmen for the event that raised more than $250,000 for CCJU programs.
were: Russ Berrie, CEO of Russ Berrie Co., Oakland, N.J., and chairman of CCJU’s Board of Directors; William J. Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America Insurance Co., New York; and Jeffrey S. Maurer, president of U.S. Trust Co., New York.

The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies, which had served more than 6,100 people with its pastoral and religious educational programs by the end of the academic year, celebrated its fifth anniversary with a fund-raising dinner in March. Elinor R. Ford, Ed.D., former president, chief executive officer and publisher of William H. Sadlier, Inc., was the keynote speaker. In September, the annual REAPS Conference on Ethics featured the keynote address of one of the world’s leading Christian ethicists, Edmund Pelligrino, M.D. Pelligrino is the director of the Center for Advanced Ethics at Georgetown University and former president of the Yale-New Haven Medical Center and The Catholic University of America.

FUND-RAISING

The University’s Special Gifts Campaign reached the $7.9 million mark during 1995-96 and is expected to achieve its goal of $9 million in the 1997 fiscal year. The campaign provides much-needed support for the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, Academic Center renovations and endowment for scholarships.

More than $650,000 was generated through the 1995-96 Annual Fund campaign, a 69 percent increase in giving since 1991-92. The fund supports scholarships and operating expenses, such as library acquisitions. Operating dollars totaled $446,480, reflecting a 24 percent increase over the previous year. The chief source of these dollars was the Discovery Dinner, which drew a record crowd of 450 and raised more than $250,000, a 15 percent increase over the amount raised in 1994. The dinner’s honorary chairman was clothing designer Tommy Hilfiger of Greenwich. The evening’s honorees were: David E.A. Carson, president and CEO of People’s Bank; David Kearns, retired chairman and CEO of Xerox Corp.; Larry Bossidy, chairman and CEO of AlliedSignal Inc.; Sister Michelle Anne Reho, administrator at St. Joseph’s Manor in Trumbull; and the Rev. Msgr. Charles Stubbins, pastor of St. Mary’s Parish in Greenwich. Carson was presented the Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor; the others received Discovery Awards.

In other areas, the University received a $50,000 grant from The Booth Ferris Foundation of New York to assist in the renovation of the organic chemistry lab, while the new microbiology lab received support from the George I. Alden Trust of Worcester, Mass. Also, Anthony A. Spetrino, former chairman of the Language Department at Bridgeport’s Bassick High School, established the endowed Anthony A. Spetrino Scholarships during the spring. The scholarships will be awarded annually to the most outstanding students in French, Spanish and Italian.

FINANCE

The University achieved record revenues during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and a balanced budget for the eighth consecutive year. The University’s net unrestricted assets as of June 30, 1996 were $21.5 million.

Unrestricted revenues totaled $47.8 million during the year, a rise of 16 percent compared to $41.2 million in 1994-95. These revenues have increased 151 percent since 1988-89, when the initial Five-Year Strategic Plan was implemented. The surplus for the year ending June 30, 1996, before depreciation and extraordinary items, was $5.3 million.

During the 1995-96 year, the University issued $35.4 million of Series C bonds. Proceeds were used to refinance existing debt and to finance the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center and other projects on campus.

The fair market value of the University’s endowment investment was $129 million as of June 30, 1996 compared to $97 million at June 30, 1995. This represents a 33 percent increase.

### STATEMENT OF UNRESTRICTED REVENUES, EXPENSES AND OTHER CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996**

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