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In His New Book, Professor Sid Gottlieb Uncovers Many Long-Dormant Essays and Interviews by Legendary Director Alfred Hitchcock.

University Honors Cardinal O’Connor with Festschrift
Cardinal Godfried Danneels, the Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels and a close adviser to Pope John Paul II, will be awarded an honorary doctorate at a special Academic Convocation on Wednesday, March 20.

**JANUARY**

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**17/Saturday** “Alumni Day” basketball double-header vs. New Hampshire College, Gym, women 2 p.m., men 4 p.m. 1985-86 national championship team to be honored in pre-game ceremonies and post-game dinner (reservations required). Tickets: $28. Alumni Relations: 371-7861.

**22/Thurs** Dean’s List reception, Mahogany Room, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Info: 371-7714.

**25/Sunday** The Tamburitzans, Theatre, 3 p.m. Tickets: $15, $12.50. Box Office: 374-2777.

**26/Monday** Black History Month lecture by author Jacqueline Woodson, Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets: $3. Student Activities: 371-7736.

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This photograph of Alfred Hitchcock not only adorns the cover of the Winter issue, but it is also on the cover of “Hitchcock on Hitchcock,” the new book by Professor Sidney Gottlieb.
If things keep going the way they are, I may soon have to expand the bookshelves in my office. Not only has the University launched its own press, but our faculty members have been busy editing and writing their own books.

Since the school year began, four professors have had new books published. These authors and their works are featured in this issue of the University Magazine. We have had many professors publish books in recent years, and I know that several additional books are now in various stages of development.

This publishing activity is significant. It is indicative of our faculty’s excellence. It helps faculty members gain the recognition and respect of their peers, while also enhancing the image of the University. Most important, it makes our professors more effective educators, enabling them to share their passion for learning with a wide, diverse audience. They also share that passion and knowledge with their students, who in turn drive them to ever greater achievements. As we all know, real learning comes when this interaction takes place between students and their professors.

A goal of our Five-Year Strategic Plan is to gain recognition as one of the five leading Catholic universities in New England. A key to achieving that goal will be the excellence of our faculty. By providing opportunities for our faculty to pursue their scholarly interests, we are certain to deepen the character and quality of the education we offer. It is my hope and intent that the University press be a part of this process. In the years ahead, I see the University press publishing more scholarly books, especially those written by our own faculty. The quality of the books that we produce will serve as a further measure of the excellence of the University.

At this time, I would also like to cite Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, professor of English, for his special contributions to the University. First, Professor Gottlieb edited Hitchcock on Hitchcock, a collection of little-known essays written by or based on interviews with Alfred Hitchcock, which has gained favorable reviews in The New York Times and London Times since its release this fall. Secondly, Professor Gottlieb also was instrumental in helping Sacred Heart University Press publish its first book, Toward Greater Understanding. The book, featuring essays on Christian-Jewish dialogue, was published to commemorate the 75th birthday of Cardinal John O’Connor. Although I edited the essays provided by our distinguished contributors, Sid was responsible for working with the printers and guiding the production of the book. I am grateful to Sid and everyone else who contributed to this successful first publication.

We have turned a page in the University’s history, and the next chapter promises to be more exciting and rewarding.

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President
Angelou’s message: poetic and just

Maya Angelou is part poet, part actress, part writer, part civil rights activist and all humanitarian.

Speaking — no, performing — before a capacity crowd in the Academic Center on Nov. 30, Angelou implored young people to “use your energies to make this country more than what it is today, more than what James Baldwin called these yet-to-be United States.”

The internationally acclaimed poet apologized for the world her generation has created, a world beset by poverty and hunger, racism and strife. “I charge you, and this charge is serious and very honorable,” she told the audience. “Do your best to liberate yourself from the ignorance around you.”

More than 2,000 people witnessed Angelou’s stirring performance at the University, including 400 watching a closed-circuit simulcast in the Theatre. The actress, who is appearing in the popular film “How to Make an American Quilt,” regaled both crowds for 70 minutes with autobiographical reminiscences and exhortations, expressed through poetry, song, dance and fire-and-brimstone articulation.

Poetry remains her forte. The nation will recall her reading, a mix of fire and perception, at President Clinton’s 1993 inauguration. One of her poems, “Just Give Me A Cool Drink of Water ‘Fore I Diiie,” was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

“Poetry can keep you alive in more ways than one. Poetry puts starch in your backbone,” Angelou said. “If it was written by an African-American and you’re white, you need to know it. If you’re black, you need to know it.

“You need to know that someone was there before you. Someone has felt rejected or embarrassed before you ... you need to know we have survived and have survived with style.”

Angelou captivated the audience with humor (“Be careful when a naked person offers you a shirt,” she said, citing an old African expression) and stories of her life.

Born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis, she spent many of her early years in tiny Stamps, Ark., where she learned to appreciate the poetry of 19th and early-20th century black authors. At age 7, she was raped. When the boy who raped her was found kicked to death, she stopped speaking for six years, believing that “in my 7-year-old logic, my voice had killed him.”

She broke her silence at age 13 and soon discovered Shakespeare.

“I was amazed that a white man writing 400 years ago could have written what he did,” she said. “I had to tell Moma (her grandmother) Shakespeare was white ... it was going to get out sooner or later. You didn’t read things by white folks then. These were the days when the boys, as we would call them, would come around and beat people just because they didn’t agree with the colors God chose for people.”

Encouraging young people to better the world.

A welcome from President Cernera.

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PIONEERING

Kristen Lutz experiences therapeutic riding aboard Peggy.

Inventor Seth Armen and Megan Conners provide encouragement.

Peggy: Horse of a different color

Megan Conners was sitting tall in the saddle, but her “horse” wasn’t about to move.

“Peggy” may be a handsome filly, but she is a 4-foot-high, mechanical, wooden replica of the horses ridden in competition by Conners and other members of the University equestrian team.

On a fall evening, Conners and several teammates climbed aboard Peggy to experience therapeutic riding — something generally reserved for the physically and mentally challenged. Peggy was brought to campus by her creator, Seth Armen, a 79-year-old inventor from Westport, at the request of Maureen Lutz, the team’s coordinator.

Conners, a sophomore from Stamford, and more than a dozen of her teammates volunteer on a weekly basis for Pegasus, the non-profit therapeutic riding program in Fairfield and Westchester counties. Each Thursday morning, they travel to Lion Hill Farm in Easton to work with physically and mentally handicapped youngsters. Lion Hill also serves as the training site for the Sacred Heart equestrians.

“I really enjoy encouraging the kids and providing physical and emotional support,” Conners says. “When the kids brush the horses, it becomes a bonding time.”

Kristen Lutz, a sophomore from Fairfield and daughter of the Pioneers’ team coordinator, has had similarly satisfying experiences as a Pegasus volunteer.

“One girl, Emily, was in a wheelchair last year. This year she was in a walker. I started crying when I saw her,” she says.

Armen conceived the idea for Peggy several years after joining the Pegasus foundation as a volunteer. He’s now a member of the board of directors.

“I had discovered that it was difficult working with youngsters on a horse. Most of these kids have a short attention span,” says Armen, who in November received the national volunteer-of-the-year award from the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association in Dallas. “I thought there was a real need for some sort of elementary device to teach the kids riding.”

The retired professor of accounting and lifelong horse enthusiast developed his first Peggy in 1987. The 40th is currently being assembled. They are sold, at $1,350 apiece, to therapeutic riding programs throughout North America.

Maureen Lutz is delighted that her athletes’ volunteerism has spread across campus. “The team members are so enthusiastic about the program that now we have several non-team, pre-physical therapy and other student volunteers for Pegasus,” she says. “To be a collegiate Pegasus volunteer, all it takes is someone with a voice and a heart.” D.H.

Alumni vacation trips planned

London or Anchorage? The highlands of Scotland or the snow-capped peaks of Mount McKinley?

Whichever locale you find more enticing, you’re bound to enjoy one of the Alumni Association’s 1996 vacation trips planned in conjunction with Collette Tours.

A 10-day tour of England, Scotland and Wales, beginning Oct. 17, will include a comprehensive sightseeing tour of London, visits to Cambridge University, Stratford-on-Avon and Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. The cost, which includes 14 meals, is $1,849 for a single and $1,599 for a twin.

A 13-day tour of Alaska and the Yukon, which departs Aug. 6, will include a cruise aboard the Sun Princess through Glacier Bay National Park, a tundra wildlife trip and sightseeing in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Vancouver, B.C. The cost, which covers 28 meals, is $5,399 for a single and $3,799 for a twin.

To receive a flyer about either trip, call Alumni Relations at (203) 371-7861.

In step in New York

The University’s 55-piece Marching Band steps down Fifth Avenue in New York City’s Columbus Day Parade this past October. The University also participates in the city’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which gives student musicians and administrators two opportunities to take part in Big Apple festivities.
Discovery Awards a smash hit

The seventh annual Scholarship Dinner and Discovery Awards brought a record crowd of 450 to campus on Oct. 7 and raised more than $250,000 for scholarships.

The dinner's honorary chairman, clothing designer Tommy Hilfiger, was pleased that his friend and pastor, Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Stubbs, received a Discovery Award.

The evening's honorees gather with President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. From left: David E.A. Carson, president and CEO of People's Bank; David Kearns, retired chairman and CEO of Xerox Corporation; Larry Bossidy, chairman and CEO of AlliedSignal Inc.; President Cernera; Sister Michelle Anne Reho, administrator at St. Joseph's Manor in Trumbull; and Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Stubbs, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Greenwich. Carson was presented the Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor; the others received Discovery Awards.

Congressman Christopher Shays (right) makes a point with University trustee Lloyd Stauder.

Larry and Nancy Bossidy share a light moment with President Cernera.

Universities to host Special Olympics

The Special Olympics are returning to campus.

The town of Fairfield's two universities, Sacred Heart and Fairfield, have been selected as the principal sites for the 1996 Connecticut Special Olympics Summer Games June 7-9. "We know we will receive so much more than we give," President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., acknowledged at a media conference held in October at the Sherman Green gazebo.

A group of runners, including Sacred Heart freshman Tom McCabe (Mahopac, N.Y.) and junior Dan Weinstein (Ansonia), jogged down the Post Road, proudly bearing the Special Olympics' "Flame of Hope" to Sherman Green. The assembled crowd, composed of representatives from both universities and townspeople, cheered the ceremonial lighting of the cauldron.

"Fairfield is excited about the games returning," said First Selectman Paul Audley, who was presented the official 1996 Connecticut Special Olympics banner. The banner will hang in Town Hall between banners of the two universities.

For nearly two weeks last summer, Sacred Heart served as a host site for the 1995 Special Olympics World Games, providing lodging, meals and practice facilities for 750 participants from seven nations and six states. The town of Fairfield last hosted the state games in 1984.

Surf's up

For those who enjoy surfing the Internet, there's a new location to visit. It's the University's home page, which went on line in late November. Still in the developmental stages, the home page offers an electronic profile of the University and its operations. A University Internet committee is reviewing future uses of the Internet, but editors of this magazine hope to make this publication soon available to those visiting the home page. The address for the University home page is http://www.sacredheart.edu. The home page was developed by Philip Krebs, Ph.D., adjunct assistant professor of chemistry. D.H.
Plaudits for DeVilliers

Dr. Raoul A. DeVilliers (right) is congratulated by President Anthony J. Cernera and Ruth Cernera at a Nov. 10 dinner in his honor. The professor emeritus of mathematics and former dean of the Division of Science and Mathematics retired after 30 years' service to the University — and a half century in teaching. A math colloquium, featuring Edgar E. Enochs, Ph.D., senior algebraist at the University of Kentucky, preceded the dinner. DeVilliers and his family arrived in this country from his native Cuba in 1961.

Onward and upward

The University's Upward Bound program, which serves disadvantaged high school students from Bridgeport and Stratford, has been awarded an $882,000 federal grant to continue its program for the next four years. Implemented in 1989, the program provides year-round academic and support services to help students stay in school and go on to college.

“We take a very holistic approach to helping these students, and it really pays off,” says Upward Bound Director Caryl Anne Rice-Ehalt.

Fulbright Scholar's lament

After spending the fall semester at Sacred Heart University as a 1995-96 Fulbright Scholar, El Salvador's leading political scientist, Ricardo Cordova, discovered that Americans are sorely lacking in information about Latin America.

“This is a thriving learning environment where the faculty encourages students to learn and grow,” says Cordova. “But I was, frankly, surprised at how little Americans know about foreign countries, particularly in Central America.”

During his four-month stay, the man who is regarded as one of Central America’s most prominent social scientists presented seminars and lectures, and taught courses on Latin America. “The thing I tried to impress most upon faculty and students is that there has been a progression in both the El Salvadoran people's attitudes and the government's attitude, but that we still have a long way to go before we are a true democracy,” says Cordova. “For example, many of the people who vote in elections don’t know anything about the people they are electing.”

During a seminar for faculty members, Cordova indicated that a major political problem confronting El Salvador is the lack of accountability by members of its Congress. “Here in the United States you can easily find out how a member of your Congress voted on a particular issue, but in El Salvador that is very difficult, if not impossible,” he says.

But based on two surveys that he helped administer, in 1991 and 1995, there has been a steady progression in his country. “Far more citizens thought the military was in control when we conducted the first survey. By taking these surveys, we are able to formulate a good comparison over a period of time.”

Cordova, who earned an M.A. in political science and a certificate of advanced study in Latin American studies at the University of Pittsburgh, is now a doctoral candidate in political science at Pittsburgh.

Nurses gather in Stamford

More than 130 nurses, educators and nursing researchers participated in an international event, “Understanding Nursing Practice: A Hermeneutic Research Conference,” presented by the University’s Department of Nursing in October.

The two-day program, held at the Tara Stamford Hotel in Stamford, attracted representatives from Australia, Canada and throughout the United States. The keynote presenters were Patricia Benner, Ph.D., R.N., professor of physiological nursing at the University of California, and Steven Greenfield, Ph.D., a philosophy professor at Adelphi University.

“We find that philosophy and nursing are an exciting mix,” says Cynthia Eberhart, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing and a conference organizer. “Our type of research is based on philosophical means. Philosophy is a way of looking at problems that nurses are interested in.”

The conference was co-sponsored by Mu Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society, and the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics. Based on the success of this year’s event, Eberhart is hopeful the University will host the conference again in 1997.
Celebrating the arts

The Ryan-Matura Library’s collection of art books was increased by more than 150 volumes this fall, due to a Celebration of the Arts program on campus. Brian McDonald of West Hartford donated a book from his extensive collection to match each new or used book or catalogue collected during the festivities. Above: McDonald and Sophia Gevas, director of The Gallery of Contemporary Art, who helped to coordinate the event, admire the compilation of volumes.

New alumni directory to be published

Have you ever tried to get in touch with a classmate only to discover that his or her address has changed?

Well, fret no longer. The second edition of the Sacred Heart University Alumni Directory, scheduled for publication in November, will be the most comprehensive, up-to-date reference for more than 14,000 alumni.

The new volume will include current name, address and telephone number, academic data and business information bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

Bernard C. Harris Publishing, which produced the University’s initial directory in 1991, has been contracted by the Alumni Association to publish the new volume.

Harris will soon mail a questionnaire to each alumnus.

Helping commuter students feel at home

Tricia DeNitto recalls how intimidating it was entering the University two years ago as a commuter student on a campus that was becoming increasingly residential.

Now, the 19-year-old nursing student from Bridgeport is a leader in an innovative program designed to help incoming commuter students connect with other students and become more involved in campus activities. “It’s a program I wish I had available to me when I started here,” says DeNitto, one of seven commuter assistants helping about 100 new commuter students become acclimated by encouraging them to take part in campus clubs, events and activities.

Freshman Kurt Haste of Shelton says the program made a big difference during his first semester. “The first day I was completely lost and didn’t know which side of the campus was which,” recalls Haste, who plans to major in biology. “But then one of the commuter assistants steered me in the right direction. It’s a nice feeling to know that when you start here, you kind of have your own personal peer adviser.”

A summer orientation program that included a cookout and question-and-answer discussion was held to introduce new commuter students to the University.

“We were a commuter-only university just six years ago, but now we’re 60 percent residential,” says Kim Sousa-Peoples, coordinator of the Student Union and the program’s organizer. “This program lets commuter students know they are a vital part of the University, and that it is important for them to take part in campus life.”

This fall, Michael Rembish was appointed to the newly created position of director of commuter life. Rembish is developing programs and serving as a full-time advocate for commuter students. R.W.

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Champions then and always

On Alumni Day '96, the University will mark the 10th anniversary of the Pioneers' NCAA Division II national championship. Here are memories from some of the participants.

By Don Harrison

The team was undersized and, starter for starter, perhaps less talented than a couple of its Sacred Heart University predecessors. But the 1985-86 Pioneers' accomplishments exceeded the sum of their parts and left an unforgettable legacy—the first NCAA Division II national basketball title won by a New England school.

Before a vociferous crowd of 5,863 in the Springfield Civic Center, Sacred Heart defeated Southeast Missouri State, 93-87, in the 1986 championship game, capping a remarkable 30-4 season. Coach Dave Bike '69 was voted national coach of the year, senior co-captain Roger Younger was selected a first-team All-America and several other Pioneers won lesser honors.

On Alumni Day, Feb. 17, members of the championship squad, Bike and assistant coaches Bob Jenkins '79 and Adolph Ellis '83 will receive a well-deserved 10th anniversary tribute prior to — and after — the men's game against New Hampshire College. But let's not wait. Here are reminiscences from many of the men who made the national title a reality.

In their own words

Joe Jackson

"In practice before the season, I came up with a slogan, 'We're on a Mission.' We used that the entire year.

Coach Bike asked me if I wanted to start and I told him 'no.' It's all about who finishes.

The last home game, I told the crowd I was going to dunk. I'd never dunked before in a game. When I did, the place went crazy — except for Coach Bike.

In the tournament, one of our biggest scares came against Florida Southern in the semifinals. If Keith Johnson didn't make a basket just before halftime, we would have been down by 10 points. His play gave us the momentum we needed for the second half."

Keith Johnson

At 6-4, Johnson often gave up several inches to opposing centers, but he surrendered none of the area within the paint. Alternating between center and forward, he led the squad in rebounding (8.2) and blocked shots (49) and ranked second in scoring (15.8). Johnson registered a game-high 22 points in the national semifinal triumph over Florida Southern and earned a berth on the all-tournament team. He's employed by Turbine Components in Branford.

Travis Smith

A fine all-round player who, at 6-4, was a tall guard in the championship season, averaging 14.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.5 assists and leading the team with 81 steals. He recorded a triple double (17 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists) in the semifinal victory over Florida Southern. Smith played two years of professional basketball in Chile and one season in the CBA. He's now the recreation coordinator for the Youth Confinement Center in New Haven.
Roger Younger

Many people regard Younger as the University's finest all-round guard. As senior co-captain, he was a first-team All-America in the championship season, the team's leading scorer (18.9), free-throw shooter (.828) and passer (181 assists) and MVP of the NCAA Tournament. Two telling statistics of Younger's unparalleled capacity for winning: Sacred Heart's three NCAA regional titles and 108-23 record in his four seasons as a starter. He went to the Boston Celtics' rookie camp and later played professionally in Yugoslavia. In December, he moved to Las Vegas to pursue a job opportunity with a casino.

Tony Judkins '89

As a 6'5 freshman, Judkins met the pressure of a national championship season head on. Thrust into the starting lineup at the outset, he averaged 10.3 points and rebounded aggressively across 34 games. As a mature junior and senior, he served as captain and earned All-America honors. People still talk of his off-balance 30-foot shot at the buzzer that stunned Bridgeport 69-67, in the 1989 New England Regional finale. Today, he's a planning analyst with the Connecticut Department of Social Services in Hartford.

Kevin Stevens '87

Stevens was the team's power forward, a 6-5 junior capable of out-scrapping taller opponents. Despite a dislocated left ankle that kept him out of eight games, he averaged 14.5 points and 7.8 rebounds and topped the team with a .589 field goal percentage. In the national championship game, Stevens' 18 points tied six Pioneers in double figures. He recently married Nancy Oman '90 and is working in sales at Total Communications in Fairfield.

Tony Judkins '89

Two weeks before the first game, Coach Bike told me I'd be starting. Those other four guys made it easy to fit in. All I had to do was get open and spot up.

In the playoffs, my best game probably was against Norfolk State in the national quarter-finals. I was nervous going into a hostile environment and reading about how big they were. I think they were better than Southeast Missouri. But I hit a couple of shots early and we won.

Travis Smith

"Going into the season, I thought we were good enough to win the regional. After we achieved that goal, we said, 'Let's keep going.' Everybody that we played in the tournament was good. The team that should have beaten us was Springfield in the regional semifinals. We were down with 15 seconds left in regulation, as I recall, but Roger (Younger) tied the game and we won in — what? — double overtime. Southeast Missouri was pretty good, but I think they gave up in the stretch."

Kevin Stevens '87

"I remember giving Joe Jackson, one of our co-captains, a ride home and he predicted it would be our year.

Before I got hurt, I was playing as well as I had in my whole life. When I dislocated the ankle against New Haven in late January, I thought I was done for the year. But I really worked hard to come back for the league playoffs. When I rejoined the team, half the time I came off the bench. But I started in the national semis and finals."

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Indicative of how well the team played was our balanced scoring. All of the starters averaged double figures. I think some of Sacred Heart’s earlier teams overwhelmed people with their talent. We had a knack for winning.

I don’t think we were favored in the championship game. No New England team had ever won the Division II national championship. Southeast Missouri was a large state school with an undergraduate population of 13,000. We had maybe 1,700. But we’d come from behind to beat Florida Southern in the semifinals, and we knew we had a chance.”

Keith Gatling ’89

An angular 6-6 freshman forward, Gatling found himself in the starting lineup late in the season after Kevin Stevens went down with an ankle injury. He was an important role player in NCAA New England Regional victories over Springfield (76-74 in double overtime) and New Hampshire College (83-67). He’s now an investigator with the Connecticut Department of Social Services in Bridgeport.

“Even as a freshman, I was never really scared. There was nobody tougher than the guys on our team.

I liked the way I played in the regionals against Springfield and New Hampshire. It was personal; we had lost to them twice during the season.

It wasn’t until later, when we came close in our senior year, that Tony (Judkins) and I realized how hard it is to win a national championship.”

Howie White ’88

A backcourt sparkplug, White appeared in 19 games in support of Roger Younger and Travis Smith. Today, he’s executive director of the Chester Addison Community Center in Stamford.

“After our intra-squad scrimmage before the season, I got up in front of everyone and predicted we were going to win everything.

Basically, my job was to pick up the slack defensively, get the ball into the big guys. Everything we did was together. That togetherness was very important. We had the continuity.

Southeast Missouri was bigger than we were and they came in cocky. They would look at us and laugh. That gave us the extra incentive to win.”

One thousand rushing yards in a season is an elusive goal for most collegiate running backs. Brian Ihlefeld (Essex Junction, Vt.) has become the first Sacred Heart back to join this exclusive club.

To brighten an otherwise undistinguished 1995 season, Ihlefeld accumulated 1,057 yards on 207 carries (5.1 average) and scored seven touchdowns, gaining a place on the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference’s all-star second team. Twice, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound junior was named ECFC Offensive Player of the Week, including the season-opening 42-3 victory over Western New England when he raced for 220 yards and a pair of scores.

Ihlefeld might have fallen short of the Pioneers’ single-game record (Ron Stopkoski’s monumental 285 yards against Assumption in 1992), but he went well beyond Stopkoski’s season high of 885 yards in 1992. His per-game average of 105.7 yards ranked 23rd nationally in Division II.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

- Feb. 4 Stony Brook 4 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Albany 4 p.m.
- Feb. 11 Le Moyne 4 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Bridgeport 8 p.m.
- Feb. 17 New Hampshire C. 4 p.m.
- Feb. 18 UMass-Lowell 4 p.m.

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

- Feb. 10 Albany 2 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Bridgeport 6 p.m.
- Feb. 17 New Hampshire C. 2 p.m.
- Feb. 18 UMass-Lowell 2 p.m.

**MEN’S ICE HOCKEY**

- Feb. 9 Wentworth 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Fairfield 7 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Iona 7 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Worcester St. 7 p.m.

**Two All-Americas**

For the first time in the program’s three-year history, Sacred Heart has a first-team Division II All-America in field hockey. Junior forward Leslie Greene (Stonington) was accorded that honor in balloting by the Collegiate Field Hockey Coaches Association. In addition, junior goalie Cheryl Simmons (Vernon Center, N.Y.) was voted to the 1995 All-America second team.

Greene tied for the team lead with 11 goals and was second with 24 points, while Simmons provided 194 saves and 11 shutouts. The Lady Pioneers’ 14-5 record represented a high-water mark for the program, earning Robin Schwartz Coach-of-the Year honors in the ECAC North Region.
Remembering
the Holocaust
To preserve memories, professor interviews survivors for Spielberg project

By Dean Golembeski

It was a time of unforgettable cruelty and suffering. But the fear that the Holocaust might somehow be forgotten is driving Lauren Kempton to preserve forever the memories of those who survived the Nazi concentration camps.

Kempton, a Sacred Heart University assistant professor of education, is among a select group of interviewers worldwide working to fulfill Academy Award-winning filmmaker Steven Spielberg’s dream of creating a videotape archive of the firsthand accounts of Holocaust survivors. Spielberg revealed his plans for the archive in August 1994, when he announced the creation of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Last summer, Kempton conducted individual interviews with four elderly survivors at their homes. Every moment of each interview was recorded by one of Spielberg’s videographers and a video assistant who accompanied Kempton. Each interview lasted about two hours, with 20 percent of the time devoted to the survivor’s pre-war experiences, 60 percent focused on war experiences and 20 percent on post-World War II life. It was an emotionally trying experience that had a profound effect on Kempton.

“I cried all the way home after my first interview. You’re giving so much of yourself to stay strong that by the time you’re done you’re absolutely wrung out,” Kempton says.

“The part that I find most painful as an interviewer, but most hopeful for teachers and students, occurs when the survivors are asked to display the artifacts they saved from the war. One of the survivors I interviewed was a 91-year-old woman. She had the camp money and the document from 1942 in which Hitler declared that every woman interred in the camp money and the document from 1942 in which Hitler declared that every woman interred was an emotionally trying experience that had a profound effect on Kempton.

“I feel incredibly honored to be working on this, but I also feel an incredible responsibility,” Kempton says. “I feel like I’m helping to make history. I fear revisionism when these people are gone, unless we create this permanent record.”

As of mid-December, more than 4,000 people had applied to be interviewers and 2,207 had been selected to attend training and 1,700 had actually been hired to conduct interviews, according to the foundation. Following selection, each interviewer undergoes 25 hours of training over three days. The training program was developed by educators, historians and psychologists in cooperation with leading oral history programs.

Kempton is part of the New York region and conducted her interviews in the greater New York area. Other U.S. regions operating as of mid-December were Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami. Outside the country, the regions were Amsterdam, Jerusalem, Paris, Sydney and Toronto. More regions will be added this year.

Through mid-December, 9,039 interviews had been completed, according to the foundation. The goal is to conduct 320 interviews a week, or 64 a day worldwide, and reach as many as possible of the world’s estimated 300,000 Holocaust survivors.

Once all interviews are completed, they will be digitized, fully catalogued and made available to educational institutions via state-of-the-art interactive network technology. By the end of 1997, the archive will be made available on-line to five initial repositories: the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University, the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, The United States Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C., and Yad Vashem The Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

Although the interviews and memories are painful, they have inspired Kempton to continue her scholarly research of the Holocaust. “As a Christian, I need to learn more about righteous gentiles, those Christians who did something to help the Jews survive. It’s important for school children to know about these people,” she says.

Perhaps most important, the experience provided Kempton with a powerful reminder of the human spirit’s resiliency.

“Something wonderful happens at the end of the interviews when you ask the families to join the survivors on camera,” Kempton explains. “It’s a celebration of Judaism and life. It’s saying to Hitler: ‘You didn’t win.’ It’s closure. The final solution was not final.”

Assistant Professor Lauren Kempton interviews Holocaust survivors in Bridgeport.
For his work in furthering Christian-Jewish relations, New York's O'Connor receives book of essays from University

By Martha Miller Byrnes

The University of Virginia has one. The University of Tennessee has one, too. So do Brown, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Harvard ... the list is as lengthy as it is prestigious.

And now, with the publication of Toward Greater Understanding, Essays in Honor of John Cardinal O'Connor, Sacred Heart University has joined these citadels of higher learning by establishing a university press.
The premiere volume was introduced on Nov. 2, when it was presented to His Eminence Cardinal John O'Connor before a gathering of University officials and friends of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) at the cardinal's New York City residence. O'Connor said he was "overwhelmed" and called the book "one of the greatest of all honors" he has received.

President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., who edited the collection of essays, said the University wanted to "acknowledge publicly the significant contributions that Cardinal O'Connor has made to the furtherance of dialogue between Christians and Jews." The book, called a *festschrift*—"a festive writing" published in honor of its recipient—celebrates both the cardinal's 75th birthday (January 1995) and the 50th anniversary of his ordination (December 1995).

*Toward Greater Understanding* was presented just after the 30th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council document on the Church and non-Christian religions. It proclaimed the Church's profound respect for Judaism, repudiated anti-Semitism and launched an unprecedented movement toward understanding and acceptance between the two faiths.

O'Connor is internationally known for advancing Catholic-Jewish relations and for his role in the Vatican's diplomatic recognition of the state of Israel on Dec. 30, 1993. He is the moderator for Catholic-Jewish relations for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

Noting that the cardinal is an honorary alumnus (1985) of the University, Cernera said in the preface of the book: "Capturing the spirit as well as the letter of the Second Vatican Council, Cardinal O'Connor has sought to inspire and encourage these two great religious traditions to deepen their understanding and respect for each other. In addition, he has played a leading role in finding concrete ways for Christians and Jews to bring their great wisdom to bear on the contemporary problems facing humanity."

Referring to CCJU and its many accomplishments since its founding in 1992, Cernera told the cardinal, "We would not be where we are today without your constant support and affirmation of what we're doing."

Among the volume's contributors are four cardinals and six prominent Jewish leaders, including Elie Wiesel, the writer on the Holocaust and 1986 Nobel Peace Prize winner, who gave the Commencement address and received an honorary doctorate at Sacred Heart University in May.

O'Connor said he was particularly affected by the work of Wiesel when he began to read voraciously about the Holocaust in the early 1960s. The two subsequently became friends, Wiesel's essay is entitled, "United Against Fanaticism."

Another contributor who has a personal relationship with the cardinal is Chaim Herzog, former president of the State of Israel, who wrote "John Cardinal O'Connor: An Appreciation."

Catholic contributors to the book include Cardinals Edward I. Cassidy, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; William H. Keeler of Baltimore, president of NCCB; Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, and Bernard F. Law of Boston.

The other writers are David Novak, professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia; Rabbi Jack Bemporad, director of CCJU; Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Temple Israel in Great Neck, N.Y.; and Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger of Congregation Shaaray Tefila in Lawrence, N.J.

Cernera thanked Sidney Gottlieb, Ph.D., professor of English, for his efforts "in bringing this premiere University Press project to completion," and Camille and Mauro Romita, for their generous underwriting of the book.

Cernera foresees a future in which works by scholars from this and other universities will carry the Sacred Heart University Press imprint.

*Toward Greater Understanding, Essays in Honor of John Cardinal O'Connor* is available for $14.95 ($19.95 including shipping and handling). Make checks or money orders payable to CCJU and mail to Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432-1000.
In his new book, 'Hitchcock on Hitchcock,' Professor Sid Gottlieb uncovers many long-dormant essays and interviews by the legendary director.

Something new has been added to the shelves of bookstores across the country. Along with the Tom Clancys, Anna Quindlens, M. Scott Pecks and Colin L. Powells of the writing world, you now can find the latest Sidney Gottlieb.

Gottlieb, a University English professor and Ph.D., has published his third book — Hitchcock on Hitchcock (University of California Press, Berkeley, 360 pp, $29.95). The book features a first-ever collection of little-known interviews with, and articles written by, incomparable director Alfred Hitchcock that Gottlieb researched and edited. The articles touch on such subjects as Hitchcock's thoughts about his own life, film techniques and movies in general.

The book has been swept up by large and small bookstores, including giant Barnes & Noble, since its release on Sept. 13. Reviews have appeared in The New York Times, the London Times Literary Supplement and other publications.

"My friends joke that this is the first time they'll read something I've written," says Gottlieb, who has authored numerous scholarly pieces and edits the semi-annual Sacred Heart University Review. "I've already been invited to book signings and talks. I'm in the rare position of trying not to do too many appearances because I'm so busy."
Sitting in his small office at the University's Academic Center surrounded by stacks of books, including several about Hitchcock and his films, Gottlieb explains that his interest in the director began as a boy and grew as he taught film history at the University.

“I've always been interested in his films. They're so entertaining and riveting,” says Gottlieb, a 20-year faculty member at Sacred Heart University. “More recently, my interest grew while teaching film the past 10 or 11 years. As with everything I teach, I tried to educate myself more about his work. I would see occasional references to things Hitchcock wrote. It then became a bug, an obsession, for me to locate these writings. I thought there must be others who would be interested in the articles as well. It just kind of snowballed.”

In his teaching and research, Gottlieb discovered that Hitchcock wrote and talked quite a lot about his craft during his early days. Many of these pieces, though, were difficult to find or forgotten except for occasional mentions in footnoted materials.

“Most of the information in the book comes from what Hitchcock wrote in the 1930s. That's when he did his most serious writing; that's when he was formulating his wit and craft. I went where the material took me,” Gottlieb says.

In many cases, the research took him to libraries and Hitchcock collections in Los Angeles, New York and the British Film Institute in London. At these locations, Gottlieb found Hitchcock's articles.
printed in copies of old magazines that were popular in their time, but which have long since vanished from the publishing landscape.

Why wasn’t Hitchcock reluctant to share his knowledge? “He was like a magician who wanted to show his wand,” Gottlieb responds. “I think there are some people who like to be mysterious. I think Hitchcock wanted to make contact; he was very proud of what he did and he had a lot of very interesting anecdotes and information to share about what was happening on his set, about what he did.”

Gottlieb’s book presents the articles chronologically and in the context of Hitchcock’s development as a director. Gottlieb introduces each of the book’s five sections with his own reflections on such subjects as Hitchcock’s attitude toward women, murder and comedy in film.

“Hitchcock’s essays read pretty well. They were written for the average filmgoer and cover a whole spectrum of interests. They’re very accessible. You don’t need to be a film scholar. But I think the book will be of particular interest to film students, film artists and film historians,” Gottlieb says.

Numerous books have been written about Hitchcock, his films and weekly TV program, testimony to the enduring quality and appeal of his work. By far, the most authoritative book is *Hitchcock*, written by Francois Truffaut in 1967 and re-released in 1984. Gottlieb acknowledges that his book can’t replace Truffaut’s book and provides few revelations, but he believes it serves as a valuable companion resource.


When pressed to name his favorite Hitchcock films, Gottlieb says he finds something of value in all of them. But three that stand out in his mind are *North by Northwest* (1959), *Rear Window* (1954) and *The Thirty-Nine Steps* (1935).

“As a person, there is certainly a dark side, a brooding side of Hitchcock that comes through in his films and his writings,” the professor says. “I think anyone who watches Hitchcock’s films knows this is a man who was dealing with many deep personal anxieties. You get a sense that there is no such thing as ‘normal.’ I continue to be fascinated.”

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**Accent on the visual**

What made Alfred Hitchcock’s work special? One reason, according to Sidney Gottlieb, was its visual appeal and focus.

“He started making films in the mid-1920s and even in his later films, what I like to point out to my students when we watch Hitchcock films, is not only how they are all visually oriented and focused, but how there are long stretches of not silence but non-dialogue,” Gottlieb says. “Even to his very end he envisioned he was working in a ‘silent medium.’ He always said he wanted to avoid a film in which people were just sitting around and talking.”
Teaching karate to youngsters

English professor Ralph Corrigan, Ph.D., gets such a kick out of karate that he decided to write a book about it.

Karate Made Easy (Sterling Press, $14.95) is an illustrated hardcover book for children 8 to 16. Written by Corrigan, the book is a peaceful art that teaches how to become a better person.

Karate is a total mind-body program that can be beneficial in many ways, Corrigan says. "It keeps the mind mentally alert and stretched, and strengthens the body. In its highest form, karate is a peaceful art that teaches you how to become a better person." It is also one of the most effective methods of self-defense, and can be used to deter an aggressive violent attack. "Practicing awareness helps develop an early alarm system. When something dangerous is about to happen, if you are aware of that situation, the better your chance of avoiding it," he says.

Corrigan, 58, who took up karate 18 years ago and now holds a fourth-degree black belt, decided to share his own joy of the martial arts with children after writing lesson plans for his niece, who was interested in learning karate.

Corporate restructuring's options

Mergers and acquisitions aren't the only path to restructuring a corporation. That's the main idea behind a new textbook co-authored by MBA Program Director John T. Gerlach — the first and only volume covering the entire range of corporate restructuring options.

Restructuring Corporate America (Dryden Press, 436 pp., $65) takes a broad view of restructuring, outlining the advantages and disadvantages of more than a half dozen restructuring plans, including bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

"Mergers and acquisitions are certainly not the only options," says Gerlach, who wrote the book with John J. Clark, Ph.D., of Drexel University and Gerard Olson, Ph.D., of Villanova University. "In fact, a broad array of restructuring plans are available to management, on a national and international basis, and in the book we cover them all.

Gerlach, currently a director of six companies and a former executive with General Mills and Horn & Hardart, says that most major corporations have gone through at least one type of restructuring in the past five years. "The basic message of the book is that restructuring is no longer a one-time event," he states. "To be competitive in the 1990's, corporate executives must expect that they're going to have to restructure again and again. In our book, we explain the pros and cons of each restructuring type."

The book is appropriate for such courses as mergers and acquisitions, financial management, restructuring, financial strategy, long-term financing, as well as professional seminars. It takes a broad view of restructuring, acknowledging that in advanced industrial states, voluntary restructuring takes such diverse forms as refinancing, management realignment and involuntary reorganization (bankruptcy).

The textbook focuses on the prerequisites of a well-conceived restructuring strategy, and concludes that over the course of its life, a firm will either periodically restructure, or fail to survive. Each chapter ends with a case study of real companies and events, designed to stimulate thinking about different restructuring strategies and tactics. R.W.
University reaches out to Bridgeport

By Serge Mihaly

They don't wear hard hats and overalls. And they don't know much about steel girders, cantilevers or stiffening tresses, yet a group of Sacred Heart University faculty and administrators are bridge builders nonetheless.

They're involved in a unique project known as Operation Bridgeport in which they are trying to bridge the gulf that exists between Bridgeport's poverty-stricken East Side and the University's suburban campus. It's a separation short in miles, vast by cultural measurements.

"We need to understand the unique and difficult challenges faced by our students who come from Bridgeport so that we can help them succeed," says Eilene C. Bertsch, assistant vice president for academic affairs and an Operation Bridgeport participant.

Operation Bridgeport hopes to develop programs that best use the University's resources to benefit Bridgeport and its residents. The primary resource is students, roughly 250 of whom participate in various community service efforts through the University's unique Service-Learning program, which was launched during the 1994-95 academic year.

Service-Learning incorporates five to 10 hours of related volunteer work within a class curriculum. The University now has 21 courses that require some form of community service and Operation Bridgeport may result in further expansion of the program.

"We often send our students to the city to participate in community service programs, but faculty and administrators don't often come themselves," Bertsch says.

To learn more about life in Connecticut's biggest city, 14 faculty and administrators spent a three-day weekend in late September working and living on Bridgeport's East Side. For some, it was their first venture into the city. Led by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., the participants stayed at St. Charles Church. The parish assists the needy through its Urban Center, which distributes food, clothing and furniture.

Said Cernera: "What is most important to me about Operation Bridgeport is that it gives expression to a fundamental aspect of the University's mission — to understand and be responsive to the needs of the Bridgeport community — and therefore it deserves the attention and support of the entire University community."

The group met one-on-one with students, visited homes restored by Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that restores abandoned buildings assisted by the physical labor of its future owners, and volunteered at a food pantry and the Urban Center.

The group also held meetings with a variety of community leaders, including Bridgeport Mayor Joseph Ganim; the Rev. John Kidd, executive director of the Bridgeport Council of Churches; Karen Daden, president of the East Side Community Council; George Jaiman, director of Crime Prevention; Dr. Pam Hoffman of St. Vincent's Clinic; Bev Salzman, executive director of Alpha Home; and Bob Lindquist, president of Habitat for Humanity's Bridgeport Chapter.

"We know we can't replicate in a weekend what it's like living in fear and lacking the basics like food and shelter," says Donna Dodge, S.C., Ed.D., vice president for mission and planning and executive assistant to the president. "We're trying to gain a sense of what the University can do."

"We can't just walk away," adds Phyllis Machledt, the University's Service-Learning coordinator and a former Bridgeport Habitat Chapter president.

Operation Bridgeport resulted from the University's involvement with the Latin American nation of El Salvador. Since 1990, anthropology assistant professor Gerald Reid, Ph.D., and others have organized delegations of faculty to establish academic connections between El Salvador and the University.

Visiting El Salvador gave Reid and others a new perspective on the troubles of that nation and the United States.

"It opened my eyes," Reid says. "Like El Salvador, you can..."
Dr. Gerald Reid unloads furniture from a van.

Far right: Dr. Charlotte Gradie works with a youngster at the Urban Center.

see the poverty everywhere in Bridgeport and while I had read about it, seeing it first-hand was very different. Here, they have their violence and horror stories, too.”

“One Bridgeport student told us she had to walk through a trail of blood on the road after a shooting to get back to her house from school. She actually had blood on the bottom of her sneakers. She talked about her fear,” recalls Christel Manning, a professor of religious studies.

How the University will respond will soon be determined as administrators and faculty formulate recommendations for the spring semester and further Service-Learning projects. Potential projects include the creation of a leadership training program, the exploration of a volunteer corps modeled after the Jesuits, and the University providing targeted courses for residents in the area.

“There are so many modern things here in America that people don’t value. For instance, I live in a much larger house here in Bridgeport than I would in Spain, but no one cares about it. Money won’t help. We don’t need money. We need people who care and are willing to help,” says Cesar Munoz, a Spaniard now living in Bridgeport's West End and the University's Class of 1995 valedictorian. He spoke with Operation Bridgeport members during their meeting with students.

“We need people who care,” agrees junior Trusenia Hester, recalling a teacher who made a powerful impression on her. “Kids especially need support, someone to tell them there are places like SHU. We need good teachers and things to do beside hang around the street.”

“We must increase people’s value of education,” says Adalberto Baptista, a native of Uruguay and a 1992 Sacred Heart graduate, now working on a degree in counseling and a Bridgeport resident.

“We need leadership,” says sophomore Louis Bevilacqua. “And Sacred Heart is in a position to take the lead administratively, in teaching, with faculty and students.”

Above: Bridgeport Mayor Joseph Ganim (center) meets on campus with President Cernera (left) and other Operation Bridgeport participants.
Top: Father Mike McLernon has the cereal well in hand.
OF TEARS AND HOPES

To learn about humanity in El Salvador, one must endure hardships and sidestep violence.

By Cesar Munoz
To North Americans, El Salvador suggests brutality and chaos. A 12-year war between military-controlled governments, supported by U.S. dollars and leftist guerrillas (FMLN), ended in the peace accords of Chapultepec in January 1992 and left the country exhausted.

Today, its inhabitants continue to be viewed as victims. We do not understand how they can live the way they live; how they can tolerate seeing their children die from sickness and violence. In the process, we deprive them of dignity.

Sacred Heart University has a long-standing commitment to El Salvador. The relationship began in 1990 when it presented an honorary degree to the Archbishop of San Salvador, Arturo Rivera Damas. Since then, the University has sent three delegations to the country and another is planned for June. During spring break, a group of students and faculty led by the Modern Languages department will perform a service project in the rural community of Hacienda California.

Last summer, Marguerite Moranski, the studio/equipment supervisor in the University’s Media Studies department, and I traveled to El Salvador for a video project supported by the University. Now, their people have names and faces... Adela, Medardo, Geraldina, Luisa, Franklin, Teodoro... and their humanity, like everybody’s, is made of tears and hopes.

**Father David Blanchard**

The Rev. David Blanchard, a Carmelite anthropologist who is pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Calle Real, provided the inspiration for our trip when he taught and lectured at Sacred Heart in the fall of 1994.

In the spring, our proposal to make a promotional video for the Epifanía cooperative was approved by the University. The Media Studies department loaned us the audiovisual equipment, the University purchased our tickets and some additional gear, and the host community housed and fed us. On July 18, I landed in San Salvador where I was greeted by the military, mostly teen-agers with shotguns. I spent about a month in the country, and Marguerite, arriving later, 2½ weeks.

Calle Real is a cantón, a neighborhood in the heavily populated area along the Troncal del Norte, the Northern Highway, just over five miles north of the capital. The highway is also called troncal de la muerte, Death Highway, by the residents. There are no traffic lights, signals or traffic officers. In my time there, one member of the cooperative died and another was seriously injured after being run over by two different autos.

**Adela Quintanilla**

Like many in El Salvador, Adela Quintanilla does not own the land on which her house is built. She spent part of the war in the mountains with her husband, a guerrilla member; later, she came down to a Catholic refugee camp. Her husband died before he saw their third daughter.

The Archdiocese of San Salvador bought a plot of land in Calle Real to relocate some of the refugees. Adela and others built homes in the new community, which they named Dolores Medina, after the founder of the Passionist Sisters who work in the parish. Then they raffled the houses. Now they must repay the Church for the land.

With a density of 637 people per square mile in a nation about the size of Massachusetts, land has always been a matter of conflict in El Salvador. In the 1880’s, most of the communal fields were privatized and became large estates, or hacendadas, owned by a handful of landlords, “the Fourteen Families.” Growing coffee beans, the landlords became prosperous.

Without the resources of the communal land, farmers became seasonal pickers in the coffee estates, where they were exploited mercilessly. During the rebellion of January 1932, Salvadoran military killed between 10,000-30,000 people. It is remembered as La Matanza — the massacre.

The Epifanía cooperative began in Dolores Medina with a nursery and a carpentry workshop and grew to include sewing, construction and a clinic. In 1989, the archdiocese decided to cut off its subsidies to curb dependency. The parish pastoral council, led by Blanchard, decided to create a self-sustaining system where productive projects would dedicate 20 percent of their profits ($115,000 last year) to support social services.

The cooperative now includes construction, transportation, sawing, handcraft, baking, bee-products, welding and medicinal herbs.

**Franklin Américo Rivera**

Franklin Américo Rivera, a young photojournalist with a daily newspaper in San Salvador, shared his room with me during my stay. The brick house consists of two rooms and a fire kitchen opening to a front patio in a lower-land area at the side of the highway. His sister, nephew and grandmother occupy the other room.

They are fortunate to have a well. Other people must go down to the Acelhuate River for washing and bathing. Its water comes gray through a bed edged with filth after crossing San Salvador, which lacks a sewage-treatment plant. Cholera breaks out when local farmers irrigate their plots.

Franklin is assigned to photograph demonstrations, which in San Salvador seem to erupt every day. The most violent are those organized by associations of former combatants who ask for the land promised them by the peace accords when they were demobilized.

Another point of the accords was the formation of a joint corps, the Civilian National Police (PNC), consisting of former guerrilla and army members. However, crime is still rampant. On a visit to Calle Real’s school, I saw a teenager steal the shoes of a younger boy. A few weeks later, two people died when suspected gang members threw a grenade into a house.

**Víctor Manuel Sánchez**

Víctor Manuel Sánchez is the energetic president of the cooperative. In his 40’s now, he joined the FPL, Popular Liberation Forces — which formed the FMLN with four other guerrilla groups in 1980 — after his brother was killed. He never thought that he would survive 15 years of fighting.

Early on July 25, Manuel, Mito, >
Some people concentrate on forgetting, others in finding justice.

the cooperative’s mechanic, and I with my equipment, were driving east in a military truck, the only rolling vehicle capable of getting to some parts of the countryside during the rainy season. We were out to rescue one of the cooperative’s trucks, which had bogged down in the mud of Morazán, formerly an area of heavy conflict. On our 12-hour trip, we crossed Quebrada Seca, where 60 soldiers were killed by the guerrillas, and El Mozote, where between 700-1,000 men, women and children were shot to death by the army in 1981.

Every piece of land in El Salvador seems to bear the mark of one of the 75,000 dead during the war. Some people concentrate on forgetting, others in finding justice. Aguas Blancas, the cantón where the truck was stuck, is an isolated plain. Its inhabitants are dark, short remnants of indigenous blood, although only a few words from the native Pipil language subsist after decades of repression. After dark, Manuel, Mito and I stayed at the home of Genaro, a former guerrilla member.

After the war, Genaro was given three manzanas of land, where he grows corn and beans. His house has hardly a roof, with walls of plastic, straw and wood sticks. His three small children did not utter a word throughout our stay. Genaro’s wife is pregnant again. There is no teacher or health worker in Aguas Blancas.

In the morning, Genaro pointed to one of the small mountains visible from his house and matter-of-factly said, “There is the estate of the president.” The president’s estate occupies almost the entire mountain.

Julio also lives in Aguas Blancas. I asked his age but he answered: “I do not know. They keep on telling me, but I always forget.” Julio lives in an adobe house with his parents and twin sisters. His father works the land of a patrón, a landowner, and his mother makes hammocks for him. “Our patrón is good,” Julio’s father said. “He made this house for us; he gives us clothes once in awhile.”

The military killed Julio’s aunt. His father and relatives waited three days before recovering her body at night. “They killed all those who went for the bodies,” Julio’s father said.

Teodoro Salvador Hernández

In 1986, Teodoro Salvador Hernández, who worked at the same chicken factory for 12 years, tried to organize a union. Not only was he fired, but a death squad was sent to his home. He escaped to the United States.

“One day I was watching Channel 47, and they broadcast the murder of the Jesuits,” said Teodoro. “I said, ‘This can’t be possible.’ I felt such repudiation, such rejection... I knew who were the assassins, how they planned the deaths. Then I thought: ‘I’m going back to my country, even if I have to risk my own life.’” He returned and worked as a “social pastoral agent” in Calle Real.

The Catholic Church has played an important role in empowering people and denouncing human violations. It has also paid dearly. The army killed the Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, in 1980 and six Jesuit priests and two women at the Central American University (UCA) nine years later.

The officers who ordered both killings remain free, but their victims are claimed as martyrs by the people.

Marguerite and I interviewed Msgr. Fernando Sáenz Lacalle, who became Archbishop of San Salvador last May after Romero’s successor, Archbishop Rivera Damas, died of natural causes.

Archbishop Sáenz Lacalle, a member of the conservative group Opus Dei, insisted that he did not want to be a “political figure,” but expressed his support for social services in the diocese’s parishes.

On Aug. 13, the archbishop came to Calle Real to dedicate the new $170,000 industrial site of the Epifanía cooperative. It was to house handcraft and carpentry workshops and a sewing factory for about 120 women. Next day the community would celebrate the corn festival, a colorful ending to our visit and our video.

The challenge for the cooperative will come next year when Blanchard leaves the community to avoid being seen as a new sort of patrón; he wants it to be self-governing and independent, he says. Marguerite and I hope that our video will help them in their transition — a video filled with beautiful, smiling people.
Lynn Fontana of Naugatuck was elected president of the board of directors for the American Society of Training and Development, Southern Connecticut chapter, a national organization composed of human resource, training and management development individuals who work in corporations. Fontana, media specialist for the New Milford public school system, was honored in November as a “Woman of Substance” by the Connecticut Post. She volunteers in the University’s Alumni Mentor program.

Paul Landolfi was promoted to principal at Derby’s Irving Elementary School, where he began his teaching career in 1968. Landolfi served eight months as Lincoln School’s acting principal in 1991-92.

Norman DeMartino, Ed.D., principal at East Haven High School, was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame at the ninth annual Hall of Fame and Distinguished Graduate Awards banquet on Nov. 17. DeMartino earned advanced degrees from Fairfield and Nova universities. He began his career in education as a history teacher in East Haven and rose through the ranks to his current position.

John C. Corey is president of AlliedSignal Automotive Aftermarket, an East Providence, R.I., unit of global auto supplier AlliedSignal Automotive. Corey joined AlliedSignal in October 1994 after serving as president of Moog’s Aftermarket Steering and Suspension Division and previously held finance, planning and product development positions at General Foods Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Price Waterhouse. He is married and the father of two children.

Kevin J. Kiely was promoted to manager of special projects at Raytheon in Quincy, Mass. He assumes responsibilities of several development programs in space/satellite communications. Kiely lives in Groton, Mass.

William E. Alvarez Jr., chief financial officer at Trimtrek Systems Inc., was elected to a four-year term on the Redding Board of Education.


Eileen Mary Zelle married Stephen Daniel DeVore on Aug. 19, 1995 at the United Church of Christ in Bridgeport. The couple lives in Waterbury. Eileen is an administrative assistant at Hewlett-Packard Co. in Stamford.

Paul Danick has accepted an accounting position with MacDermid, Inc. in Waterbury.

Joe DePasqua, MAT ’84, who coached the Manchester High School girls basketball team to five Central Connecticut Conference East championships in eight seasons, has resigned. The former Seymour High School basketball coach averaged more than 14 victories per season in his coaching career. DePasqua, a Manchester resident, is in his 16th year in the Manchester school system.

Gail Halapin was chosen 1995 “Woman of the Year” by the Newtown Business and Professional Women organization. From September 1994 to June 1995, she coordinated a special project, “30,000 Hours of Community Service,” to mark the University’s 30th anniversary. In November, she won a seat on the Legislative Council, District III A/B in Newtown.

Megan Elizabeth, daughter of Christina (Bowers) Honeywell, MA ’89, and her husband, Rick, was born May 29, 1995. The family lives in Clovis, N.M.

Joyce Peters was married to Michael Rahling on Oct. 7, 1995. They live in Shelton. Joyce has served several years on the Alumni Executive Council.

Eileen Schuman, MBA ’83, of Milford, was honored in September as a “Woman of Substance” by the Connecticut Post. She is director of operations for Total Employee Care, a subsidiary of Physicians Health Services in Trumbull. As a volunteer, Schuman was a rape crisis counselor in Milford, created the Women’s Center program while a student and served on the Board of Directors Leadership Council.

Drew Barrie Daruka of LaVerne, Tenn., celebrated his 10th anniversary with Xerox Corp. in October. He is an account associate in Nashville.


Brian Joseph, son of Karen (King) Tomlinson and Peter J. Tomlinson, was born July 28, 1995. He joins sister Rebekah, 8, and brother Peter Jr., 5. The family lives in Seymour.

Daniel Francesco Faiella, son of Denise (Reilly) Faiella and her husband, Gino, was born July 22, 1995. The family, including sister Gina, 5, and brother Michael, 1½, lives in Trumbull.

Rosemary Ahern MAT ’87 and her husband, Steve, of Trumbull, were among those who enjoyed the Alumni Association-sponsored 13-day Collette Tours trip to Italy in November. “Thanks for putting us in contact with a wonderful trip,” she says.

Elizabeth Corcoran, daughter of Cathie (Corcoran) LaPorta and her husband, Stanley, was born Nov. 20, 1995. The family, including 1½-year-old brother Joseph Stanley, lives in Oxford. Cathie is a senior cosmetic chemist with Elizabeth Arden in Trumbull.
ALUMNI PROFILE

Beverly Lieberman '86

By Dean Golembeski

Beverly Lieberman '86 has what former President George Bush would refer to as that "vision-thing." She has a clear sense of what she wants to do, and she's good at what she does. And what she does is create innovative marketing concepts that have made her a very successful businesswoman.

"If a project is not life-enhancing, I'm not interested," Lieberman says in summing up her business philosophy.

Her most recent creation is SportsLab, a unique family entertainment project that merges sports, science and the latest technology in an interactive touring exhibition. Under huge tents encompassing more than 100,000 square feet, kids of all ages can kick a football, race a bobsled, shoot a hockey puck, hang glide, rock climb and more all in the safety of a simulated environment. SportsLab made its public debut on Nov. 1 in St. Louis, where large, enthusiastic crowds lined up to test their mettle.

"It's a family-leisure concept in which you are the star. Everyone can have a great time," Lieberman says of SportsLab. "I believe that when people put their body, mind and soul into something, the activity becomes more meaningful."

Lieberman conceived the idea for SportsLab in 1990 while living in Weston. As the mother of two young children and the step-mother to three older children (the five now range in age from 10 to 37), she found it difficult to come up with activities that appealed to her entire family. Rather than surrender to frustration, she envisioned SportsLab.

"Making a dream a reality, she spent a year researching and refining her concept. Working alone, she wrote a business plan, consulted with experts and visited theme parks, circuses, trade shows, fairs and other large people-gathering events in an attempt to learn as much as she could about organizing and running a large exhibition.

She then enlisted the help of Steve Baker, an ex-Disney official who contributed to the development of DisneyWorld's Epcot Center, helped Lieberman further refine her plan. Next she raised seed capital, with her first investor being Joel Smilow, then-chairman and CEO of Stamford-based Playtex Products, Inc. Finally, she hired a design firm and a fabricating firm to create the SportsLab complex.

SportsLab is now owned by SportsLab, Inc. of San Francisco. Lieberman has no management responsibilities in the company, but she is one of the company's largest shareholders. She also serves as a sounding board for company officials, who occasionally telephone her to test out ideas or seek advice.

"I'm a creator, a founder. I'm not a manager. I have to be free to create new 'edutainment' products and market them," she explains.

SportsLab's biggest sponsors are Coca-Cola and AT&T. Following its debut in St. Louis, the exhibition was in Houston in December, and during the next year, it will make stops in Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Chicago. A smaller version of SportsLab, with eight activities compared to 13 in the original, will be the featured attraction at Coca-Cola's Olympic City during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Perseverance Equals Success

Those who know the 43-year-old Lieberman from her days as a Sacred Heart undergraduate are probably not surprised by her success and ambition. Her husband, Arthur, had just started a new law practice in New York, her three step-children ranged in...
age from 8-15, and she had an infant son when she enrolled for her first college class in 1978. It wasn’t until eight years later (and the birth of her daughter) that she completed her degree in business, graduating with a near-perfect average and winning an award as the top marketing student of 1986.

“It took a long time, obviously. I did it all at night,” she says. “I had been accepted at Yale, but I chose Sacred Heart University because it had the best night and part-time program.”

Lieberman was drawn to studying business because of the success she had experienced as a fund-raiser for charities in the Weston area. While working with the charities, she discovered that she had a knack for creating successful events that boosted the charities’ income by as much as 500 percent.

“I seemed to have a talent for business,” she says.

At Sacred Heart, Lieberman was exposed to much that has paid dividends in her business career. She credits Lucjan T. Orlowski, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, and former adjunct professors Jack Klinge and Clarke Young as being instrumental to her career. Orlowski and Lieberman spent much time together talking about economics, while Young taught her about making investments.

Following graduation, Lieberman launched a real estate development and commercial brokerage firm in Weston, known as Lieberman Group, Inc. The first home she built, which was located in Westport, won House Beautiful’s national award as “Best Small House ’88.” In 1988, she also returned to the University as a member of the Board of Regents, a position she continues to hold.

Today, living in Bonita Springs, Fla., she is in the midst of planning and launching two more projects, both of which are receiving enthusiastic support. In the first, she’s working with the former executive producer of the Phil Donahue Show to form a TV production company. She wants to develop programming targeted at young girls and women to inform them of “people who understand their purpose and follow their passions to make their dreams come true.”

In her second project, she is seeking to develop a chain of vacation resorts for families. Known as “Teams for Life Adventures,” the resorts would provide families with adventure experiences to help their individual members become more supportive and understanding of each other.

“There is so much out there fragmenting and challenging families. I want to counteract the messages that are making life so difficult,” Lieberman says. “I’m so convinced that I’m doing the right thing. I feel like I’m in the middle of a miracle. People are burned out on the badness. A search for the meaning of life is doing the right thing. I feel like I’m in the middle of a miracle. People are burned out on the badness. A search for the meaning of life is going to be the biggest trend through the year 2000, which makes the climate just right for dreams like mine to be the ones that attract funding, the best and brightest talent, and wide public acceptance.”

Elizabeth S. Memoli, MAT, married Salvatore M. Vittoria, MAT, on Aug. 12, 1995 at St. Theresa’s Church, Trumbull.Elizabeth taught for several years at the University School in Bridgeport. Salvatore is assistant principal at Wamogo High School in Litchfield. The couple resides in New Milford.

Cynthia Pettit was promoted to chief operations officer at Brown and Sable of Houston and is currently overseeing transition and construction of a fully operational air force base in Incilik, Turkey.

Cindy L. Sobin married Gary P. Macek, Aug. 5, 1995 in St. Michael’s Church, Derby. They reside in Derby. Cindy is pursuing a bachelor’s degree at the University and is a secretary at Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford.


John E. Watson III, MBA, was re-elected to the Westport Zoning Board of Appeals in November. A resident of the town since 1961, he is vice president of Horizons of Houston, Inc., an investment banking and municipal bond underwriting firm in Westport. Watson is a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Andrea Kennedy, of Bethel, director of religious education at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ridgefield, was a 1995 regional winner of the Religious Educational Excellence Award from the National Association of Parish Coordinators/Directors of Religious Education (NPCD). Kennedy was chosen as the exemplary DRE in the New England region. Her story, and that of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, are featured in the January issue of Today’s Parish magazine.

Valerie Light of Danbury is the head coach of women’s basketball at Teikyo Post University in Waterbury. Light, formerly head coach at Kolbe Cathedral High School in Bridgeport, was a four-year star and co-captain at Sacred Heart.
Robert C. Sabia and Deborah A. Medika '90 were married on Oct. 7, 1995. They live in Norwalk.

Lisa Ann Brousseau married Dr. Robert A. Guerrera on June 24, 1995 in St. Augustine's Cathedral, Bridgeport. They reside in Fairfield. Lisa is director of respiratory therapy at Mediplex of Milford.

Robert J. Cafferty, deputy chief of police in Bridgeport, has served the city for 45 years — following in his father's footsteps. His father, Thomas Cafferty, spent 47 years on the force; he was the first father-son team to attain the rank of captain. Cafferty, a lifelong city resident, has no plans to eclipse his father's longevity record, but he doesn't plan to retire soon.

Robert J. Goetz, a Marine captain serving with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26th MEU), has departed for a tour of duty. Goetz and his fellow Marines and sailors will travel approximately 25,000 miles during the six-month voyage. While deployed, Goetz also will work with various foreign military units as they train in combined exercises conducting amphibious landings. The 1984 graduate of Stratford High School joined the Marines in May 1985 and now lives in Jacksonville, N.C.

Stephen J. Wojtowicz, MBA, has been named production coordinator in the Resins Department of Cytec Industries in Wallingford. He previously was relief supervisor/chemist at Cytec. Wojtowicz lives in Shelton.

Robin Babson of Shelton was promoted to assurance senior associate at Coopers & Lybrand's Stamford office. Babson began with the firm in October 1993.

Janet Brown, MAT, director of the Bridgton Waterford School Age Child Care, has been elected to the newly formed Maine School Age Child Care Alliance. The organization was developed during the past year in response to the growth of school-age programs in the state. School Age Care is international in scope, providing safe, productive and affordable programs for children that are available during out-of-school time. Brown lives in Bryant Pond, Me.

Jenny Cortina of Trumbull has been promoted to nursing supervisor for 10-North at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. She has served the hospital as a staff nurse in the Orthopedic Neurosurgery Unit for the past 10 years.

Elizabeth Donnenfeld, MAT, a Swampsco, Mass., resident, is the new teaching assistant in the second grade at Shore Country Day School. Donnenfeld taught in the fourth grade at the N.C. Hurlbutt Elementary School in Weston before moving to Massachusetts.

Stuart J. Goldberg, of Norwalk, recently joined the accounting staff of Schwartz & Hoflich, certified public accountants and financial advisers, in Norwalk. He was senior accountant at Reich, Schweitzer and Weiss in Bridgeport and earlier was with firms in Bridgeport and New York City.

Jing Xian He, MBA, has joined the Marsilio Chiropractic Office in Darien where she is providing therapeutic Chinese acupuncture massage to complement the chiropractic care provided. Dr. Jing, a Norwalk resident, graduated from Shanghai Medical University in 1974 and served on the staff of the General Hospital of Beijing as an orthopedic surgeon from 1974 to 1986. During this period, she...
also studied traditional Chinese acupuncture and therapeutic massage at the Beijing State Tianshoushan Hospital.

Scott C. Waehler, of Bridgeport, was named associate director of aquatics with the Westport/Weston YMCA.

Nicole Kegler of Bridgeport has been promoted to assistant manager at Kids 'R Us in the Trumbull Shopping Mall.

Antonio S. Munoz, of Bridgeport, a graphic designer, was named Employee of the Month for September by MacTemps, Stamford. Munoz worked in banking and insurance in his native Ecuador before immigrating to the United States in 1990 to pursue further studies in business, but switched to graphic design. At MacTemps, Munoz works with advertising agencies and corporate clients, laying out proposals and designing brochures and charts.

Lauren Ricciardi, MAT, married Thomas J. Rizzi on Aug. 19, 1995 at Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury. The couple resides in Wallingford. Lauren is employed as a kindergarden teacher at Ezra Academy in Woodbridge.

Mary Jo Romano, MBA, a licensed broker with Chase Investment Group and BHC Securities, recently spoke at a meeting of the Newtown Business and Professional Women. Her presentation, "Women and Investing," highlighted the results of a study on the current investing habits of women and provided basic investment information to help educate and empower women to take control of their finances. Romano resides in Trumbull.


'95 Lynne Teresa Zandri, MAT, of Ridgefield, is now a kindergarten teacher at Scotland School.

Brent Zuscin graduated in October from the Police Academy in Meriden and is a police officer in Hamden. He lives in Stratford.

William Lademan, Ph.D., a former chair of the Philosophy Department, died in Annapolis, Md., on Nov. 22, 1995. He was 77.

A full-time faculty member at the University from 1964-78, Lademan taught philosophy, logic and metaphysics. He was also a member of the Faculty Council, its Steering Committee and the Committee on Athletics.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, a former math instructor at the University; four children, and 18 grandchildren.

Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Rollo May, an innovative American psychologist, psychotherapist and author who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the University in 1982, has died of congestive heart failure at his home in Tiburon, Calif. He was 85.

In his writings, May emphasized people’s desire for self-fulfillment and the positive aspects of humanity’s potential. He was known for helping lay people to understand complicated psychological and philosophical concepts.

May’s best-known books included Love and Will (1969, Dell, Norton and Doubleday) and The Courage to Create (1975, Bantam). He was an originator of the humanistic psychology movement, which blossomed during the 1960’s and provided the intellectual platform for the human potential movement. Both movements remain influential today.

May, who succumbed in October 1994, grew up in Michigan and received a doctorate in clinical psychology from Columbia University.

Survivors include his third wife, the former Georgia Lee Miller Johnson; four daughters, three sons, 12 grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

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