Since we went to press, we're proud to say Sacred Heart University has broken its own records. The Pioneers turned in an UNDEFEATED football season, earning the Division I-AA National Championship, and Coach Jim Fleming was voted Coach of the Year. And our Women's Soccer team, headed by NEC Coach of the Year Joe Barroso, took the honors as champions of the Northeast Conference, receiving a first-ever bid for a SHU Women's team to the NCAA D-I Tournament.

What a season - congratulations!
It is impossible to overstate the change that took place Tuesday, September 11, 2001. When our students gathered just the week before in happy anticipation of the year ahead, we were, essentially, a nation at peace. In the twinkling of an eye, on a deceptively calm and sunny day, history ran at fast forward, and the world had changed forever.

I have never been more proud of our University community than on that day. With almost no notice, nearly a thousand students and staff filled the University Commons for a solemn Mass. We prayed for the victims and their families. We prayed for peace and reconciliation. We prayed for ourselves.

And that was just the beginning. In the troubling days since, volunteers have lined up all over campus to give their blood, to contribute financial support, to assist worthy organizations like the Salvation Army. Prayer vigils and academic seminars have allowed members of our community to begin to come to grips with this tragedy.

We still look forward to the challenges and the opportunities of the year ahead with great eagerness. But the agenda is a good deal more complicated all of a sudden, a good deal more compelling. This is a generation of whom much will be demanded, and Sacred Heart University will be a partner equal to the challenge.

We will continue to pray for peace and work for justice and understanding. God bless America in all the days ahead.

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President
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Annual Discovery Dinner . . .

Connecticut Governor John G. Rowland was the keynote speaker and a recipient of the University’s prestigious Discovery Award at the 12th annual Discovery Dinner and Awards Ceremony, which was held at the University in late April. The black-tie gala raised $230,000 to support the University’s Scholarship Fund.

“Currently over 80 percent of undergraduate students receive financial aid,” said Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., Sacred Heart University president. “The Scholarship Fund is instrumental in helping students receive the financial support necessary to make the dream of a Sacred Heart University education a reality.” More than 800 students have benefited from these scholarships over the years.

In addition to Governor Rowland, Discovery Awards were also presented to Hubert J. Schlaffy Jr., of Greenwich, a cable television pioneer who designed and patented the TelePrompTer; Robert D. Scinto ’71, president of R.D. Scinto, Inc., one of the state’s leading commercial real estate development companies, and his wife, Barbara, of Milford; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, founder, chairman and president of the Chief Executive Leadership Institute in Atlanta. The Discovery Award is given annually to people who have made extraordinary contributions to their profession, their community or their church.

The University also recognized Michael C. Dailey ’75, president and CEO of Southport-based Dailey Capital Management, with the Alumni Award of Excellence (see separate article in this issue). The Walter W Curtis Medal of Honor was awarded to Monsignor J. Peter Cullen, D.Min., pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in New Canaan.

. . . and the Pioneer Open Golf Tournament
Raise Funds to Support Student Scholarships

On the heels of the successful Discovery Dinner, the University hosted its popular annual golf tournament – the Pioneer Open – which also raises money to provide scholarships. The tournament, which brought in $81,250, was held at a new venue this year, the Great River Golf Club in Milford. The team of Rick Mariani ’88, David Stevens, Karam Hoddard and Matt Thennes, with a score of 59, won with the lowest gross score for a foursome.

The Trustees Cup went to the team of Jim Costello (trustee), Tom Costello, Dan Costello and Todd Gibbons. Brad Adolphson won the Longest Drive competition, and Tom Brennan ’78 won the Closest to the Line competition.
Alumnus Kicks Off Scholarship Campaign
While Asking Fellow Alumni to Match Funds

Thanks to the support of alumnus Michael C. Dailey ’75, president and CEO of Southport, Connecticut-based Dailey Capital Management, Sacred Heart University is poised to receive up to $500,000 to create an endowed scholarship. Mr. Dailey is one of the country’s most successful private equity investors.

In a move designed to generate broader support for the University from his fellow alumni, Mr. Dailey will contribute $200,000, with a commitment to raise an additional $300,000 by offering an opportunity for others to match his gift. He will personally champion the matching fund effort.

Mr. Dailey is making this gift in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Cernera. Dr. Cernera has been president of Sacred Heart University since 1988. “Dr. Cernera has worked tirelessly to transform Sacred Heart University from a locally focused commuter college into a comprehensive, innovative, residential institution of higher learning,” Mr. Dailey said. “I am proud to make this investment in Sacred Heart University, not just because of what the University has done to improve itself, but also because the University holds even greater potential to fulfill its mission.

“Currently, over 80 percent of the University’s undergraduate students receive financial aid or scholarship assistance, and many of the students come from families of limited financial means. It is critical that they receive the necessary financial support to make the dream of a quality Sacred Heart University education a reality.”

Mr. Dailey said that he was impressed with the University’s enhanced academic programs, improved infrastructure and continued service to the community. Since Dr. Cernera’s arrival, Sacred Heart University has:

• Implemented 11 new academic programs, including master’s degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, computer science and chemistry.

• Revamped the academic structure. The University now offers 30 undergraduate degrees and 12 graduate degrees within four colleges.

• Increased full-time undergraduate enrollment by 70 percent, with seven out of ten of these students living on campus. The University is now the second-largest Catholic university in New England.

• Expanded the University’s presence, founding branch campuses in Danbury, Derby, Lisbon, Shelton and Stamford, Connecticut, and in Luxembourg.

• Established a culture of community service in which hundreds of members of the University community contribute many thousands of hours of service annually.

• Built the endowment and University reserves to $33 million, which is an increase of $32 million since his arrival in 1988.

Mr. Dailey received the University’s prestigious Alumni Award of Excellence at the 12th annual Discovery Dinner and Awards Ceremony, which was held on April 21.

“I am pleased to be able to give back to an institution that is making a difference in people’s lives,” Mr. Dailey said. “But I cannot stress the importance of the matching contributions. I challenge others, especially alumni, to join me in embracing the University, which is why I am making this gift in the form of a matching contribution.”

Michael C. Dailey is president and CEO of Dailey Capital Management, L.P., a private equity investment firm he founded in 1998 with offices in Southport, Connecticut. Investors include high net worth individuals and families, private bank portfolios, funds and various institutions. Mr. Dailey is joined by five other investment professionals with a combined total of more than $1 billion in private equity investment experience.

Michael Dailey received a B.A. degree from Sacred Heart University in 1975, and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Bridgeport in 1978.
Recent grants from the National Science Foundation, Booth Ferris Foundation, and Pfizer Inc. have brought a combined total of $510,000 to the University's growing program in undergraduate research in the sciences.

Funding will support the purchase and installation of a major piece of research equipment, called a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer in the University's Department of Chemistry. Planned curriculum development, which makes use of the NMR across the chemistry curriculum, will provide students with the type of hands-on experience that will enhance their post-graduate opportunities.

The new NMR spectrometer also will dramatically enhance the department's capacity for conducting new faculty/student research studies in the areas of chemical structure determination and dynamic studies on macromolecules and interactions between small compounds and liposomal membranes. Every junior and senior chemistry major has a research requirement for the completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

The University's Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Nursing programs will benefit from a three-year grant totaling $379,594 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which will fund the "Geriatric Rehabilitation Education and Advanced Training" (GREAT) initiative. This project will implement a distance-learning-based master's degree program in Geriatric Rehabilitation and Wellness for licensed Allied Health and Nursing professionals.

The George 1. Alden Trust has awarded the University a $100,000 grant for scholarship endowment for needy students, challenging the University to raise an additional $300,000 for this purpose by April 2002. Once completed, this challenge will add a total of $400,000 to the University's scholarship endowment for economically disadvantaged full-time undergraduate students.

Foundations Benefit Science Programs

2000-01 Women's Basketball Team Earns National Academic Ranking

Alumni and fans generally assess student-athletes by their accomplishments on the court or playing field. The team's coaches, the faculty and, yes, the student-athletes' parents use a second measuring stick: their performance in the classroom.

By either criterion, Sacred Heart University's 2000-01 women's basketball team was an unqualified success. On the court, the Pioneers tied for third place (11-7) in the Northeast Conference and defeated UMBC in the NEC Tournament quarterfinals, 69-54, at Trenton, N.J. Their overall record was above .500, at 15-14, rather notable in view of this being Year Two as a Division I program.

On the academic side of the house, the Pioneers' collective 3.259 grade point average ranked 15th in the nation among all 319 NCAA Division I members, according to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). Yale, the only other Connecticut institution in the top 25, was 18th with a 3.250 GPA. Wisconsin-Green Bay topped the nation with a 3.481 figure.

"This recognition by the WBCA just proves what I've been saying for years: Sacred Heart offers the best of both worlds -- a very competitive basketball environment and the total academic package," says Coach Ed Swanson '89.

"I think we made a lot of progress. We'll grow a lot from last year," sums up Swanson. "When your best players are sophomores, you have some ups and downs. We made some immature mistakes at crucial times. On the whole, though, we did well and I think we'll continue to get better."
Professor Receives National Teaching Award

The American Physical Therapy Association recently awarded the Dorothy E. Baethke and Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Teaching Excellence to physical therapy associate professor, Pamela K. Levangie, D.Sc.

"It is amazing to be recognized by your peers for doing something you love. More importantly, it gives me an opportunity to publicly thank the students who for nearly 30 years have helped me be wiser and better at what I do. My students have enriched my life in this and many other ways," said Dr. Levangie.

"I am very excited for Dr. Levangie; this award is a very prestigious honor," said Michael Emery, Ed.D., PT, director of the University's physical therapy program. "She has made significant contributions to the University's physical therapy program and is a wonderful example of the caliber of physical therapy professionals the University has to offer its students."

Dr. Levangie earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degree from Northeastern University and a Master of Science degree with a concentration in Physical Therapy from Boston University. She also holds a Doctor of Science degree in Epidemiology from the School of Public Health, Boston University. She is the co-author of one of physical therapy's staple texts, Joint Structure and Function: A Comprehensive Analysis. Now in its third edition, this text has sold over 105,000 copies and is also published in four other countries and two other languages.

Authors in Abundance

College professors are known to author books from time to time, but no fewer than 11 Sacred Heart University faculty published works this year — a scholarly achievement worthy of commendation.

Imaginary Christs: The Challenge of Christological Pluralism
Richard Grigg, Ph.D. (131 pp., SUNY Press, $15.95 paper, $47.50 hard cover)

What should those attracted to the figure of Jesus Christ make of all the different Christs available to them? Amid today's pluralism, there is Christ as liberator, the cosmic Christ, feminist Christs, black Christs, Christ as the object of mystical longing, and various New Age versions of Christ.

In his latest book, Dr. Grigg discusses the challenges arising from christological pluralism and suggests evaluative criteria for sorting through the abundance of competing Christs. With an eye to the pluralism that has always been part of the Christian tradition, the book investigates the benefits of confronting the Christ of the white American churches with black Christs.

A faculty member since 1985, Dr. Grigg is director of the University's Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARS) program.
The Tepehuan Revolt of 1616
Charlotte M. Gradk, Ph.D.
(230 pp., University of Utah Press, $40)

In her book, the associate professor of history presents the uprising of the Tepehuan Indians of northern Mexico as a pivotal test of both the Spanish institutions of conquest and Jesuit evangelism. The unrest resulted in the deaths of more than 200 Spaniards, an uncounted number of slaves and servants, and 10 missionaries, eight of them Jesuits. The number of Tepehuan who died from war-related causes was estimated by one Spanish source at 4,000.

While the ultimately unsuccessful revolt may have been an effort by the Tepehuan warrior elite to reassert their authority, contends Dr. Gradie, it resulted in a reaffirmation of Jesuit missionary activity in Mexico and altered Spanish colonial methods in “New Spain.”

Joint Structure and Function: A Comprehensive Analysis
Pamela K. Levangie, D.Sc.
(512 pp., FA. Davis, $45.95)

The third edition of this physical therapy text by Dr. Levangie, an associate professor of physical therapy, and co-author Cynthia C. Norkin, Ed.D., will continue to help students unlock the mysteries of joint structure. Highlights include a redesigned look, the addition of summary tables and several new contributors.

Since its initial appearance in 1983, the book has sold more than 105,000 copies. English language rights were sold to publishers in India and the Philippines, and foreign language rights were sold in Korea and Japan.

Orthotics and Prosthetics in Rehabilitation
Michelle Lusardi, Ph.D.
(636 pp., Butterworth-Heinemann, $99)

Co-authors Michelle Lusardi and Caroline C. Nielsen, Ph.D., have taken on a huge collaborative project encompassing 31 chapters and 36 contributors. The outline grew out of a course syllabus Dr. Lusardi first used at the University of Connecticut (1988-96) and then updated and adapted for the PT program here.

“Our book is unique in its true interdisciplinary focus. We have brought together contributors from PT, orthotics, prosthetics, OT and medicine,” Dr. Lusardi says. “We’ve had a wonderful response – nearly 2000 copies sold in the first year – so it must be meeting a real need.”

Balance of Payments Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe
Lucjan T. Orlowski, Ph.D. (202 pp., NOMOS Publishing, Germany, $32)

An internationally recognized economist and professor of economics, Dr. Orlowski is one of five co-authors of this text published in German, Währungsrisiken in Mittel- und Osteuropa. Dr. Orlowski, a faculty member since 1983, has served as an advisor on monetary matters to his native Poland and other European nations, and his theories and ideas have appeared in some 100 international publications.
Female Journeys
Claire Marrone, Ph.D.
(200 pp., Greenwood Press, $59.95)
Subtitled “Autobiographical Expressions by
French and Italian Women,” Dr. Marrone’s
book is a study of 19th and 20th century
women’s paths away from oppressive social
and familial structures.

The author, an associate professor of modern
languages, traces the reasons why a 19th cen­
tury protagonist might leave her country, a
turn-of-the-century heroine might flee her
family, and a modern female might separate
from her mother.

Writing Himself into History
Louise Spence, Ph.D. (280 pp.,
Rutgers University Press, $20
paper, $52 hard cover)
With collaborator Pearl Bowser, Dr.
Spence has produced the definitive
analysis of the early career and
artistry of Oscar Micheaux, who,
Spike Lee aside, is regarded as the best
known - and most prolific – African-
American director in film history. In
June, it was awarded the Outstanding
Book in Film and Broadcast Studies prize
from the Theatre Library Association.

Subtitled “Oscar Micheaux, His Silent Films,
and His Audiences,” their work examines
Micheaux’s unique vision and contribution as an
artist and novelist, and the relationship to his
work as a filmmaker. Between 1918 and 1948
he made more than 40 “Race” pictures, depicting
not only how African Americans saw themselves but also expressing the hopes and desires they held for themselves as a community.

Dr. Spence, an associate professor of media
studies, has served as a consulting editor and
researcher, and has published articles in
numerous academic journals and several
anthologies.

Marketing Management: Cases for Creative Problem Solving
Laurence Weinstein, Ed.D. (180 pp., South­
western College Publishing, $43.75)

Dr. Weinstein, a long-time professor of man­
age ment, has teamed up with a colleague now
on leave, Madan Annavarjula, Ph.D., to create
this volume containing 25 original marketing
case studies. An instruction manual is also
available to interested faculty.

Their book has already been adopted by 12
colleges, including Tennessee, Hardin-
Simmons, Butler and the College of
Charleston.

Prior to joining the faculty in 1977, Dr.
Weinstein spent nearly a decade with Procter
&amp; Gamble, Remington Shaver and other com­
panies and also worked in advertising. He
teaches marketing and management courses at
the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Firm But Fair: The Life of Sing Sing
Warden Lewis Lawes
John Jay Rouse, Ph.D.
(103 pp., Xlibris, $16)

Dr. Rouse, an assistant professor of criminal
justice, has produced an authoritative biogra­
phy of the legendary warden at Sing Sing
prison.

“Lewis Lawes played a significant role in the
shaping of correctional and criminal justice
policies of the 1920s and ’30s,” states the
author. “He was involved in the debates con­
cerning gun control, the death penalty, juve­
nile justice and the role of prisons, and his
influence can still be felt today.”

Dr. Rouse’s extensive research included two
dozen visits to the John Jay College of
Criminal Justice Library in Manhattan, where
he reviewed the warden’s collection (7,000
pages’ worth) of personal papers.
"You are now embarking on life," entertainer José Feliciano told the Class of 2001 and an audience of more than 4,000 at Sacred Heart University's 35th Undergraduate Commencement on May 20. "Life is the biggest school we can all learn from."

Mr. Feliciano, whose musical gifts are celebrated throughout the world, and Sister Elena Jaramillo, whose gifts to the people of El Salvador are received on a daily basis, were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., during the ceremony held at sunny Campus Field. Degrees were conferred on 719 undergraduates.

At a separate ceremony held the previous day, also under blue skies at Campus Field, 558 graduate students received degrees and professional certificates.

In his Commencement address, the Most Rev. William E. Lori, the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, asked the graduates to bring God into their lives and to "engage in respectful dialogue with those of other faiths." He cited the heroic example of a Vietnamese archbishop named Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, who endured 23 years of imprisonment by the Vietnamese government, many spent in solitary confinement. "His imprisonment," the Bishop said, "became his ministry and his church."

In closing, Bishop Lori quoted from a homily delivered by Pope John Paul II: "I ask you to have the grace to commit yourself to the truth, open your mind and heart to all the beauty God has made."
Mr. Feliciano, who was born blind, was recognized for a lifetime of achievement, embracing nearly 50 gold and platinum records, six Grammy Awards and honors from Hollywood's Walk of Fame and Billboard magazine. As the first Latin artist to cross over into the English music market, he has opened the door for countless other Latino entertainers.

For a significant portion of her life, Sister Elena has provided pastoral support — and coordinated economic assistance — to a nation devastated by natural disasters, civil war and poverty, helping Salvadorans live and work together as a civil and religious community. "The tragic irony is that so much suffering takes place in a nation named for the savior," said Terry Neu, Ph.D., assistant professor of education.

During the presentation of her honorary doctorate, Sister Elena was joined by more than a dozen faculty and staff who had traveled to El Salvador with University delegations in the past decade. To her surprise, she was also given a check to assist with the construction of homes to replace those destroyed by the winter earthquakes.

Valedictorian Michele Ann Evans, a 35-year-old nurse, wife and mother of three, asked her classmates to turn to the people sitting on either side of them and "congratulate them on a job well done." She spoke of "life (being) a series of single moments set at fast forward. Catch your own."

The salutatorian, Paul Sideleau, 22, balanced his studies in computer science with a part-time — and soon-to-become full-time — position in the Technology Center at American Skandia in Shelton. "I thank my teachers for pushing me to this level of excellence," he said.
REAPS Is Reaching Out to Roman(ian) Catholics in Dire Need

The University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS) has begun an outreach to struggling Catholics in Romania. This spring, three Connecticut priests conducted seminars in the Archdiocese of Bucharest at the invitation of its Archbishop, the Most Reverend John Robu. The Church in Romania is beginning to thrive after decades of savage persecution, and pastors and lay people there warmly welcomed the REAPS delegation. It included Monsignor Gregory M. Smith, Ed.D., executive director of the Institute, together with Monsignor J. Peter Cullen of New Canaan and Monsignor Kevin W. Wallin of Danbury. Archbishop Robu visited the University in September to thank the Institute and President Cernera for their support and to prepare for further exchanges.

CCJU Hosts Christian and Jewish Seminary Students

The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) of Sacred Heart University has an ambitious goal: a future that is unmarred by the sectarianism and religious strife that scarred so much of the last century. One way to achieve this is to reach religious leaders while they are still in training. For the second summer in a row, the CCJU hosted nearly 20 Christian and Jewish seminary students, who spent three days in intensive discussions on the issues that unite, and those that still seem to divide them. Within a decade, CCJU hopes, hundreds of rabbis and pastors will be leading congregations strengthened by the experience of close interaction and growing friendship with their colleagues in other faiths.

Conversation, not conversion, is on their minds.
Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding Presents Bronze Sculpture to Pope John Paul II

Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) presented Pope John Paul II with a finely crafted bust of the Pontiff at a papal audience on October 24 at the Vatican. Sculpted by noted Ridgefield artist Marc Mellon, the bronze artwork was created to honor the 81-year-old Pope’s lifelong ministry of reconciliation, especially between disparate religious traditions.

The presentation was made during a week-long pilgrimage to Rome for officers and friends of the Center that included visits with Cardinal Walter Kasper, the head of the Vatican’s Pontifical Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews. The Cardinal will be on campus in December to accept an honorary degree from the University. The CCJU group also conferred with the American and Israeli ambassadors to the Holy See.

“By pursuing a dialogue based on mutual respect and tolerance, the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding has established an ongoing and constructive relationship with the Holy See,” said the Center’s executive director and cofounder, Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz. “The friendship and mutual understanding displayed during this week’s meetings gives us all hope for a better world.”

Mr. Mellon’s earlier commissions have included well-known bronzes of former President George Bush and the former president of Taiwan. The grandson of Polish Jews who came to this country in the early 1900s, whose extended family experienced the Holocaust firsthand, he explained that he worked “to create a bust of Pope John Paul II that projects the full vigor and vision so characteristic of his leadership. The great advances championed by this pope and by groups like the CCJU are completely reframing the relationship between the Catholic Church and the Jewish people. My hope is that the Pope’s message of mutual respect will be passionately embraced by future generations. Given the state the world is in, this successful model of cooperation desperately needs to be repeated around the globe.”

The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding is an international leader in interreligious dialogue and understanding. It has sponsored seminars and public forums for religious leaders, scholars and students on several continents, and its work has been warmly encouraged by Pope John Paul II.

The sculpture will be publicly displayed at a place to be determined by the Vatican.

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University and also a cofounder of the CCJU, noted that when “we as individuals successfully seek and find common ground, we become more knowledgeable of our own heritage. Rabbi Ehrenkranz and I have worked closely together for 10 years. Through our personal dialogue and friendship, I know I have become a better Catholic while Rabbi Ehrenkranz says that he has become a better Jew.”
Alpha Sigma Psi Fraternity Earns State Service Award

It's right there in the fraternity's mission statement: "To improve conditions of inner-city Bridgeport through tackling issues such as poverty and child abuse."

The 32 brothers of Alpha Sigma Psi went the extra mile with their volunteer activities in Bridgeport this past year, winning a Community Service Award from the state's Department of Higher Education. This marked the eighth straight year that Sacred Heart University received one or more prizes in the statewide program.

"It's pretty sad that people live so poorly just a few miles from campus," says Eric Devine, a junior from Palmer, Massachusetts, and vice president of the fraternity. "It's great for us to reach out and help people."

Realizing the importance of a positive male mentor in the lives of underprivileged inner-city youth, Alpha Sigma Psi members formed partnerships with several local agencies. Eight brothers maintained long-term commitments to children through such programs as Evergreen, Mi Amigo, and You Are Special. In February, several Alpha Sigma Psi members began to deliver hot meals and clothing a minimum of twice a month to families in housing projects for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

Alpha Sigma Psi spends several days a week working on Habitat for Humanity homes, serving meals in soup kitchens and visiting the Bridgeport Correctional Facility. In addition, seven fraternity brothers have participated in the University's CURTIS Week, which takes place in January prior to the start of the second semester, the past two years.

"All of this activity helps the entire organization gain a deeper perception of the lives of the less privileged," says Phyllis Machledt, director of service-learning and volunteer programs.

Other Sacred Heart University nominees this spring were Lauren Rosenberg, adjunct instructor of communications; Angela Bowden, a senior from East Marion, New York, and president of the University's Habitat campus chapter; and the Nu Epsilon Omega sorority.

University Sets Records for Number and Quality of Its Applicants

Sacred Heart University has broken all records for both the number and quality of its applicants, by receiving 4,310 applications for full-time undergraduate admission for Fall 2001, the most in its 38-year history. Applications were submitted from 18 states and six countries. The University also reports a 15 percent increase in applications from transfer students over the last year.

For the first time in history, more applications were received from New York than any other state. Significant numbers of applications were also received from New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Last year, the University became the second largest Catholic university in New England based on total enrollment, surpassing Providence College.
Students Receive
‘Rookie of the Year’ Award

The University's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team was awarded the "Rookie of the Year" award during the organization's May 13th national competition in St. Louis, Missouri. The University's 32-member SIFE team became eligible for the national competition after winning the regional championship in Hartford, in March. SIFE is a nonprofit organization that gives students experience with real working situations, while also allowing them to apply what they're learning in the classroom for the betterment of their communities.

During the national competition there were 154 teams competing, including Southwest Texas University, Drury University and Centenary College. Each team presented a 24-minute multi-media summary of the educational outreach projects they had developed and implemented throughout the year. There were more than 750 of the nation's top business leaders on hand to judge how well each team had taught others how free enterprise works and how well they had equipped others with the tools necessary for success.

Student Awarded Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

Bridgeport resident Julio J. Mendez has been awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, for his outstanding academic achievement. The scholarship is awarded to students who are pursuing careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering.

Mendez, a junior majoring in biology, is the first student in Sacred Heart University's history to receive this prestigious award. He is one of the 304 students awarded Goldwater scholarships during the 2000/2001 year. Recipients were chosen from a nationwide field of 1,164 mathematics, science and engineering students on the basis of academic merit and a competitive and comprehensive application process. The one-year scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500.

“When the letter announcing that I had won the Goldwater Scholarship arrived, I wasn't fully aware of the meaning of receiving this award,” said Julio Mendez. “It wasn't until I recalled the rigorous selection process and what past Goldwater scholars have accomplished that I began to understand the significance of this accolade. I am happy to have won the scholarship and grateful to all who helped me in the process.”

The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields. Recent Goldwater scholars have been awarded 39 Rhodes Scholarships, 32 Marshall Awards, 11 Churchill, 10 Fulbright, 30 Hughes, 93 National Science Foundation, and numerous other distinguished fellowships.
Ad Multos Annos!
Sacred Heart University played host to five Roman Catholic cardinals during the installation of the Most Rev. William E. Lori, S.T.D. (fifth from left), as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Participating in the March 19 ceremony, witnessed by more than 3,000 people, were, from left: the Most Rev. Daniel A. Cronin, archbishop of Hartford; the Most Rev. Gabriel Montalvo, who was representing the Vatican; Cardinal Bernard Law, archbishop of Boston; Cardinal James Hickey, archbishop emeritus of Washington; Cardinal William Baum, major penitentiary, Vatican City; Cardinal Edward M. Egan, archbishop of New York, and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop of Washington.

One-of-a-Kind Day Camp Gives Children the Tools To Produce, Evaluate Media

The University was the host of Media Mania, the first media education and production day camp in Connecticut, from June 25 to July 6. The two-week summer camp was created by Media Knowledge, Inc., a nonprofit company dedicated to creating a new generation of media-savvy citizens, and was offered in association with the University's media studies program.

Media Mania provides children grades 7 through 9 with the opportunity to develop media literacy skills and attitudes necessary for a thoughtful, conscious relationship with media. Children who have the ability to critically select, interpret, analyze and create media messages are said to be "media literate" and will have the greatest opportunity to live a life independent of persuasive media messages designed specifically to influence their thoughts, ideas and behaviors.

"There is no other camp like Media Mania," said Diane Samples, Media Mania founder and director of Media Knowledge, Inc. "While video and film production camps are offered throughout the country, Media Mania is the only production camp to include true media literacy skill development as a central theme of the camp experience. Campers emerge from Media Mania light years ahead of their peers — and probably their parents — in terms of their understanding of mass media's ability to influence and persuade. They will never watch television, view an advertisement or see a movie the same way again."

Best-Selling Author of ‘Dead Man Walking’ Addresses University

Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States, spoke at the University about her experience in accompanying five men to execution in a talk titled, "Dead Man Walking — the Journey."

Involvement with poor inner-city residents in the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans in 1981 led her to prison ministry where she counseled death row inmates in the Louisiana State Penitentiary. Since this experience, she has devoted her life to educating the public about the death penalty through lectures, organizing and writing. She also has helped found Survive — a victims' advocacy group based in New Orleans.

"It is very exciting to have Sister Helen Prejean come and speak to the Sacred Heart University community," said Brian Stiltner, Ph.D., director of the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics. "I think many people will walk away with a better understanding of her experiences with death row inmates and their families, and perhaps through her experiences see a different view of the death penalty."
Designing a ‘Center for All Seasons’

Last year, the Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) at Sacred Heart University enjoyed a run that Broadway houses would envy. It attracted more than 50,000 patrons from a wide swath of Fairfield and New Haven County communities. They came for Broadway-quality musicals and a variety of thought-provoking public forums. University students performed theatrical revues and lifted their voices in song. And hundreds of area children were introduced to the performing arts at a series of SRO summer camps. In fact, if this keeps up, the CPA will die of success.

Every year, the demands on the Center for the Performing Arts continue to grow. And the physical plant has not kept up. Although the 860-seat auditorium is used all summer long, for example, it has never been air conditioned, and when we say our summer campers put on hot performances, we’re not exaggerating. And the seats are the original issue. They are, in fact, older than the University, and desperately need replacement.

To make this indispensable asset truly a “Center for All Seasons” will take an investment of at least $1 million, and an energetic fundraising campaign is already underway. Pledges totaling nearly $200,000 have been received, and members of the community are being invited to come on board as “angels” of the theatre. CPA patrons, parents and alumni are all stepping forward to do their part to ensure that this Center will be here for generations yet to come.

If you would like further information on how to participate, contact the Center’s director, Fred Sailer, at 203/371-7908, or by email, at sailerf@sacredheart.edu.

Wellness Center Debuts in Bridgeport

April 27 was the red-letter day. The doors were opened for the new health and wellness center operated by Sacred Heart University and St. Charles Borromeo Church on Bridgeport’s East Side.

The collaborative venture was created to meet the needs of the parish, while promoting the education, service and research goals of the University. Some funding came from the Inner-City Foundation.

The church’s pastor, the Rev. Joseph Saba, wholeheartedly embraced the idea of a wellness center. “The area within which I and many others serve,” he stated, “will be truly blessed by Sacred Heart University committing itself to an additional partnership with us. The students and staff will experience the positive benefits of ‘real world’ intervention, and the citizens of the area will receive the assistance they need.”

The center’s initial programs include health education programs in English and Spanish, and the performance of cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. It will also act as a referral agency for people who need medical attention.

Michael Emery, Ed.D., chair of the University’s Physical Therapy and Human Movement Science program, and Linda Strong, Ed.D., assistant professor of nursing, are serving as co-directors.

Dori Taylor Sullivan, Ph.D., director of nursing programs at the University, says the center “fits so well with the mission of Sacred Heart University” and helps her to remember “why we became nurses.”
Shortly after being named head coach of Sacred Heart University’s struggling football program in the winter of 2000, Jim Fleming issued a bold statement. “To build a winning program, I don’t have a five-year plan or a four-year plan. Mine is a one-year plan,” he declared. Detractors scoffed at his optimism, and wondered if Fleming, a man with 15 years of success as an assistant coach at Villanova, East Carolina and other schools, was aware of the program’s history. After all, the Pioneers had endured eight successive losing seasons following the noteworthy 5-4 debut in 1991.

Today, it is clear that James M. Fleming is a coach with vision and a man of his word. He merely orchestrated one of the great turnabouts in collegiate football history — from the previous year’s 2-9 to a lustrous 10-1 record. More than 40 school records were shattered in the process.

The team won eight straight games before suffering its only loss, a tough 31-20 decision to the Northeast Conference’s ultimate undefeated champion, Robert Morris. The Pioneers rebounded by winning their final two games, capped by the narrow triumph over Wagner that clinched second place in the NEC.

Fleming’s peers took notice of the program’s transformation. In rapid succession, he was voted Coach of the Year in the Northeast Conference, USA Today’s 1-AA Northeast region, and the American Football Coaches Association’s District 1. The latter automatically placed him in contention for national 1-AA Coach of the Year, an honor that would go to Paul Johnson of national champion Georgia Southern.

“I inherited a group of kids who were hungry and who would embrace any kind of change because it would be a change for the better,” says the 41-year-old Fleming. “I credit our successes to these players who met the level of expectations we had of them. I’m just happy for these guys.”

Like other observers, Director of Athletics Don Cook marvels at Fleming’s remarkable debut. “He took kids that had no idea how good they could be and made believers out of them,” Cook says. “Our football program had experienced little success since its first season, and to reverse things so dramatically in the space of one year makes these honors all the more spectacular.”

Kayode Mayowa, the sophomore linebacker from Providence, R.I., was among the dozens of returning players who answered the call. For the second straight season Mayowa broke the school record for tackles and this time he was chosen NEC Defensive Player of the Year and a third-team All-America. He anchored a defense that ranked second nationally in points allowed (13.4).

“When I listened to Coach Fleming early in the year I knew he was the real deal,” Mayowa remembers. “He told us
if we really wanted to win we had to pay a price, and he was going to lead us the right way to win. We just had to follow him. He’s our leader.”

Many of the ingredients for success were already in place: A pair of skillful running backs, Kiheme Cowan and co-captain Brandon Graham, both juniors. A tight end – and now a graduate student – who has caught more passes than anyone else in Pioneer history, co-captain Chris Wilkinson. A sophomore defensive back, Pete Athans, who racked up five interceptions in 1999. Sophomore linebacker Jayson Jarrett. Junior punter Mike Kraft.

“I inherited good football players,” acknowledges Fleming. “You don’t take average kids and be able to do what we did.”

**Royal in wings**

In addition, waiting in the wings was Marvin Royal, a talented running back who transferred from Fairfield University to pursue a degree in biology. The 5-foot-10, 200-pound junior had established rushing records for the Stags, and now he would set records for the Pioneers. He became a one-man battering ram in the 46-7 thrashing of Iona with a record 302 yards and four touchdowns (earning a place in *Sports Illustrated*’s “Faces in the Crowd” for this performance).

“Marvin is a slash, contact and go type of guy,” Fleming says. “He’s explosive on contact; he meets force with force.”

With Royal on hand, the coach made a carefully calculated decision prior to the season: he asked the speedy Cowan to surrender the limelight by shifting to cornerback – a move that would pay numerous dividends. “A team player who was very willing to make the adjustment to defense,” Fleming says of the back who had led the Pioneers in rushing in back-to-back seasons. Another personnel shift that worked was Doug Geoffrey’s transition from defensive back to wide receiver and backup quarterback.

Few teams win without a top-flight quarterback. Fleming discovered the man he needed while attending the national coaches’ convention in Anaheim: Justin Holtfreter of Antelope Valley (Calif.) Junior College. Holtfreter has the physique of a small-college linebacker (5-10, 205), but Fleming “knew the kid had an arm. What gave us a bonus was his ability to control the offense. He has leadership ability, a lot of grit.”

In the season’s opening game against Assumption, Holtfreter required little time to make his mark. He launched a 61-yard scoring strike to DeVeren Johnson in the first quarter. Before the evening was over, Holtfreter would pass for two additional touchdowns and a school-record 303 yards. Assumption was toast, 55-21.

“A lot of players who were here last year said they didn’t expect to win,” says the junior quarterback. “We expect to
win every time we go out on the field," Johnson, a 6-6 junior receiver from San Diego, was new to football but not to the University. He had been a sometimes-starting forward (and a 12.3 scorer) for the Pioneers' basketball team the previous winter. Other new faces of note belonged to Shawn Hubbard, a junior defensive end from Neptune, N.J., via Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, and Brian Pawlowski, a freshman strong safety from Branchburg, N.J.

Chosen NEC Defensive Rookie of the Year, Pawlowski was a thorn in the collective side of opponents throughout thwarted Albany, with junior Jamel Keels sacking the visitors' quarterback for a 21-yard loss.

Undisputed possession of second place in the NEC was the prize in the season finale against Wagner. As vocal as they were aggressive, the Seahawks led early, 6-3, before Cowan returned a kickoff for an electrifying 88-yard touchdown and Holtfreter hit Johnson with a 40-yard scoring pass.

It remained for Cowan, the erstwhile running back, to nail down win No. 10 in the final moment with an interception deep in SHU territory. "It's amazing," he was to say afterward. "I think I'm going to go home and cry. I'm so happy."

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the fall. He returned fumble recoveries - 70 and 35 yards, respectively - for touchdowns in the successive wins over St. John's and Monmouth.

While the 27-6 verdict over St. John's was sweet, no victory was sweeter than the triumphs over formidable Albany (35-28) and Wagner (22-20). Both conference opponents had throttled the Pioneers by shutout scores the previous year.

For the first time, a Sacred Heart University football team was taken into overtime in the Oct. 21 game (witnessed by a record crowd of 3,175) against Albany. On the first possession of the extra period, Royal put an exclamation point on his 136-yard afternoon by racing 17 yards for the decisive game-winner. The Pioneers' defensive unit then afterward. "I think I'm going to go home and cry. I'm so happy."

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During the first few days of my freshman year, I passed Dean Bozzone in the hallway and he addressed me by name. I was surprised that the Dean of Students knew my name and it immediately made me feel at home. Sacred Heart University provided me with a quality education and at the same time, did so while treating me as an individual.

I have very fond memories of my years at Sacred Heart University and I have made lifelong friends. I would not change one second on those years! And that's why I give to the Scholarship Fund, so that other students can experience all that our alma mater has to offer.

To make a gift, call the Office of Annual Giving at (203) 365-4897, email scholarshipfund@sacredheart.edu or write: Office of Annual Giving, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432-1000.
I can't sleep the night before our delegation is scheduled to leave Tierra Blanca and return to campus. My head is full of thoughts about how people here are coping with the earthquake damage, living under plastic sheets next to the rubble of their adobe houses, brick by brick, tile by tile, whatever they can pick out of the ruins, rebuilding and going on with faith in their families and faith in God.

The pastoral letter we receive from UCA, the university in San Salvador I visited many years ago at the beginning of Sacred Heart University's mission in El Salvador when six Jesuit priests and professors had been murdered by the army, tells us there is life and hope even in the ruins of the Jan. 13 quake. I toss and turn on my cot in the patio of Sister Elena Jaramillos' church. All night long, the village dogs bark, as if strangers are passing on the road. Even the roosters crow all night, too impatient to wait for dawn. I open my eyes into a single,
Las Gavetas, El Salvador

remote silver eye—the moon—staring down into my face beyond the patio roof. The stars are so densely clustered it is hard to make out familiar constellations like Orion's Belt. I sleep and awaken to the whistles and looping calls of tropical kingbirds and fly-catchers claiming their perches in the pre-dawn darkness, beginning their morning routine of catching insects in mid-flight.

I like to take a walk before breakfast. Already it is hot and dusty. Villagers are moving their cows up the road to pastures outside the town. A young woman stands in her yard, surrounded by children, while she wields a crowbar like a man, loosening dirt around a broken support beam of her former house. Before she can rebuild, every cracked wall and jutting frame must be knocked down and cleared away by hand. There are no power tools in Tierra Blanca, no heavy construction vehicles. Nothing but shovels, crowbars and an occasional dump truck to haul off the material that cannot be reused.

I pass by a neighbor's yard. Village life here is still agricultural, tied to the cycle of seasons, and there is a cycle of life awakening in every yard. A small girl goes out to get water in a pan for cooking. A large rooster, resplendent in gold and scarlet, leads his hens through a gap in the fence out into the dirt road to scratch and peck. A tiny piglet races by me through the weeds with an even smaller puppy happily chasing it. Outside another yard an ox-cart has pulled up with a heavy load of wooden stakes.

Some people cannot afford even adobe, let alone brick and cinderblocks. Cesar and I had met this family yesterday when Sister Elena introduced us to families who had been chosen by their block representatives to receive the tiny amount of aid that had been given. This family had not been chosen. They didn't own the land their house had been built on. Now they will start over with a wooden frame house and thatched roof. I help them unload the wooden stakes.

The mother of the family is proud of the purple bougainvillea vine, the largest in the neighborhood, which covers the tree the family is living under. She points out a small green parrot in the foliage, a family pet they cherish despite their own misery.

The village overflows with life. I can see hummingbirds in the canopy of tall trees feeding on clusters of flowers. The trees here seem to blossom, lose their leaves, grow fruit all at once at all seasons of the year. The mango trees are thick with green fruit; long, brown pods hang down from another tree. In the branches of a cashew tree a pair of orioles, wintering here from the north, are bobbing and whistling. Along the road back to the church a flock of blackbirds I've never seen before, shy, prehistoric-looking ani, climb and flap through the branches.
"Much to Teach Us"

I return to the church to join my friends for breakfast. Before I go into the patio I stop in a side chapel to look quietly at a portrait of Archbishop Oscar Romero and think of the catastrophes the people of El Salvador have had to overcome in the last 10 years – some natural like Hurricane Mitch and the January earthquake, some political and social, like the long civil war that claimed so many good lives, like Romero's. The people of El Salvador have much to teach us here at Sacred Heart about how families can survive unanticipated tragedies, rebuild their lives, and try to create a better society.

After breakfast I go into a small room off the patio and begin packing my bags to go to the airport and return to Connecticut. It's only 8:15 in the morning, even after my long walk. Already the sun has filled the patio garden with light; Vilma, Sister Elena's helper, is watering flowers and shrubs along the church wall. The room seems dark. The only light reflects off the floor tiles from outside. I feel a strong gust of wind hit the room, look up and see some dust, a few leaves drifting down off the tree outside, and go back to packing. The sound like wind I think I'm hearing is actually something I begin to feel. A rhythmic, emphatic rocking is filling the room. A roaring sound approaches, fills my ears, shakes and buffets me from the inside out, like as a child, standing too close to the railroad tracks when the train goes by. For a moment I think about those mothers in the village who told me their children wake up crying in the night if a loud truck goes by on the road because they think the earthquake has returned.

Outside my door I can see Sister Elena hurrying up the patio with a worried frown on her face. She is leading some girls from the village along the walkway. As they pass I see her looking straight at me and beckoning with her hand to get out, come out. Her words break the momentary dream-like state that has paralyzed me for a moment. I leave the room and stand under a fig tree with them in the patio. The two girls are crying hysterically, and my friend Eauzen is trying to comfort them. Say your rosary, let's say the Lord's Prayer, she says over and over again. I look down at my side where a tiny old woman from the village is standing. Her long, pure-white hair is braided like a young girl's. She has been through this experience or ones similar to it many times before. Only a serious look in her eyes and her lips closed tight and tense betray any of her feelings. And then, suddenly, everything is silent. The quake is over, and we look around in relief that nothing has collapsed this time, everyone seems to be okay. In a few minutes the routines of life begin all over again. We finish packing, get in the truck, and drive to the airport, only to discover that it has been closed by the quake. We return happily to Tierra Blanca with Sister Elena and are able to continue working with and learning from the people in the village for a few days more.

I hope the videos and stories our delegation has brought back from this earthquake-shattered village – shattered in houses, but still strong in family unity and faith -- can make this reality vivid for those on campus who wish to reach out to El Salvador with aid and service. The educational and spiritual benefits of helping the Salvadoran communities are essential for forming and informing the kind of student it is our mission to educate at Sacred Heart University.

Dr. Robin McAllister, an associate professor of English, languages, literature and media studies, has been a Sacred Heart University faculty member since 1979. The trip in February was his third experience in El Salvador.
Fighting the enduring Earthquake

By César Muñoz Acebes '95

He saw it coming like a wave shaking up the soil, under the trees and the sugar cane, the rock crushing underneath with a guttural roar. He held a post, his thighs trembling, uttering the "Our Father." Has my time come?

It caught his wife outside their home in Tierra Blanca. Their children were inside, by the cracking adobe walls, but she could not move. The legs would not let her so she shouted, her cry engulfed by the cow's frantic mooing and the dog's senseless barking to keep away the monster, the monster that they say lurks underground.

Despite the shock, they are lucky to tell the story. About 1,200 of their fellow Salvadorans cannot. On Jan. 13, 2001, an earthquake of 7.3 points on the Richter scale struck El Salvador, followed by two more powerful tremors and more than 3,000 aftershocks. More than one million people have lost their homes, or about one in six Salvadorans.

In the aftermath of any crisis such as this one, aid agencies face the dilemma of how to assist people without stimulating their dependency on outside help, how to aid the country without turning it into a nation of victims. The people of Tierra Blanca, a small town an hour southeast of the capital city, San Salvador, have found their own answer.

As if stripping its inhabitants of their rags, the earthquake has revealed the real poverty behind the plastered walls in Tierra Blanca. The paint fell to expose the cracked or collapsed adobe constructions. Sister Elena Jaramillo calculates that 350 houses are uninhabitable. The government has promised 150 "temporary lodgments."

The disaster has also disclosed that about 60 percent of Tierra Blanca's inhabitants are inquilinos (renters) or cuidadores (caretakers), not owning the land or the houses where they lived. No charity organization will rebuild the buildings as they would become the property of the landowner.

As during other disasters, aid has poured in from helicopters, but it is slow to hit the ground, and may never reach the neediest. Rosa Flores Navarro complains that in the past jeeps went through the streets of Tierra Blanca throwing foodstuffs.

"The strongest get the most," she says. Rev. Pedro de Clerk, the Belgian-born pastor of the town, shares her repulsion. "They treat people like beggars, like animals, and the people themselves start treating each other the same way. They all want to get the give-aways," he affirms.

Both the priest and Sister Elena decided to face this crisis with a solid native organization. First, they mobilized members of the parish to make a census of the whole town. Each person covered a block listing its residents and inquiring about land ownership and damages suffered. Then, each block elected a "captain" and every four captains selected one among them as their representative. Thus, 17 delegates, who had never held any office, met just a few weeks after the earthquake, creating an organization still without a name. Every citizen had participated in the process.

The aid the priest and the nun are receiving from abroad is to be used to buy the materials for a small house made out of cement blocks, not adobe. The inhabitants of each block had to select one among them to receive this aid. No one better than them knows who suffers the dearest need.

Each group of four block captains will make the decision jointly. They chose Teresa Beltran, for instance, a single mother with poor sight, one of whose sons is in jail. They also chose a sturdy woman with young children whose husband was murdered while drunk. None of the delegates has received anything, but they are far from unhappy.

Elizabeth Lopez de Mejia is the representative of Teresa Beltran's block. "We don't have voice or vote, but now we have been taken into account," she says. Manual Molina Cruz, another representative, affirms: "We have to help the elderly and the youngest, because we from the middle class have more resources." He is an electrician and has taken a loan to rebuild his home.

While the tremors have briefly awakened the world about the tragedy of the Salvadoran people, in Tierra Blanca they may have awakened Salvadorans themselves, who are fighting the enduring earthquake of poverty.

César Muñoz Acebes '95 is a former staff member at CNN and Spanish editor of Fairfield County Catholic. This is his second story about El Salvador for the magazine.
Participants had helped themselves to coffee and muffins in the Pitt Center Boardroom, prepared for a morning of lively debate. The topic at hand was the ethical considerations of managed care, and the seminar had attracted a room full of doctors, nurses and counselors. Cosponsored each year by St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport and the University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS), this seminar was in full swing when conference coordinator Bill Joyce interrupted the proceedings. He shared the utterly incomprehensible news that the United States was under attack. REAPS director Monsignor Gregory M. Smith led the participants in the Lord's Prayer, for those who had lost their lives in the tragedy, and the group made a feeble attempt to continue the conference while awaiting further news. It wasn't long in coming, and it wasn't good. Dozens of stunned and tearful participants walked out into the brilliant sunshine trying to imagine the world they now lived in.

And so it was all over campus, and all over the country. The ordinary affairs of life were put on hold – permanently for some – and students, faculty and staff entered a new reality. Some lingered by hallway televisions, sickened by what they saw but unable to turn away. Others called home to check on family and friends or console themselves by hearing loving voices. With so many New Yorkers on campus, it was inevitable the tragedy would hit close to home for many. Still others felt the need to be with classmates and colleagues, to immerse themselves in the midst of life when death was intruding so forcefully in their lives.

By noon, the word had spread all over campus that the Sacred Heart community would be gathering in the University Commons to pray. That name was a new one for...
the Old Gym this brand new semester, so not everyone was even sure where to assemble. But many hundreds of students, faculty members and staff soon filled the space for a somber and solemn Mass. They prayed for the dead, they prayed for the nation, they prayed for their torment-ed and troubled world.

September 11th, 2001, the ironically named 9-1-1, would change the University forever, and in ways we still cannot imagine. Following a bomb threat at the University of Bridgeport, for instance, Public Safety Officers manned the University gates, and no one without official business was allowed onto campus. Additional guards patrolled the dormitories later that night. Classes were cancelled at mid-day and only essential staff members remained on campus.

Clearly this was an event that called for a religious response. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was held in the Chapel all afternoon, and a candlelight prayer vigil took place that evening in the Quad. The Campus Ministry Office remained open for students and others who needed to talk it through with someone, and RAs were instructed to be vigilant about residents who appeared in special need. Freshmen living on campus were in a particularly vulnerable position: away from home for the first time for a little over a week, surrounded by strangers, and submit-

Students and staff watch in stunned silence as televisions broadcast news that will change their lives forever.

ting to a test for which they had had no preparation at all. Liturgies and ecumenical services provided further opportunities for prayer and reflection and fellowship.

Members of the University community wrestled with the dilemma in numerous other ways. The Freshman Convocation on September 12th, designed to be a festive welcoming to the University for first year students, took on an unusual seriousness and sobriety. Professors used class time to discuss the bombings, and a special academic seminar in the Pitt Center included contributions from a variety of academic disciplines: community health, economics, ethics, political science, psychology and spirituality. Celebratory events such as Homecoming and Open House were all canceled for the weekend, and Student Life and food services people worked till midnight assisting students and letting anticipated guests know that everything was cancelled.

While September 11th and its aftermath brought forth a huge outpouring of grief, students and staff rolled up their sleeves in an unprecedented showing of compassion and solidarity. Individuals and members of athletic teams rushed to give blood, and RAs collected money for the Salvation Army and other charitable agencies. A University-wide collection of food, clothing and emergency equipment commenced almost immediately, and veteran administrators said that they recalled no parallel effort in the school's history.

Every day, there are horrific new headlines to confront, and every night, troubling dreams. The subject works its way into every conversation and will define this generation's college experience forever. Monthly commemorations organized by a University-wide coalition called The Eleventh Day will span the academic year as members of our shaken family try to reclaim some of their earlier purpose and a little of their customary enthusiasm. At the same time, they will have the daunting task of creating a new life in a world that feels much less like home.
Nicholas Scalisi '69 has earned a Connecticut real estate sales license. A controller for a manufacturer of industrial machinery in Norwalk, he now works part-time with Diversified Realty, Norwalk.

Danny Pannese '75, associate professor of accounting, congratulates daughter Danielle on her B.S. degree in biology.

Evelyn Avoglia '70 earned a doctorate in vocal music and spirituality from the Union Institute, Cincinnati in August 2000.

Dominick Caruso '70 and Patricia Caruso announce the marriage of their son, Christopher, to Laura Dupois on August 23, 2000.


George Gintoli '72 was appointed director of the Department of Mental Health in South Carolina.

Frank Hutvagner '73, '82 MBA has been named director of finance for the United Way of Eastern Fairfield County. Frank was employed by Sacred Heart University since 1971, serving as director of budgets for the Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs division the last three years. He lives in Huntington.

Art Solis '74 has completed 25 seasons as head coach of the Emmett O'Brien Tech boys' soccer team in Ansonia. He also teaches fifth grade at Truman School in New Haven. Solis lives in Seymour with his family.

Tony Scalisi '75 is director of exhibitor services with Convention Data Services, Inc. He resides in Norwalk.

Thomas Errichetti '78 has been promoted to treasurer at The BHC Co. in Bridgeport. He joined BHC in 1991 as assistant controller of taxes following a 12-year career at Price Waterhouse. Errichetti is a Bridgeport resident.

Gary D. Myers '78 is advertising director for The Law Tribune, a division of American Lawyer Media in Hartford. He recently opened The Western Massachusetts Law Tribune and is launching The Rhode Island Law Tribune. Myers lives in Trumbull.

Rev. John M. Stephen '80 became the new minister at Middlebury Baptist Church, Middlebury, on July 1, 2000. He and his family live in Oxford.

Thomas L. Campoli '81 is a financial manager for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. He resides in Phoenix.

Carol Forest '82 MBA was appointed to the Board of Directors at the Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation. Carol is the chief financial officer at Southern Connecticut Gas Co.

Lisa Petruzzelli '83, '93 MAT, '97 6th year was married to Michael Schiron on August 12, 2000. Lisa is a teacher at Beardsley School in Bridgeport. They live in Bridgeport.

Craig Rydin '83 MBA has been appointed chief executive officer of the Yankee Candle Co., in Whately, Mass., the leading manufacturer and retailer of premium scented candles. Craig served as president of the Away From Home food services and Godiva Chocolatier divisions of the Campbell Soup Co., and earlier held senior management positions with Pepperidge Farm.

John Byrne '84 has been named the first county manager for Tioga County, N.Y.


Bob Valentin '84 and Sheri Sadie Valentin '87 welcomed their second child, Abigail Hope on July 19, 2000. Abigail joins sister Lexi. The Valentins live in Clinton.

John Carlozzi '85 has become chairman of culinary education at Florida Culinary Institute.

Marlene Gaberel '85 works in the international department for Connecticut Coining in Bethel. Marlene resides in Sandy Hook.

Lisa Horvath '85 was promoted to vice president at Albert B. Ashforth Inc.-Management Services in Stamford.

Theresa Reher '85 was married to Peter Bockiaro Jr. on August 26, 2000. The bride is an accountant in Fairfield. The couple resides in Trumbull.

Karen Damon Callahan '86 announces the birth of her fifth child, born on April 8, 2000. Karen has accepted a position at Yale-New Haven Hospital in the Newborn Special Care Unit.
Mary Conlon '86 is the development officer for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Providence. She resides in Lincoln, R.I.

Evelyn DiCicco '86 and Alan DiCicco '87 welcomed their second daughter, Carissa, on November 2, 1999. Carissa has a 5-year-old sister, Briana.

Marcia Goodwin '86 is a technical director for Southwestern Bell Telephone Corp. She resides in Shelton.

Lajeune Hollis '86 is an account executive with WEBE-FM and WICC-AM in Bridgeport. Lajeune lives in New Haven.

Greg Izzo '86 and his wife, Kim, became the parents of a son, Griffin Alexander, on May 14, 2001.

Mary Moran '86, '89 MAT married Mark Kallmeyer on July 2, 2000. She is a first grade teacher at Helen Street School in Hamden. They reside in Shelton.

Mark Jardin '87 and his wife, Cara, welcomed their first child, Cole, on April 6, 2000. The Jardins live in Boston.

Evelyn Kieltyka '87 was named Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association. Evelyn is director of program services at the Family Planning Association of Maine, specializing in women's health. She and her family live in Brunswick, Maine.

Lajeune Hollis '86 was named Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association. Evelyn is director of program services at the Family Planning Association of Maine, specializing in women's health. She and her family live in Brunswick, Maine.

Mirella Scafidi Ouellette '87 has joined William Ravesis as a realtor specializing in relocations.

Nancy Rinaldi '87, a certified clinical aesthetician, is with the office of Advance Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery in Danbury.

Cathy Betz '89 and Chad Betz '90 became parents of a daughter, Anna Lynn Betz, on August 26, 2000.

Darryl DeMarco '89 is a senior financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in Fairfield. He lives in Southport.

Sheila Denton '89 is a member of the Litigation Department of Pullman & Comley, LLC Bridgeport.


Keith Gatling '89 and his wife, Lindie, welcomed their daughter, Kei-Lin Jade, on July 24, 1999. They live in Trumbull.

Lisa Gulli-Martire '89 received the Above and Beyond Award for outstanding contributions to her employer, NASDAQ, in December 2000.

Mitch Holmes '89 MBA is the academic division director for business programs at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury.

Rev. Colin McKenna '89 became the first priest to appear on television's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" on January 18, 2001. He is parochial vicar at St. Joseph's Church in Shelton.

Terri Tolson '89 gave birth to a son, Joshua Tolson Jr., on July 7, 1999. Terri was promoted to student services officer with the Yale School of Medicine. The Tolson family resides in Hamden.

Tanya Wulff Truax '89 is assistant vice president at Newtown Savings Bank in Monroe. Tanya resides in Monroe.

Alumni Lauded for Outreach Efforts

The Sacred Heart University community is known for its commitment to service - and that encompasses the wider circle of alumni.

Two alumnae, Patricia Dillon '95 and Sabine Kuezo '83, were recipients of the Above & Beyond Award at the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project's (RYASAP) seventh annual meeting last November. They were recognized for their dedicated volunteerism on behalf of RYASAP, a regional coalition of young people and adults working together to build healthier, safer communities in the Bridgeport area.

Patricia, who was the first member of her family to graduate from college, is the director of development at the Cardinal Shehan Center in Bridgeport. Sabine, a native of Germany, is the neighborhood coordinator for the city of Bridgeport's Office of Planning and Economic Development, serving as liaison between city government and the community. She and her husband, Steve, are the parents of sons Erick and Paul.

Back row, left to right:
Keith Pacific '84, Darryl DeMarco '89, John Kelly '86, Robert "Buzz" Bradley, Matt Reale '86

Front row:
Mr. & Mrs. John Queenan '86 (maiden name - Bernadette Sonido)

Missing from picture:
Todd Connelly '87, Mike Sonido '99 (Brother of the bride)
John Bordeau '90 announced the birth of his son, John Robert Bordeau, on August 10, 2000.

Geraldine Bucci '90 was married to Kevin Keating on June 23, 2000 in Monroe. The bride is a senior account representative at Pitney Bowes Credit Corp., in Shelton. The couple resides in Milford.

Thomas Compton '90 MBA has been appointed CEO of SkinMedica, Inc., in Carlsbad, Cal.

Joann Fratarcangeli '90 was married to Joseph Chianca on October 8, 2000 in Trumbull. The bride is an Oracle database administrator at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach. The couple resides in Shelton.

Jennifer Burns Ignace '90 and Mark Ignace '00 welcomed their third child, Brianna, 5, and Benjamin, 3. The family resides in Seymour.

Mark Lambert '90, an assistant coach with the Bridgeport Bluefish, was named the associate head baseball coach and director of intramurals at the University of New Haven. He is the former head coach at Norwalk Community College. Mark lives in Bridgeport.

Amy Moquet '90 MBA is vice president, human resources at PHS Health Plans, Shelton. She lives in Orange.

Donna Creigmuss-Hutter '91 gave birth to her first child, Andrew Robert Hutter, on March 5, 2001. They reside in Fairfield.

Mike Denysenko '91 was married to Cindy Puglia on October 28, 2000 in New Haven. Mike is manager of computer resources in the University's Art Department. The couple resides in West Haven.

Nancy Dowling '91 6th year was appointed curriculum leader for humanities at Fairfield High School.

Jill Ferencz '91 was married to Scott Ingram on April 8, 2000. She is a consultant with Pfizer, Inc., New London. They live in Easton.

Gregory Shamaly '91 was married to Lisa Marie Perez on August 27, 2000 in Shelton. The groom is an Oracle database administrator at Cendant in Trumbull. They reside in Shelton.

Michael Weild '91 MAT was chosen as Florida's College/Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year for 2001. He is employed by Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach.

Mason Cobb '92 and his wife Cyndi are the owner-operators of the Colby Hill Inn in Henniker, N.H. The inn is a converted 1795 farmhouse.

Scott Gagnon '92 is assistant principal at Bennet Middle School in Manchester, Conn. He lives in North Franklin.

Steven J. Lizotte '92 was named manager of corporate accounting with USCO Logistics in Naugatuck. He lives in Seymour.

Angela Loverci '92 and husband Mario Loverci announce the birth of their second daughter, Julia Marie, on February 21, 2000.

William I. Neil '92 MBA recently participated in Operation New Horizons as part of Joint Task Force Santa Fe in El Salvador. Neil is a sergeant in the Army Reserve, Birmingham, Ala.

Wendy Palmeiri '92 MAT and husband Fred Palmeiri announce the birth of a son, Joseph. The Palmeiris reside in Trumbull.

Katina Angelos Papademetriou '92, '98 MBA has accepted a position with Bristol-Myers Squibb as a senior financial analyst. She and her husband Costa have also announced the birth of their son, Alexander Perter, on August 15, 2001.

Andrea Pelensky '92 was married to Fernando Rodriguez on May 13, 2000 in Trumbull. The bride is a senior financial analyst at Pitney Bowes in Stamford. The couple resides in Shelton.

Habitat chapter toils in Philippines

Five members of the Habitat for Humanity campus chapter - three alumni and two seniors - have carried the Sacred Heart University spirit of outreach to new lengths.

Last August, the group traveled 12,000 miles to construct homes in the Philippines. Working side by side with future residents in humid 90-degree temperatures, they built four cinder block dwellings in the community of Tagaytay.

"This will be a big improvement for the new homeowners," says Patricia Kurowski '98. "Most of them are squatters who live in temporary, makeshift houses on other people's land."

Each 12-by-12 structure consists of just one room, with a "mezzanine" or loft serving as sleeping quarters, but is equipped with electricity, toilet facilities and running water. In American dollars, supplies for a single home are about $1,500.

Kurowski was joined on this two-week odyssey by Anne Marie D'Amore '00, Sean Otterspoor '00, seniors Angela Bowden and Brian Bunnell, Otterspoor's mother, Suzanne, and his 15-year-old sister, Jacqueline.

The trip was funded by the University, which contributed the airfare, and a $5,000 donation from Kurowski's employer, Wilton-based Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Each participant also contributed $350 out of pocket to Habitat International, which forwarded the group's collective gift to Habitat in Tagaytay. D.H.
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Catherine Swenson '92, '94 MBA is assistant to the president for the Diabetes Research Foundation in West Palm Beach, Fla. She is the former group sales coordinator at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. She lives in West Palm Beach.

Pete Yarasavich '92 is a scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates in Holland. He is also serving as player-coach with NTNT ADO, ranking third in the league with a .368 batting average and leading the team to the championship game of the post-season playoffs.

Scott Appleby '93 was married to Joy Mulligan. Scott is the director of emergency management in Bridgeport where he became the youngest to receive the Emergency Manager of the Year Award for the state of Connecticut.

Jeanne Boland '93 MBA was married to Anthony Malgioglio on October 21, 2000 in Fairfield. The bride is a sixth grade teacher at Madison Middle School in Trumbull. The couple resides in Stratford.

Amy Madison Broad '93, '99 MAT and her husband, Kevin Broad '99, became parents of Emily Grace on March 5, 2001. Amy is a second grade teacher at John Winthrop School in Bridgeport. Kevin is a software engineer at Transcentive in Trumbull. She lives in Stratford.

Andrew Maccabe '93 is an English teacher at Ridgefield High School.

Andrea Marella '93 married Gary Zamuda on December 5, 1999 in Monroe. The bride is a staff accountant at Mobilia Corp., Williston, VT. They live in St. George, VT.

Michael Marsalisi '93 was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Darien Police Department.

Annette Passe Tara '93 and her husband, Hal, became the parents of Victoria Ann on December 2, 1999. The family lives in Fairfield.

Marcie Albanesi '94 MBA is manager of community relations and planning at Danbury Hospital. She lives in Ridgefield.

James E. Kraemer '94 is product manager with the Chase Insurance Group in New York. Jim and wife Jackie announce the birth of their second son, Patrick James. The Kraemers reside in Merrick, N.Y.

Danielle T. Kramer '94 and Michael Pellicone were married on September 30, 2000. The couple resides in Bridgeport.

Michael LaBella '94 MBA of Trumball joined Fleet-Boston as senior vice president and area manager for its small business services group in southern Connecticut.

Eric Sannicandro '94 and Michelle Recine were married on September 16, 2000. The couple resides in Congers, N.Y.

Louis Elneus '95 is the president of Haiti Lumiere De Demain, a nonprofit organization committed to promoting literacy among the children of Haiti.

Tangular A. Irby '95 MAT is vice principal at JFK School in Windsor. She lives in Bridgeport.

Gerald C. Pia Jr. '95 is an associate in the Litigation Department at Pullman & Comley, LLC, Bridgeport.

William Leonard Schiappa '95 was married to Tina Marie Schmitt on May 20, 2000 in Trumbull. The bridegroom is a customer care manager with iSolve.com in Stamford. They live in Beacon Falls.

Al Chiarenzelli '96 is the full-time business manager for the town of Orange. He and his wife, Madeline, live in Shelton.

Megan Keefe '96 is a production coordinator with Golf Digest in Trumbull. She lives in Bridgeport.

Behind Wedding Couple, left to right, from bottom:
Jim Gibbons '95, Louis Elneus '95, Chris Huggins '96, Matthew Krepil '97, Frank Parisi '99, Kelly Tedesco '00, Brian Picard '95, Patty Dillon '95, Denise Schatz '96, Coleen Cardaneo '96, Andy Guyon '96, Jen Mancuso '99, Kevin Vulin '96, D.J. Hanson '96, Lynn Hanson '96, Melanie Dunnack, A.J. Dunnack, Gary Reho

Front row: Michael & Erica (Clough) McLaughlin '96 (both)

Chuck Lupo '96 is a graphic artist and CAD operator for Robert A. Becker in New York.

Tom Marcella '96 MBA is the director of Unilever in Trumbull. Tom resides in Stratford.

Nicky McHugh '96 has joined Stanton Crenshaw Communications in Stamford as a senior account executive specializing in financial services and technology clients.

Candace Meader '96 MS was named to the Board of Directors at Norwalk Hospital. Candace is also the coordinator of central intake in the hospital’s Department of Psychiatry.

Henry Rondon '96, '98 MAT and Colleen McGrath '98 were married on July 28, 2000 in the Bronx. Henry is a religion teacher and girls’ basketball coach at Kolbe Cathedral High School, Bridgeport, and Colleen is a teacher assistant at Walsh Intermediate School, Branford. They live in Shelton.

Carrie Sadowski '96 and John Hart Jr. '97 were married on May 20, 2000 in Meriden. Carrie is a medical billing representative for Prohealth Physicians in Farmington and John is employed at Total Communications in Stratford. They reside in South Meriden.
Marc Scacciaferro '96 and Jennifer DeMaio '97 were married on December 18, 1999. They live in Niantic.


Shawn Szurma '96 was married to Lisa Russo on August 25, 2000 in Falmouth, Mass. Shawn is a sales engineer for webMethods, Inc. They reside in Cambridge, Mass.

Mark Block '97 recently published a book, Contemporary Marbles and Related Art Glass.


Christine Desormier '97 completed her master's degree in marriage and family therapy and mental health counseling at Springfield College in August of 2000. She lives in Rochester, N.H.

Frank Henderson '97 MAT has been named assistant principal of Saxe Middle School in New Canaan. He and his family reside in Guilford.

Michele Herrmann '97 has been appointed editor of the Living section of the twice-weekly Fairfield Citizen-News in Fairfield.

Kristen Peterson '97 was married to Marshall Mikulik on September 30, 2000. They live in Port Chester, N.Y.

Jill Rich '97 and Michael Silvestro '97 were married on October 21, 2000. The bride is a second grade teacher at Fawn Hollow School, Monroe, and the bridegroom is a manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Westport.

Janet Vasil '97 and Richard Urban were married on June 17, 2000 in Bridgeport. The bride is a senior patient coordinator for General Electric in Fairfield. The couple resides in Stratford.

Kevin Welch '97 MAT is a mathematics teacher at Wilton High School.

Jessie Brosseau '98 is working toward a master's degree in public health in epidemiology at Emory University. She lives in Atlanta.

Marisa Cadenazzi '98 is pursuing a master's degree in cytology/cytotechnology/cytopathology at the University of Rhode Island College of Continuing Education.

Jennifer Caggiano '98 is employed as a microbiologist analyst for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. She resides in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Maureen Collins '98 has been working in conjunction with Rutgers University on the restoration of the Fresh Kills Landfill. She lives in Philadelphia.

Michael Dow '98, '00 MS recently won the Secretary's Award for Innovations in Health 2000 for his paper on "Staying Fit with Multiple Sclerosis."

Erin Dymek '98 is attending Dartmouth, where she is pursuing graduate studies toward a doctorate in molecular biology.

Kathryn Folchick '98, '99 MAT and Angelo DeGruttolo Jr. were married on September 11, 2000 in Trumbull. The bride is a second grade teacher at F.A. Berry Elementary School, Bethel. They reside in Trumbull.

Kara Groeschner '98 was married to Kurt Wayne on May 19, 2000 in Fairfield. The bride is a third grade teacher for the Fairfield Public Schools. The couple resides in Bridgeport.

Valerie Hau '98 is working on her Ph.D in molecular biology and biochemistry at the UConn Health Center.

Ryan Johnson '98 is a research assistant at Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center in Georgia. He is also working for the University of Georgia's National Environmentally Sound Production Agriculture Laboratory.

Doug Knowe '98 is an eighth grade teacher at Dolan Middle School in Stamford. He resides in Norwalk.

Scott Kreitler '98 MBA and Brooke Saverine were married on October 14 in Darien. The couple resides in Monroe.

Frank Larsen '98 and Erin Maffucci were married on September 2, 2000 in Greenwich. Frank is a sales associate at New Horizons Pharmaceutical. She and her husband reside in Black Rock.

Gina Norelli '98 was married to Matthew Kain on July 6, 2001 in Westport. Gina is a scriptwriter for Trilegiant Corporation in Norwalk (formerly Cendant). She and her husband reside in Black Rock.

Geanne Peloso '98 MBA was married to Adam McKechnie on August 12, 2000. She is a marketing manager for Reed Exhibitions in Norwalk. The couple recently completed construction on their new home in Norwalk.

Paul Salce '98 was elected treasurer for the Greater Hartford Chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association. Salce resides in Shelton.

Jeremy Stewart '98 is a research associate in drug discovery at Neurogen Corp. in Branford. He lives in East Haven.
Carla Torre '98 is an elementary school teacher in Enfield, where she resides.

David Wargo '98 has been named managing director of Cablevision Systems Corp., Connecticut Division. He resides in Milford.

Eric Wood '98 is working in compliance services at Clemson University while studying for his doctorate in higher education administration.

Toni Lynn Baldwin '99 MAT was married to Dennis Pannella Jr. on June 30, 2000 in Shelton. Toni is a teacher at Elizabeth Shelton School, Shelton.

Randy Bell '99 and Becky Roy '99 were married on July 1, 2000 in Canterbury, Conn. Randy is an inside sales professional for Unisource in Milford and Becky is a life-care specialist for LifeCare.com in Westport.

They live in Seymour.

Gabriel Bonanni '99 was selected to receive a grant for a two-month study of Italian and Italian culture at the University for Foreigners in Siena, Italy.

Timothy Crader '99 MBA, formerly director of the University's Stamford campus, has accepted a sales position with General Electric. Tim lives in Bridgeport.

Michelle Cruz '99 is a staff accountant with Albert B. Ashforth Inc. Management Services, Stamford. Michelle resides in Norwalk.

Matthew Dudek '99 and Elizabeth Kremler '99 were married on July 15, 2000. Matt is a graduate assistant certified athletic trainer at the New York Institute of Technology. They live in North Babylon, N.Y.

Lori Ann Gomez '99 was married to Adrian Uilecan on June 10, 2000 in Fairfield. The bride is an office manager at Zeldis, Guglielmi & Co., CPAs, Fairfield. They reside in Bridgeport.

Susan Kmiec '99 MBA was married to Bruce Ennis on December 31, 1999 in Trumbull. The bride is a marketing director at imix.com, Stamford. They live in Stamford.

Julie Ann Nevero '99 is sports editor for Mariner Newspapers in Massachusetts. She resides in Randolph, Mass.

Rebecca Louise Orem '99 was married to Shaw Tallman on June 10, 2000 at the Newport Regatta Club, Newport, R.I. The bride is a registered nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital. They live in Newtown.

Laurie Slade '99 6th year is assistant principal of Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School. Laurie resides in Wallingford.

Michael O'Sullivan '99 is a New Canaan police officer. He lives in Hamden.

Kimberly Timpany '99 is working for the student services' university union at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Maylah West '99 6th year is assistant principal and coordinator of special education at Elmer Thienes/Mary Hall Elementary School in Marlborough. She lives in Tolland.

Beth Brady '00 was selected to represent her hometown of Marlborough, Mass., at Akiruno's Itsukaichi Art Studio in Marlborough's sister city, Akiruno City, Japan.

Kerri Ann Colorusso '00 MAT is the new CAN (Children with Alternative Needs) teacher at Sandy Hook School in Newtown. She resides in Brookfield.

Amy Ham '00 MBA is the student activities coordinator at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Amy lives in Haverford.

Kelly Libby '00 is working as a staff assistant aide for U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.). She resides in Enfield.

Daria Licari '00 is a marketing coordinator for Yada Yada in New York. Daria lives in East Meadow, N.Y.

Tara Macek '00 6th year is associate principal of the Old Saybrook Middle School.

Monica Murano '00 is a marketing coordinator for APPMA in Greenwich. Monica resides in Greenwich.

Laurie Scholl '00 MBA is the human resources administrator for the town of Ridgefield.

Debra Ventunelli '00 has joined the media relations department of Noonan/Russo Communications, a public relations firm specializing in healthcare/biotech, in New York City.
In Memoriam

Anthony Anastasio '78, a retired hairdresser, on January 21, 2001. He was 88.

Jean Paul Beliveau, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees and the father of John Austin Beliveau '78, '90 MBA and Suzanne Beliveau '78, on December 26, 2000. He was 79. Beliveau was vice president of the former Bridgeport Brass Co.

Christopher Bowley '99, a graduate student at the University and an employee with WSHU radio, on January 26, 2001. He was 28.

Primrose Chambers, a junior nursing major, on March 29, 2001. She was 36.

Cynthia Cloud '88 MAT, a third grade teacher at Newfield School in Bridgeport, on March 9, 2000. She was 43.

Sally Hollingsworth, a member of the Social Work faculty from 1977-88, on July 6, 2000 in Philadelphia.

James W. Jolly, a 1991 recipient of the University's Discovery Award, on October 14, 2000. He was 80. After a 45-year career at Southern New England Telephone, Jolly became the first volunteer executive director of the St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation.

Diane Kline '90, co-vedictorian of her class and a manager at Champion International in Stamford for 20 years until her illness, on March 21, 2001. She was 45.

John Mahar, Ph.D., chair of the University's History Department from 1964 until his retirement in 1990, on August 2, 2000. He was 80. Survivors include his wife, Dolores, and their children, Michael '73, Martin '78, Sean '79, Jude Baldwin '81 and Declan '82.

David J. Mahoney, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 1992 Commencement, on May 1, 2000 in Palm Beach, Fl. He was 76. Mahoney was the chairman and CEO of the Charles A. Dana Foundation, a former CEO of Norton Simon, Inc., and a philanthropist known for his support of brain research.

Margaret Marchelli, a former administrative secretary in Institutional Advancement and the mother of Sarah Marchelli Duddy '94, on March 31, 2001. She was 58.

Shirley Minton '96, who earned an associate degree at age 75, on Nov. 26, 2000. She was 79.

Richard C. Murphy '95 MAT, a high school teacher in Greenwood, S.C., on January 2, 2001. He was 52.

John O'Sullivan, Ph.D., a history professor at the University from 1966-71, on September 1, 2000.

Richard Percudani, scouting director of the NBA Phoenix Suns and an important contributor as an assistant coach to the University's 1976-77 men's basketball team, on May 1, 2001. He was 65. Survivors include sons Richard Percudani '91 and Stephen Percudani '93.

William H. Pitt, whose $3 million donation helped to create the health and recreation center that bears his name, on September 9, 2000. He was 73. Pitt also established the William Pitt Scholarships for underprivileged students at the University. The real estate company he founded in 1949 has become one of the most successful in the state, and was responsible for bringing such corporate giants as GTE, Combustion Engineering, Xerox and Schweppes to southern Fairfield County.

Mary Ann Reberkenny, a long-time member of the University's Board of Trustees, on January 24, 2001. She was 76. Survivors include Christine Reberkenny-Frisketti '88 MAT and six other daughters.

Harry G.A. Seggerman, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees and an investment manager who pioneered Asian investments during his career, on May 19, 2001. He was 73.

Carol M. Smith '79, a retired bank vice president, on July 28, 1999. She was 60. Smith is survived by her husband and five children, including Carol Patricia Smith '91.

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