Elevating Academics

SHU now ranked one of The Best 366 Colleges in America by the Princeton Review and its John F. Welch College of Business granted international accreditation by the prestigious AACSB.
Dear Friends:

What makes a university's reputation? In part, a university's reputation is judged by the accomplishments of its faculty, students and staff. At Sacred Heart University, we have ready evidence of those accomplishments. As you'll read in this issue of our magazine, we continue to earn accolades for our academic excellence and emphasis on active learning. We're proud to announce that our John F. Welch College of Business has earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier global accrediting body for schools that offer degrees in business. We are also proud that the Princeton Review included Sacred Heart in their 2008 list of Best Colleges in the United States.

"[Our] rich heritage provides us with a framework for preparing students for lives of continuous learning, leadership and service for others."

As you'll see here, our reputation as a great university is also supported by the continued growth in our facilities and curricular offerings, like our new Chapel and Middle Eastern Studies program. The feats of our scholar-athletes, like basketball player Amanda Pape, '07, named Female Athlete of the Year by the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance, also uphold and build our reputation. To truly be great, though, a university must have an unshakable core identity, no matter how much it grows or evolves.

Once again, I thank you for your ongoing confidence in and support for this great University. It is the people at Sacred Heart who make up this fine institution's mind, heart, and soul, and nothing we accomplish would be possible without you.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
Top Marks: University Recognized for Academic Excellence
From SHU's recent accreditation by the AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business—to being listed as one of the Best Colleges by Princeton Review, SHU continues to receive accolades for its immersive learning.

Catholic Intellectual Tradition
Our tradition allows reflection on self, society, career, ethics and a balanced life—and ensures the tools to explore and expand.

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With this new Chapel, the University proudly makes a strong statement about the role of faith in today’s campus life.

DR. ANTHONY CERNERA,
SHU PRESIDENT

Sacred Heart University broke ground for a new Chapel at its main Fairfield campus on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. The principal sanctuary will seat 500 persons, with a smaller chapel for daily Mass and private prayer.

There will also be a bell tower topped with a cross.

When the bells chime in the bell tower, the Sacred Heart community will hear four unique bronze bells. Although cast in the Netherlands, the bells will have a local connection, since the installation will be arranged by Church Specialties, a local company headed by Joe Duffy, whose twin daughters, Katie and Annie, are in their final year at the University.

Another special feature of the Chapel will be original artwork by the world-famous Jesuit artist, Father Marko Ivan Rupnik. Father Rupnik’s international commissions have included mosaics for Pope John Paul II’s personal chapel dedicated to the Mother of the Redeemer. He is now working on art to adorn the Basilica of Notre Dame du Rosaire in Lourdes, France.

The Chapel is designed by Sasaki Associates, a world-class architectural firm that specializes in university projects, and will form a pivotal campus landmark on the main Quad between the Administration Building and the rear entrance to the main Academic Building. The $17 million Chapel will be completed by September 2008.

Sacred Heart University

Turning the soil, from left: Hubert J. Schlafly, Jr.; Christopher K. McLeod, trustee; Hans J. Gram, trustee; SHU sophomore Rita Palladino; the Most Reverend William E. Lori, S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport and chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees; Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, SHU president; Isabelle T. Farrington; and James T. Morley, Jr., vice chairman of the SHU Board of Trustees.
Conference on Aging Offers Information, Advice

As part of the 10th anniversary celebration of its founding, Sacred Heart University’s College of Education and Health Professions presented “Successful Aging,” an information forum addressing critical issues and aspects of aging in our society. The November conference was held for seniors, their families, and caregivers, and offered presentations on financial planning, healthy aging, legal issues, social services, dementia, and how to adapt the home environment for continued independence and safety. Health professionals at the conference offered free screenings and assessments of blood pressure, vision, hearing, balance and reach.

Digital Media Lab Dedicated to Television Pioneer Hubert J. Schlafly, Jr.

Sacred Heart University dedicated its Digital Media Lab in honor of Hubert J. Schlafly, Jr., an American pioneer in international telecommunications, on November 1, 2006. The dedication took place in the University’s Media Studies Studio in the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture.

Following short video presentations about Mr. Schlafly and “Pushing Back the Wave,” a Hurricane Katrina relief documentary project that was co-sponsored by Mr. Schlafly, a plaque bearing his name was unveiled outside of the University’s Digital Media Lab. People attending the event then toured the state-of-the-art facility, which is equipped with DVD-authoring and multimedia production workstations.

Mr. Schlafly, a resident of Greenwich, helped create the modern television industry by inventing the TelePrompTer, developing the first pay-TV system, and engineering the famous HBO satellite transmission of the “Thrilla in Manila” boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier. His amazing career brought him to General Electric, the Radiation Laboratory at MIT, 20th Century Fox and TelePrompTer. Mr. Schlafly received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from SHU in 2003.

Cardinal Spidlik Center Inaugurated in Rome

Sacred Heart University bestowed an honorary Doctor of Theology degree upon His Eminence, Cardinal Tomas Spidlik, S.J., at a special convocation at the Italian Parliament in Rome on November 7, 2006.

This special convocation inaugurated Sacred Heart’s Cardinal Spidlik Center for Ecumenical Understanding. The new Center is dedicated to promoting greater ecumenical understanding and cooperation through dialogue, research, education, publications and artistic collaboration among the Western and Eastern churches.

The convocation address was given by Cardinal Spidlik on “The Relation Between Western Incarnational Theology and Eastern Eschatological Theology.” Cardinal Spidlik is affiliated with Rome’s Centro Aletti, a center for study and research attached to the mission of the Society of Jesus at the Vatican’s Pontifical Oriental Institute. He is a Jesuit priest and scholar who has devoted over 50 years to pursuing dialogue and greater union between the Western and Eastern “branches” of Christianity. For 38 years, he has been the spiritual director of the Pontifical Nepomuceno Seminary, the old Bohemian Seminary. The Cardinal is a prolific author and has been equally acknowledged in the academic and international fields. Among his many honors, he was decorated with the Medal of the Masaryk Order, one of the highest honors of the Czech State, by President Vaclav Havel. Father Spidlik was created Cardinal by Pope John Paul II on October 21, 2003.

“The outstanding contributions of Cardinal Spidlik to Roman Catholic and Eastern Christian dialogue are an inspiration to all of us who seek greater unity among Christians,” said SHU President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera. “I pray that the new Cardinal Spidlik Center for Ecumenical Understanding will build on his profound efforts and will promote greater understanding among Western and Eastern Christians.”
Ireland's Consul General Discusses Ireland and Middle East Peace

Ireland's Consul General, Ambassador Timothy O'Connor (shown left), offered encouraging words about the prospect for Middle East peace during his November 15 visit to Sacred Heart University. His lecture on Ireland's relationship with the United States and the European Union was sponsored by the University's Department of Government.

Later in the day, Ambassador O'Connor also participated in a roundtable discussion on peace in the Middle East with Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding; Dr. John F. Kikoski, a professor of Government and Politics; Dr. Matthew Semel, an assistant professor of Criminal Justice; and Jason Guberman-Pfeffer, a student in the Government and Politics program. The Middle East discussion was organized by Dr. June-Ann Greeley, assistant professor of Religious Studies. "There's no part of the world that's more of an issue, particularly for young people," she said.
CCJU Honors Leaders at Nostra Aetate

In celebration of its 14th year of working to promote interreligious dialogue and understanding, Sacred Heart University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) honored Archbishop Pietro Sambi and Mr. Gary Krupp at its annual Nostra Aetate Awards Ceremony and Dinner. The event took place on December 6, 2006, at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City.

Founded in 1992, CCJU provides forums for research and dialogue that can advance the principles of Nostra Aetate, the 1965 Vatican II document that overturned centuries of hostility in the Catholic Church's relationship with Judaism and signaled a new era of dialogue and mutual understanding between Christians, Jews and all peoples of goodwill. The Nostra Aetate Award recognizes world leaders who embody the spirit and support the practices of interreligious encounters that foster religious harmony and world peace.

Archbishop Sambi was appointed in December 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI as the Apostolic Nuncio (ambassador) to the United States, with concurrent responsibilities as Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States. As the Vatican ambassador to the U.S., he represents the Pope to Church leaders and government officials in the U.S., and is widely regarded as one of the Vatican’s most able leaders and diplomats.

Gary Krupp is a leader in developing medical facilities. His dedicated humanitarian efforts include 18 years of gratis consulting that resulted in medical equipment valued at $15 million being donated to a hospital in Rome. He and his wife, Meredith, also started the Pave the Way Foundation in 2000 to advance the active reconciliation and mutual respect between Jews and Christians. Among Pave the Way’s main goals is fostering a strong partnership between the Holy See and the State of Israel.

In his introduction of the award recipients, Sacred Heart President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera recalled the example of Pope John Paul II in his mission to move interreligious dialogue to the front and center of Catholic life. “At the Pope’s funeral in 2005,” he reflected, “the presence of Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders gave visible expression to the unity-in-diversity that interreligious dialogue seeks to share and deepen.”
New Book Encourages Interfaith Dialogue

A new book, What Do We Want the Other to Teach About Us? (Sacred Heart University Press), encourages open and honest dialogue in an effort to increase interreligious understanding. “At the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, we believe that for the first time in two millennia, Jews, Christians and Muslims have the opportunity to put aside their divisiveness and seek reconciliation and understanding,” says Dr. David L. Coppola, associate executive director of the Center at Sacred Heart University.

With the awareness of this time in history and its opportunities, the CCJU sponsored five international conferences—in Jerusalem; Edmonton, Canada; Rome; Bamberg, Germany; and on the University’s own campus in Fairfield, Connecticut—titled “What Do We Want the Other to Teach About Us?” Selected papers from these conferences have been compiled into one volume, published under the same title, which Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, says he hopes will “contribute greatly to the efforts of interreligious study and dialogue.”

The conferences, and subsequently this compilation of essays and papers, are based on the mission of the CCJU—“advocating a respect for the dignity of all people,” and in particular, recognizing a special relationship between Jews, Christians and Muslims. Integral both to the conferences and to the structure of the book is the belief that true, honest and open dialogue requires one to attempt to understand others before attempting to be understood by others. Put another way, the “Do unto others” paradigm becomes “Teach about others as you would have them teach about you”—with fairness and respect. The author contends that we are all “other” to someone else, which should encourage us to carefully “propose” our beliefs, rather than “impose” them.

Judaism, Christianity and Islam all point to God as “Teacher,” Coppola explains. Likewise, they teach that it is God’s will that all people should live in peace with each other.

To that end, the sort of dialogue encouraged by “What Do We Want the Other to Teach About Us?” is a tool enabling each faith to consider others as people in an active relationship with God, and not to simply dismiss their traditions and customs as strange and incomprehensible like a foreign tongue. Considering other faiths in their own carefully chosen and eloquent words enables one to begin to appreciate not only the other’s complexities, but one’s own as well.

“Efforts were made to find presenters who could express ideas from the middle of the road in each religious tradition,” Dr. Coppola says. “However…the middle of the road moved with the winding and hilly terrain of different denominations and traditions of religions.” He goes on to tell how “often intra-religious conversations were more challenging than interreligious ones,” serving to remind us that no single religion is finished, that all are ongoing human efforts attempting to understand and relate to the Divine, and that—above all else—humility is the key to open and honest dialogue.

Interestingly, the result of “What Do We Want the Other to Teach About Us?” offers theological echoes of Socrates’ declaration that the unexamined life is not worth living. “It is hoped,” Dr. Coppola writes in his Introduction, “that such conversations will help inspire Jews to be better Jews; Christians, better Christians; Muslims, better Muslims, and all people to act justly, and walk humbly before their God.”

CCJU Holds Conference on “Problem Passages”

Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding sponsored a symposium December 4-5 on “Wrestling with Problem Passages.” This is the first of several conferences with Jews, Christians and Muslims focusing on problem passages within their own traditions in the presence of “the other.” Thirty scholars and religious leaders participated in the symposium, with extra seating for members of Sacred Heart’s community interested in attending the sessions. The format of the conference included presentations of the problem passage and how it is addressed, resolved or remains a challenge within the tradition, followed by reactions from participants.
CCJU Delegation Meets Pope Benedict at Auschwitz

A delegation from the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, led by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center, joined Pope Benedict XVI on his visit to Poland last year. Invited by Cardinal Stanislaus Dziwisz, Archbishop of Krakow, the only group from the U.S. included CCJU Board members Louella Lieberman and Gregory Milbank, along with Margot Gibis of the Leir Foundation. They met and shook hands with the Pope at a small gathering at the Centre for Dialogue, Education and Prayer. Cardinals Walter Kasper, president of the Vatican’s Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and Jean-Marie Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris emeritus, also met with the group.

Clergy Work Toward Interreligious Understanding at CCJU Conference

Discussing faith and theology in the classroom is one thing. Putting them into practice is something else altogether. This past spring, Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) sponsored its second annual Colleagues in Dialogue conference at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, bringing back 30 clergy from past Seminarians’ Institutes to meet, reflect and discuss their ministry experiences.

The CCJU first sponsored its annual Institute for Seminarians and Rabbinical Students in 2000 to introduce aspiring Jewish and Christian clergy to some of the challenges they might encounter in Jewish-Christian relations. At the heart of this year’s conference was a discussion with Rabbi Elliot Dorff, author and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of Judaism in California. Rabbi Dorff discussed his most recent book, The Way into Tikkun Olam (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2005), and pointed out that “it is essential to know more than one religion if you are to know your own faith well.”

The conference also included discussions with Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz and Dr. David L. Coppola, directors of the CCJU, as well as a panel presentation by three other participants, all of whom shared real life stories of interfaith communication and cooperation.
Sacred Heart University welcomed the largest freshman class in University history this fall during the Academic Convocation and Induction of the Class of 2010. The class was selected from a record pool of 6,750 applicants, with this year's freshmen coming from 34 states and eight countries.

Following an academic procession of the University's faculty and staff, President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., invited students to "work hard and learn from each other," and to remember that their experiences at Sacred Heart should prepare them "for a lifetime of learning and service to others." In Sacred Heart tradition, President Cernera helped distribute copies of the University's own prayer book, Prayers from the Heart, which includes both traditional prayers and devotions written by members of the Sacred Heart community.
German Politics, American Style

Germany's Christian Democratic Union Party turns to SHU's Dr. Gary Rose to help decipher the American campaign

Most Americans felt that they had had far too much of politics and campaigning for the November 7 elections. However, the German delegation arriving on Sacred Heart University's Fairfield campus plainly couldn't get enough.

The group, led by Dr. Stephan Eisel—speechwriter and subsequently Chief of Staff to former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl—consisted of various regional directors and local chiefs of staff from within Germany's leading political party, the Christian Democratic Union. They had come to the U.S. for a week on the eve of mid-term elections for a chance to study American campaign tactics and strategies, with an eye to restructuring their own campaigns in upcoming German elections.

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as Ned Lamont’s Democratic primary victory over Senator Joseph Lieberman and the direction both campaigns took in the months that followed. Other topics included the increasingly polarized political platforms on the American electoral menu, and the uniquely American paradox of religion’s influence in campaigns here despite the separation of church and state.

Dr. Eisel—who now acts as director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, a political science think tank associated with the Christian Democrats—listened intently to Dr. Rose's speculations on the American political landscape.

“I don’t know that the American political parties have stood this far apart since before the Civil War,” Dr. Rose told his audience. “There are a handful of moderate Republicans who, if they lose their seats...there won’t be a middle ground anymore. It’s a very turbulent time in this country right now.”

Following the talk, the delegation was pressing on to Washington, where the Foundation has offices, and from where the group could best experience the closing days of the campaign.

“It has been a good visit,” Dr. Eisel said in parting. “We have seen a lot. We have a lot to take home and consider.”
New Middle Eastern Studies Program Launched

Sacred Heart University's College of Arts and Sciences launched a new program in Middle Eastern Studies with a reception on September 28 in the Gallery of Contemporary Art.

The new program is the fruit of a collaboration between Dr. Gary Rose, chair of the Department of Government and Politics, and Dr. June-Ann Greeley, assistant professor of Religious Studies.

The Middle Eastern Studies program is a dedicated minor with six courses, including Arabic, Islam, Middle Eastern Politics, and at least one course in History of the Arab World. The sixth course can be an elective or an independent study in any discipline relevant to the Middle East.

Specialists in a variety of fields will offer expertise in the program, including Dr. John F. Kikoski, a specialist in Middle Eastern Politics; Dr. Matthew Semel, professor of Criminal Justice and part of a counterterrorist think tank in Israel; and Dr. Kimya Knecht, an adjunct professor of History. Students of all disciplines are encouraged to participate. Students and faculty in the Middle Eastern Studies program will host a series of roundtable and book discussions, and will sponsor guest speakers.

"Our Catholic intellectual tradition encourages us to explore all dimensions of the human experience, and to seek to understand other traditions of belief and faithful practice," said Dr. Greeley. "Also, the mission of SHU calls upon its students, faculty and staff to be responsive to an ever-changing world, and to be compassionate in heart. What better opportunity to realize the mission than to create an academic program that seeks to present thoughtfully and honorably the cultures, beliefs and histories of a region that much of the world either exploited or ignored for far too long, and cannot afford to any longer?"

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Dr. June-Ann Greeley

Center for Financial Education Announces New Shelton Site and Course Offerings

Sacred Heart University's Center for Financial Education, which offers opportunities for continuing education in the financial services area, now offers classes in Shelton in addition to the Stamford campus. Shelton classes are offered at One Corporate Drive, located off Route 8 at exit 12. The Stamford campus is located at 12 Omega Drive.

Programs offered at both sites include the Financial Planning Certificate, Registered Paraplanner designation, and Series 7 Prep classes. The Financial Planning Certificate program includes five courses that satisfy the education component of the CFP Board of Standards. The Registered Paraplanner designation is a valued credential to clients and the financial planning industry at large. It enables students to gain basic, practical knowledge of the financial planning process and the five disciplines of financial planning.

"With the recent launch of the Financial Planning Certificate program at the Center, it only made sense to prepare the employees who would assist financial planners and potentially pursue the CFP designation," said Nancy Sidoti, dean of University College. "This program will serve an immediate job need in Fairfield County in the financial service sector. It will also provide a pathway into a lucrative profession with a variety of job opportunities."

For further info on any of these programs
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SHU and NCC Sign Transfer Agreement for Criminal Justice Students

Norwalk Community College students can now seamlessly transfer into Sacred Heart University's Criminal Justice program under an agreement reached between the two schools. The agreement allows NCC graduates in Criminal Justice who have completed 54 transferable credits and maintained a 2.5 GPA to be admitted as juniors. Students are allowed to transfer up to 66 credits.

These transfer agreements are "excellent examples of how a four-year university can work together with community colleges to provide outstanding education opportunities for students living in the local communities," commented Nancy Sidoti, dean of University College. Last year, for instance, the colleges established a similar transfer agreement for students in NCC's business programs.

In addition to Sacred Heart's undergraduate program in Criminal Justice, the University recently announced a new graduate degree, the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice. According to Dr. Pearl Jacobs, director of Criminal Justice programs at SHU, this new agreement "provides an excellent opportunity for students to work towards a successful and rewarding career in the field of criminal justice."
NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED AT LUXEMBOURG CAMPUS

Dr. Petra Garnjost has been named director of Sacred Heart University's Luxembourg Campus and assistant professor of Management in the John F. Welch College of Business.

Dr. Garnjost is currently a professor of Business Administration at the University of Applied Science in Heidelberg, Germany, where she also served as director of the Master in Management program. Prior to her appointment in Heidelberg, Dr. Garnjost was managing director of a research and consultancy institute in Trier.

Dr. Garnjost has taught Entrepreneurship, Family Business, Strategic Management and Human Resources at the University of Trier, Warwick University (UK), Ashton Business School (UK) and the University of Applied Science in Heidelberg. She holds a diploma in Business Administration and a Ph.D. from the University of Trier, and she has published several articles in academic journals. Her current research interests include entrepreneurship and the management of small companies.

SHU PROFESSORS COACH KIDS IN ROBOT DESIGN

Sacred Heart University Education professors Toni Bruciati and Maria Lizano-DiMare are elbow-deep in LEGO pieces these days, as they work closely with Hall School (Bridgeport) and Hillcrest Middle School (Trumbull) sixth-graders to design, build and program robots using LEGO RoboLab software. Their goal is to increase student achievement in math, science and language arts, and to foster peer collaboration via inquiry-based learning along the way.

As part of this initiative, students presented the project to Connecticut legislators at the Connecticut Educators Computer Association's 12th Annual Technology Exposition in Hartford. The students also participated in the Romare Bearden exhibition workshops, led by Mary Kordak (Fulbright Fellow and CT Museum Educator of the Year 2002) and Roxanne Faber Savage (Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Master Teaching Artist). As part of the grant, students had the opportunity to visit both schools as well as the SHU Fairfield campus.
Kirk Bartholomew, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Biology
Dr. Kirk Bartholomew, along with colleagues from Fairfield University and Washington University in St. Louis, received a catalytic grant from Pearson Education to improve study strategies through interactive, Web-based tutorials.

Val Buckley, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Religious Studies
Dr. Val Buckley was awarded the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award for Distinguished Efforts in the Greater Bridgeport Community.

Tom Curran, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, History
Dr. Tom Curran received this year’s Scholarly Achievement Award, given each year to recognize and support the scholarly endeavors of Sacred Heart University faculty. In October of 2005, Dr. Curran published Educational Reform in Republican China: The Failure of Educators to Create a Modern Nation. Its publication led to a contract for an anthology of articles by Chinese and American scholars, due in 2008.

Sue DeNisco, APRN, BC, Associate Clinical Professor & Coordinator, Nurse Practitioner Program
Sue DeNisco was elected president of the organization of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American College of Nurse Practitioners. The organization represents over 2000 nurse practitioners in Connecticut. Its mission is to promote advanced nursing practice through a variety of activities, including legislative and educational initiatives.

Greg Golda, Assistant Professor, Media Studies
This year’s recipient of the Joseph Grau “Action for Justice Award” is Greg Golda. In March 2006, as part of the Mission Matters Alternative Spring Break, and again in May, Professor Golda led a team of Journalism and Media Studies students to Mississippi’s Gulf Coast to document the activity of Sacred Heart University students, faculty and staff assisting in the post-Hurricane Katrina renewal efforts. The 1,500 photos and the more than 30 hours of footage they shot are currently being edited into a long-form documentary called “Pushing Back the Wave: Sacred Heart University Responds to the Gulf Coast Crisis.” Professor Golda was also selected as a featured artist on the Polaroid.com website, and won a Telly award for directing “Hide the iPods,” a video on the SHU website under the category “Videos for the Web.”

Lois Libby, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Education
Dr. Lois Libby was selected as the 2006 Higher Education Multicultural Faculty of the Year by the State Department of Education and the National Association for Multicultural Education. The award recognizes Dr. Libby’s impact on preparing educators involved with Bridgeport Public Schools. As the supervisor of student teaching, she has shared her own experience of multicultural education with countless teacher candidates. She has also supported her faculty members in creating reading and mathematics clinics in the Bridgeport Public Schools.

Bridget Lyons, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Finance
Dr. Bridget Lyons is this year’s recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award. Dr. Lyons has been instrumental in developing the model of a course outline for the Economics and Finance Department that was subsequently adopted by the entire John F. Welch College of Business. She has led the effort to integrate the personal computer into the curriculum and, as coordinator of Experiential Learning, she has also helped ensure that all students complete at least one internship before graduation.

Anca Micu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Management
Dr. Anca Micu recently brought national attention to SHU when she was interviewed on video at a major marketing conference in New York City. Dr. Micu was one of only two professors interviewed, along with Dr. Gerald Zaltman of Harvard Business School. The interview took place at the 2006 Consumer Engagement Conference, a pioneering effort to change marketing strategies across the industry, held at the Crowne Plaza in September, and was broadcast on the official blog covering the event. During her interview, Dr. Micu explained why the concept of engagement—connecting with the customer—is important to the future of marketing.

James Minor, Director, Hispanic Adult Achievers and English as a Second Language Programs
James Minor received the John XXIII Award for Campus Leadership. The award, which honors Pope John XXIII, recognizes outstanding campus leadership in developing and nurturing the University to fulfill its mission.

Terry Neu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Education
Dr. Terry W. Neu recently coauthored a new book, Helping Boys Succeed in School, with Rich Winfield. As an advocate for the education of young boys, Dr. Neu also serves as a science talent consultant for Project POTENTIAL, funded by the federal government’s Jacob K. Javits Grant. Helping Boys Succeed in School provides teachers and parents with strategies for channeling boys’ interests, keeping them actively engaged, increasing their participation in humanities classes like language arts, and helping them deal with the unique social and emotional problems they face in school.

Matthew Semel, J.D., Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
Dr. Matthew Semel took part in an exclusive Executive Certificate program in Counter-Terrorism Studies in Israel this past summer. The program was offered by the Institute for Counter-Terrorism and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.

Victor Vaughn, Adjunct Faculty, Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center
Victor Vaughn, PT, ATC, MS, clinical manager, was presented with the State Legislative Leadership Award by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) at the APTA’s State Government Affairs Forum in Minneapolis. The award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in state legislative issues and promotes initiatives that preserve, protect and advance the practice of physical therapy.
From the Heart

SPEAKING OUT: 2006-07 SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER 2006

His Excellency Jean Asselborn, deputy prime minister and minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg, was the featured speaker at Sacred Heart University's annual Leir Lecture on September 18. In his lecture, Minister Asselborn explored "U.S. and European Relations: Current Realities and Future Directions." Named for the late Henry Leir, a Luxembourg native and friend of Sacred Heart University, the Leir Lectures explore subjects of common interest to the people of the United States and the Grand Duchy.

Diane Farrell, the Democratic candidate for Congress in Connecticut's 4th District, made a campaign stop at Sacred Heart on September 21 and delivered a speech addressing policy in Iraq. The event was sponsored by the College Democrats Club.

Professor Emeritus Marc-Mathieu Münch, Ph.D., of the Université Paul Verlaine—Metz, France, presented "For a New Aesthetic: The Challenge of Comparative Poetics for Anthropology and Literary Criticism" at Sacred Heart University on September 25.

Kevin Doyle, J.D., director of the Capital Defender Office in New York City, gave a lecture titled "A Catholic Lawyer Argues Against the Death Penalty" on September 25. The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture.

Frances S. Grodzinsky, Ph.D., professor of Computer and Information Technology, spoke about "P2P Networks and the Verizon v. RIAA Case: Implications for Personal Privacy and Intellectual Property" on September 27. It was part of the Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series.

Bill Pelke, co-founder of Journey of Hope, gave a lecture titled "Forgiving the Unforgivable: One Man's Journey of Hope" on September 29. The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture and the Criminal Justice program.

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Jim Motavalli, editor of E Magazine, a national environmental bi-monthly, spoke on October 3 about public transit and sprawl, the clean car technologies, population, climate change, and the intersection of the environmental and animal rights/vegetarian movements. A special screening of An Inconvenient Truth, a film about the reality of global warming, followed Mr. Motavalli's lecture. Afterwards, Mr. Motavalli joined a panel of SHU faculty and students to discuss the film and ecological implications.

Journalist Bob Reiss, author of several acclaimed novels and works of nonfiction, including The Coming Storm, a book that is the result of Mr. Reiss traveling the world and talking to researchers about global warming, spoke about "Extreme Weather and Our Terrifying Future" on October 3. The lecture was sponsored by the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics.

James Fisher, Ph.D., co-director of the Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, spoke about "Engaging Autism: Catholic Tradition Meets Cognitive Difference" on October 5. The event was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture.

Justin Liberman, whose award-winning film Y Nada Mas debuted at the Tribeca Film Fest in April 2005, screened his latest film, Pretty Dead Flowers, and held a question-and-answer session on October 5. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture and SHU Channel 3.

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of Dead Man Walking and The Death of Innocents, spoke about the movement to abolish the death penalty on October 23. The lecture was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture.

Dr. Robert Sweetman presented a lecture on "Accounts of Faith Integrity Across the Curriculum from Bonaventure to John Paul II" on October 25. This talk, on one of the important elements of the medieval world and the Catholic intellectual tradition as it has developed, was sponsored by the Center for Medieval Studies; the College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series; the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture; the University Core Curriculum program; and the departments of History, English and Modern Foreign Languages, and Philosophy and Religious Studies.

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Jeff Cohen, founder of FAIR, the national media watch group based in New York, and author of Cable News Confidential: My Misadventures in Corporate Media, offered a talk on "What's Wrong with Corporate Media: An Inside View" on November 2. The lecture was part of the 11th Annual Sacred Heart University Media Studies Symposium, dedicated to the memories of Daniel Friedman Gottlieb, Max Dickson and Ned Gottlieb.

Stephen B. Bright, president and senior counsel for the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta and one of the nation's leading anti-death penalty lawyers, spoke on "How Race and Poverty Determine Who Dies in America's System of Capital Punishment" on November 8. The lecture was sponsored by SHU's Center for Christian Thought, Ethics and Culture; the Criminal Justice Master's program; and the Criminal Justice Club.

Tim Russert, the managing editor and moderator of NBC's Meet the Press, presented "A View from Washington" on November 13. Mr. Russert, NBC News Washington bureau chief, has served as moderator of Meet the Press since 1991, making him the longest-serving moderator in the history of the show. His two books, Wisdom of Our Fathers (2006) and Big Russ and Me (2004), were both New York Times number one bestsellers. This event was part of Sacred Heart University's 2006-2007 Student Affairs Lecture Series.
"Using Popular Culture in the Classroom," a workshop on active and engaged learning, was offered by a panel of Sacred Heart University faculty members on November 13, including professors Debbie Danowski of Media Studies, Rick Grigg of Religious Studies, Mike Ventimiglia of Philosophy, and Jon Walker of Art & Design. The workshop was offered by the I.D.E.A.L. Committee.

Richard Falco, president and creative director of Vision Project, a website that publishes significant works of photojournalism, presented photo essays relating to news, social issues, unique cultures and travel stories drawn from assignments shot around the world. His November 20 presentation was followed by a discussion about the process of using the camera as a personal voice and creating images that affect others. The event was sponsored by the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture.

United States attorney James Smart; Carrie Bernier, a new SHU professor and attorney in private practice who is now the CEO of Stamford Emergency Medical Services; and Joe Bruckman, the chief public defender for Bridgeport, discussed careers in law and criminal justice with students on November 21. The event was co-sponsored by the Criminal Justice and Pre-Law clubs.

Dr. Kwamie Dunbar, adjunct professor of Economics and director of Credit Risk Research & Analytics—MasterCard Worldwide, presented a paper titled "U.S. Corporate Default Swap Valuation: The Market Liquidity Hypothesis and Autonomous Credit Risk" on November 29.


Center for Medieval Studies

FILM SERIES

This year’s film series included the following presentations:

September 7, 2006
Name of the Rose

October 22, 2006
The Fellowship of the Ring

October 24, 2006
Kingdom of Heaven

October 27, 2006
Fratello Sole, Sorella Luna
(Brother Sun, Sister Moon)

November 8, 2006
Monty Python and the Holy Grail

November 12, 2006
Lion in Winter

November 13, 2006
The Passion of Joan of Arc

November 28, 2006
Destiny

November 29, 2006
Man for All Seasons

December 5, 2006
The Messenger:
The Story of Joan of Arc

College of Education and Health Professions 10th Anniversary Professional Development Series: "Shaping the Future through Education, Service and Advocacy"

The College of Education and Health Professions held its 10th annual Professional Development Series in 2006-07. The series, "Shaping the Future through Education, Service and Advocacy," included the following events:

October 3, 2006
Michelle M. Lusardi, PT, Ph.D.
"Charting Your Professional Course"

November 8, 2006
Dorothy Vasquez-Levy, Ph.D.
"Scholarly Writing and Publishing"

February 7, 2007
Aaron Rutherford and Gail Nordmoe, Ed.D.
"Grant Writing for Program Development"

April 19, 2007
Lenore Frost, MOAM, OTR/L, CHT
"Starting a Private Practice"

For more information, please call (203) 371-7999 or visit www.sacredheart.edu
SHU Appoints New Assistant Vice President for Capital Gifts and Planned Giving
Lynnette P. Sodha, an experienced college administrator in the area of gift management, has been appointed to the Sacred Heart University community as assistant vice president for Capital Gifts and Planned Giving. Working directly with University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Mary Young, she will focus in part on establishing a planned giving program. Before joining Sacred Heart, she worked as principal gifts officer at Yale University, where she helped manage and develop the institution’s portfolio of donors at the $5 million level and above, and served as senior planned giving officer at Washington University in St. Louis.

Peter Gavin Ferriby Joins SHU as Associate University Librarian
Peter Gavin Ferriby, Ph.D., has joined Sacred Heart University as associate university librarian, and is helping to redefine the Library’s role by growing its collections and expanding its Web services. Dr. Ferriby is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, with a Ph.D. in Mediaeval Church History. He was the systems and electronic resources librarian at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prior to joining Sacred Heart. He has also held positions at Union Theological Seminary, the Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries at Brown University, Princeton University Libraries, Drew University Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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Staff Members Earn Outstanding Service Awards
Established in 1994, the Outstanding Service Award recognizes exemplary service by full-time administrators and staff in assisting the University to fulfill its mission as an academic community committed to quality, excellence and service.

Since his arrival here in 1999, Mark Adzigian has earned the respect of his colleagues in the Division of Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs and beyond. As associate athletic director of external relations, Mark consistently meets every challenge in order to raise the quality of service and professionalism that Sacred Heart University’s athletic program provides to its external publics.

Associate Head Athletic Trainer Leo Katsetos is truly committed to "improving the world, one student at a time." Leo brings this ethic to his daily duties in caring for the medical needs of our student-athletes, as well as through his work contributing to society in general.

Julianne Pavia approaches her work as program assistant to the Department of Physical Therapy with an unparalleled commitment. Julie plays a particularly vital role in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, often being the first contact for prospective students and their families. She remains connected to students by organizing and facilitating communication between the alumni and the University, and also works with the Council of Graduate Students in arranging activities that benefit the entire graduate student body.

Coordinator of the University's Study Abroad programs Marylou Roof does an extraordinary job of matching students with Study Abroad programs that will best help them develop and grow as individuals and achieve their educational goals. Going the extra mile, she even studies French and Spanish, and keeps in close contact with those who are studying abroad, ushering them through whatever hurdles arise.
REMEMBERING 9/11

To commemorate the five-year anniversary of 9/11, Sacred Heart University hosted a number of events as a way of honoring those who perished during the attacks. Events began on September 10th with an evening Mass, followed by a procession to the Chapel where the Banner of Hope was unveiled. People were encouraged to write prayers and messages on this symbolic banner. The Chapel remained open for 36 hours for quiet reflection, meditation and prayer. The College Republicans, Greek Life, and Freshman Hall residents displayed a large flag memorial on the Pitt Center Hill following Mass.

On Monday, September 11, the day began with a flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence at the main campus entrance. An interfaith service in University Commons was held, and following the service was a faculty panel discussion, “Five Years Later: What Have We Learned from 9/11?”

Coordinated by Dr. David L. Coppola, associate executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, the Music Department’s Joe Utterback opened the program with his Elegy for 9/11. Faculty participants included: Dr. James Castonguay, Media Studies: Post-9/11 Media; Dr. June-Ann Greeley: Religious Studies: Perspectives on Islam; Dr. Brian Stilfner, Religious Studies: Just War Tradition and Terrorism; and Dr. Linda Strong: The Effect on Public Health and Emergency Preparedness.

The day’s events concluded with a candlelight vigil on the Patio sponsored by Beta Delta Phi, Kappa Phi and Zeta Iota Lambda.

University Named Exclusive PT Services Provider for Sound Tigers

The Sacred Heart University Sports Medicine and Rehab Center was named the exclusive physical therapy services provider for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers hockey team for the 2006-2007 season. The relationship called for the Center to work with the Sound Tigers’ training staff to provide health care to players and to manage injuries during the preseason and regular season. The Sound Tigers play in the American Hockey League as the top affiliate of the NHL’s New York Islanders.

“Our job is to make sure the players stay healthy and to reduce their off-ice time,” said Dr. Michael Emery, associate professor and chairman of SHU’s Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Science. “We are present for all home games, practices in Shelton, and other promotional activities conducted by the team.”

The Center has two locations: one at SHU’s main campus in Fairfield, which will work with the Sound Tigers during their games at Bridgeport’s Harbor Yard Arena, and one in Shelton, which will provide health care services for the team’s practices at The Rinks at Shelton.

SHU has a unique situation with their faculty-based practice—they have some of the top experts in the field, who provide the Sound Tigers with a level of rehab that will cut down on their lost-man rehab days beyond what the team’s on-staff trainers can provide.

Rich Stieglitz, Managing Director and CEO of Integrated Rehabilitation Services

“This partnership allowed SHU to provide the Sound Tigers with one of the premier athletic centers in the state,” said Rich Stieglitz, managing director and CEO of Integrated Rehabilitation Services. The contract with the Sound Tigers was secured by Norwalk’s Integrated Rehabilitation Services, which in turn assigned the work to be provided by SHU. “SHU has a unique situation with their faculty-based practice—they have some of the top experts in the field, who provide the Sound Tigers with a level of rehab that cuts down on their lost-man rehab days beyond what the team’s on-staff trainers could provide.”

The relationship with the hockey team also served as an educational experience for some of SHU’s Physical Therapy and Sports Science students. “Some of the students got to work with the Sound Tigers’ therapists on an observational basis,” Dr. Emery said. “It’s a great learning opportunity to work with those clinicians.”

Sacred Heart University Sports Medicine and Rehab Centers are open to the public 10 hours per day Monday through Friday, and on Saturday by appointment. “SHU’s rehab centers provide the public the chance to receive the same level of treatment that professional athletes receive,” Mr. Stieglitz said. “We treat all people the same—the 65-year-old Medicare patient, the pro hockey player, the college athlete, and the 12-year-old Little League pitcher. The level of treatment is one and the same.”

SPRING | SUMMER 2007
For the fourth consecutive summer, Waveny Care Network provided Sacred Heart University graduate students in Occupational Therapy with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in senior care. The students were instructed by professional staff members and interacted with patients, residents and Adult Day participants as they completed a morning rotation.

"Learning about the continuum of services that Waveny provides has been an invaluable and insightful opportunity for all of us," said student Linda Abel. "The organization takes the philosophy of client-centeredness to the highest level, which is really great to see."

Creative work by Sacred Heart University Art & Design senior Joanna Errara was chosen by the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project for one of its 2006-2007 campaigns. Joanna's "Death Row" campaign will be printed for use in mass transit vehicles and depots, and will be viewed by as many as 500,000 riders. This is the fifth year in a row that a Sacred Heart graphic designer has been chosen for this campaign.

Graduate students in Occupational Therapy from Sacred Heart University saw an opportunity to creatively advocate for the profession by arriving early outside the NBC studios in New York City and snagging a prime location for their colorful banners and posters. Sure enough, when Al Roker came outside to do the weather, he talked with the group on camera and mentioned that "April is OT Month" to millions of viewers at home.

"The students were assigned an occupational therapy advocacy project, and decided to increase visibility of the profession by going to the Today Show," said Jody Bortone, MA, OTR/L, chair and director of Sacred Heart's Occupational Therapy graduate program.
University College Opens a Path to a Better Life for Hispanic Students

When Ivette Montalvo decided to enroll at University College for a degree in Business Administration last September, "I thought it would take forever," she admits. However, Denise Griffin, one of the University College advisors, suggested that Ivette sign up for the AHEAD program, an accelerated degree program. She also pointed out that, because of Sacred Heart's Community College Partnership program, many of the credits Ivette had earned in achieving her associate's degree from Housatonic Community College were applicable for her business administration degree. "As a result, I expect to graduate in 2008 with the degree that will definitely help improve my career path."

Even with a college education or a strong technical education, Latin Americans who come to the United States sometimes face more than just language hurdles in pursuing a career. Now, University College of Sacred Heart University provides an extra helping hand to adult and part-time Hispanic students. As Nancy L. Sidoti, dean of University College, explains, "Hispanic adults often need additional credentials to attain a better career path. They also need to know that they can get their educations in a realistic amount of time. So we developed and fine-tuned programs that resulted in more of our Hispanic students finding a path to a better life."

When a series of surveys among Hispanic students and adults in Fairfield County showed that the desire for more education was often compromised by a lack of time, University College began offering more scheduling flexibility and accelerated programs. "We also have convenient campus locations in Fairfield, Derby and Stamford, thereby providing even greater flexibility," notes Dean Sidoti.

By majoring in General Studies at University College, students can design a program that suits their life and work situations. As Nancy L. Sidoti, dean of University College, explains, "Hispanic adults often need additional credentials to attain a better career path. They also need to know that they can get their educations in a realistic amount of time. So we developed and fine-tuned programs that resulted in more of our Hispanic students finding a path to a better life."

SMACKDOWN YOUR VOTE!

With November elections fast approaching, Sacred Heart University students had the opportunity to become engaged in the political process and register to vote at a WWE "Smackdown Your Vote!" rally on September 12. WWE Raw Superstar Shelton Benjamin and WWE Political Correspondent Christopher Nowinski hosted the rally in the University Cafeteria/Mahogany Room, where they addressed the students in a high-energy presentation that encouraged them to register to vote and head to the polls in November. Voter registration materials were available at the rally.

WWE's "Smackdown Your Vote!" is an "apartisan" campaign to encourage young people to become active participants in their democracy and vote. Working with several non-partisan partners and the major political parties, WWE and its Superstars have the sole focus of encouraging more young people to register and vote, and to have more candidates for political office address the critical issues of Americans under 30.

At left: WWE Superstar Shelton Benjamin, Mary Young, Vice President for SHU's Institutional Advancement and WWE Political Correspondent Christopher Nowinski
The war in Iraq, national security, the perceived downturn in the economy, and the increasingly high cost of education are weighing heavily on the minds of young Americans. And they’re paying attention to whether candidates are addressing issues of importance to them.

Those issues, and others, influenced the way in which 18-to-30-year-olds voted in the November election, according to a nationwide survey of young Americans conducted September 4-16, 2006, by the Sacred Heart University Polling Institute, in partnership with World Wrestling Entertainment’s “Smackdown Your Vote!” initiative. The Stamford-based WWE initiated the “Smackdown Your Vote!” campaign in 2000 to encourage young people to become engaged in the democratic process and exercise their right to vote, with partners including the League of Women Voters, National Association of Secretaries of State, the Harvard Institute of Politics, 18 to 35.

The Sacred Heart University Polling Institute’s research was designed to provide input on a number of current issues in advance of the November 2006 mid-term election. The report concluded that the war in Iraq, by a significant margin, is the issue that would most impact America’s youth when they stepped into voting booths across the country on November 7, with 37.9% naming the war as one of the issues most concerning them. Almost half of all respondents (44.7%) suggested the United States should withdraw from Iraq immediately. However, their view of that war has not deterred them from the concept of using U.S. military force abroad. Almost two-thirds believe that military force should be used to prevent both Iran and North Korea from securing nuclear weapons—64.4% and 63.7%, respectively.

“Young voters are very security conscious, which is evident from their position on nuclear development in Iran and North Korea. At the same time, however, many young voters seem to be disassociating the war in Iraq from our nation’s broader and more immediate security concerns,” commented Dr. Gary Rose, professor and chair of the Department of Government and Politics at Sacred Heart.

Republicans and Democrats were in a virtual dead heat as the “best bet” for fighting terrorism—45.3% to 45.1%, respectively. When asked how they planned to vote in November, 24.5% said all or mostly Republican, 28.0% indicated they will vote all or mostly Democrat, while the remainder (37.4%) said they will vote a mixture of Republicans and Democrats. Among respondents, 82.4% said they planned to vote in November, even though only 50.6% believed that current candidates are addressing issues important to them and only 40.7% are satisfied with the field of candidates. A total of 22.7% of respondents believe their vote does not count.

Second to the war in Iraq were concerns over the cost of education, at 18.4%, gas prices (16.6%), and concerns about a poor economy, at 16.6%. Rounding out the top five issues is health care, at 14.4%.

“The polling results suggest a discerning, thoughtful, and issue-specific generation of young voters. The results suggested that both major parties would have to compete vigorously for the support of young voters as we approached the November election,” stated Dr. Rose.

The full report is available online at www.sacredheart.edu/SHU-WWEPoll.cfm.
The Department of Art & Design held a Faculty Art Exhibit from November 7 to December 5, 2006, in the Gallery of Contemporary Art. The exhibit opened with a wine and cheese reception, where members of the Sacred Heart University community mingled with the artists and students participating in the Art & Design Department’s Fall 2006 classes.

WORLD-CLASS JAZZ AT SHU

Lew Anderson may have had his first taste of fame playing the silent clown Clarabell on the Howdy Doody Show, but when the Lew Anderson Big Band played the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on October 22, the “hardest swinging band in New York” wasn’t clowning around, and was definitely not silent.

Since 1998, the band has been a steadfast anchor for New York jazz enthusiasts, playing every Friday at the Birdland Jazz Club, the world’s center-point of jazz music. Though the band officially changed its name to the Friday Night Band following Mr. Anderson’s death last May, the decision was made to honor all bookings taken in his name; hence the October billing as the Lew Anderson Big Band. The band is now under the direction of drummer Tommy Igoe.

Joining Igoe and his bandmates at the Edgerton Center was Giacomo Gates, a world-renowned jazz vocalist nominated by the Jazz Journalists Association as “Best Male Jazz Vocalist” three years in a row.

Patty’s Place Brings Songs, Stories, Smiles and Snow to Edgerton Center

New England weather is always unpredictable, but Jerry Goehring, the executive director of Sacred Heart University’s Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, was able to announce a 100 percent chance of snow for Christmas—on stage, at least—thanks to Patty’s Place, an hour-long children’s show often described as “A Prairie Home Companion for kids.” The live action variety show was held on December 23 and featured jazz music by Tuba John and company, celebrity guest artists, mail call and story time.
The Elements: Fire

The exhibit entitled Fire continued the series of exhibits exploring the physical, religious and spiritual aspects of the elements (earth, air, fire and water) at the Gallery of Contemporary Art. The exhibit ran through October 26, opening with a reception and panel discussion featuring several artists and moderated by Dr. June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University assistant professor of Religious Studies.

"For artists, fire can be both a subject matter and a tool that supplies the implements and raw materials used to create their art, or a means by which the art itself is created," stated Sophia Gevas, director of the Gallery of Contemporary Art. "It provides the charcoal that creates a line, the process that melts or arranges the metal, and/or a means to transpose vision to creation."

Professor Jack de Graffenried Selected for Society of Illustrators Show

The work of Art & Design Professor Jack de Graffenried was selected for a two-week appearance at the gallery of the Society of Illustrators in New York City. The Society of Illustrators is the preeminent Museum of American Illustration, with a permanent collection that includes over 2,500 works by such legendary artists as Rockwell, Pyle, Wyeth, Kent, Peak, Fuchs and Holland.

4 Heart Harmony in Pipescreams at UCC

A music concert on October 22 offered Halloween-themed, Broadway, and other popular music by Sacred Heart faculty Dr. Joe Utterback, Dr. John Michniewicz, Galen Tate, and Dr. Elina Christova Raynor; David Harris from St. Thomas Church; SHU's 4 Heart Harmony; and the University of Bridgeport Chamber Singers. The family-friendly concert took place at the United Congregational Church on Park Avenue in Bridgeport and included a Halloween march and prize for best costume.
Exhibiting artists included Siona Benjamin (Montclair, NJ), Sharon Coffin (Hamden, CT), Willie Cole (New York City), Carol deBerry (Portland, CT), Esme Disch (Wayland, MA), Joshua Dorman (New York City), Ulla Einstein (New York City), Alan Falk (Huntington, CT), Francine Funke (Stamford, CT), Bryan Nash Gill (New Hartford, CT), Christine Goldbach (Stratford, CT), Susan McCaslin (Darien, CT), Craig McPherson (Warrenton, VA), Alice Merlone (Hamden, CT), Irene K. Miller (Woodbridge, CT), David Sena (Brooklyn, NY), Judith Steinberg (Stamford, CT), Adam Strauss (New York City), Suzy Sureck (Gardiner, NY), Kevin Thomas (Westport, CT), Lee Tribe (New York City), Barbara Wilk (Westport, CT), Idaherma Williams (Princeton, NJ) and Lynn Yeslow-Finn (Hopkinton, MA).

"FOR ARTISTS, FIRE CAN BE BOTH A SUBJECT MATTER AND A TOOL THAT SUPPLIES THE IMPLEMENTS AND RAW MATERIALS USED TO CREATE THEIR ART."

— Sophia Gevas, director of the Gallery of Contemporary Art

WSHU's Profiles in Folk, the longest-running folk music program on Connecticut radio, continues its series of live coffee house broadcasts of "Live in Studio A" performances. The show consists of live music and talk with host Steve Winters. On September 8, the Sacred Heart University community joined the live show and was treated to appearances by The Arrogant Worms and The Ash Creek String Band.

It's official: Sacred Heart University is one of the nation's top institutions for higher learning, according to such prestigious organizations as the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), The Princeton Review, and U.S. News & World Report.

In a year of historic achievements for Sacred Heart University, the John F. Welch College of Business earned accreditation by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. With AACSB accreditation, the College joins an elite membership of fewer than 10 percent of business schools worldwide. AACSB International is considered the premier global accrediting body for schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

"AACSB accreditation confirms the extraordinary progress our College has made in providing a truly world-class education for people in business," notes SHU president Dr. Anthony J. Cernera. "It is a ringing endorsement of the College's dedicated professors and staff and our exceptional students. I congratulate everyone involved in the rigorous confirmation process."

To achieve accreditation, a business school must undergo meticulous internal review, evaluation and adjustment—a process that takes between three and seven years. During this period, schools develop and implement a plan to help them meet AACSB standards that require highly qualified faculty, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement and keeping curricula responsive to the needs of business. These standards are mission-linked. During the accreditation process, the Welch College of Business was visited and evaluated by business school deans with detailed knowledge of management education, applying accreditation standards that are widely accepted in the educational community.

About AACSB International

Celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2006, AACSB International is the premier accrediting agency for bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree programs in business administration and accounting. With world headquarters in Tampa, the association also is the business education community’s professional development organization, conducting a wide array of conference and seminar programs at various locations around the world.

To learn more about AACSB International’s accreditation process, programs, and accredited schools, visit www.aacsb.edu.
John J. Fernandes, president and chief executive officer of AACSB International, warmly congratulated the John F. Welch College of Business and its dean, Dr. Stephen M. Brown, for "earning the highest achievement in business school accreditation. We also commend the school's faculty, directors and administrative staff for their dedication and commitment to continuous improvement that played an important role in helping their institution earn initial accreditation."

Dean Brown noted that the process of accreditation included years of rigorous evaluations, both within the College of Business and by outside analysts. "This process has clearly strengthened the programs we offer, and the new accreditation greatly enhances the value of a Sacred Heart degree for present and future graduates," he says. "Only 540 colleges and universities worldwide are recognized in this way, and we are proud to be among them."


James Barquinero, SHU's vice president for Enrollment Planning, notes that "'Best' is a little word with big meaning. Sacred Heart is proud to be listed among The Best 366 Colleges in the United States. Such recognition doesn't come overnight, and neither does the level of accomplishment that it celebrates. It is a tribute to the long-term efforts of our excellent faculty and staff and a growing and highly qualified student body.”

Only about 10% of American colleges are included in The Princeton Review guide, according to Vice President of Publishing Robert Franek, who calls the book “our flagship guide to ‘the cream of the crop’ institutions for undergraduates. We chose them as our best based on several criteria, including our regard for their academic programs and other offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the opinions of students, parents and educators we talk to and survey.”

This year, Sacred Heart was also ranked among the best universities in the North in U.S. News & World Report’s 2007 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.” SHU is listed in the top tier of the category "Best Universities – Master's in the North."

U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” survey guides high school students as they embark on their college search and includes information collected by educational associations, the U.S. government and other sources. Fifteen indicators of academic excellence, including student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate, retention, faculty resources, alumni giving rate, and peer assessment weigh in to rank each school. “It is gratifying to see the University continuing to be recognized for its academic excellence, for attracting top students, and for its emphasis on active and engaged learning,” said Dr. Thomas V. Forget, Sacred Heart's vice president for Academic Affairs. ★
College of Business Commemorates 10th Anniversary

On March 3 at the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, Sacred Heart University's newly AACSB-accredited John F. Welch College of Business held a 10th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion.

Eighty-seven former students and 15 current and retired faculty gathered for the four-hour event, the first business-college reunion ever held at SHU. The celebration featured speeches from Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, university president, and Dr. Stephen Brown, dean of the College of Business.

“The inspiration for the event was the feeling that the college needed a celebration for its AACSB accreditation and the fact that it was our 10th anniversary as a college,” said Professor John Gerlach, senior business executive in residence and associate of the College of Business, who led the committee that organized the reunion. “My committee worked very hard to make it a success, and the people who came seemed to have a good time and have encouraged us to do it again.”

The committee was comprised of four students from the college: Ray Mencio ’05, Alfredita Mustafa ’05, John Grayeski ’01 MBA and Krista Ercoli ’00 MBA.

Attendees were treated to the SHU women's basketball team's quarterfinal game of the Northeast Conference Tournament, a commemorative T-shirt, lunch, and Côtes du Rhône wine from Gerlach's vineyard near Avignon, France. A raffle awarded several prizes, including a gift certificate from People's Bank, cases of Gerlach's Côtes du Rhône, and season tickets to next year's SHU football and men’s and women's basketball games.

Sacred Heart University has been providing business education since 1965, just two years after its founding, and the MBA degree was the first graduate curriculum in SHU history. The University boasts more than 7,000 alumni with undergraduate degrees in business and over 3,000 with graduate business degrees. Presently, some 1,100 students are pursuing degrees in business—300 of them on the graduate level. The University's program in Luxembourg has graduated business leaders from 30 different countries.

To learn more about Sacred Heart University's John F. Welch College of Business, visit www.sacredheart.edu/johnfwelchcob.cfm.

Alumni from the now-named John F. Welch College of Business enjoyed the 10-year reunion, which featured a speech by President Cernera, the SHU women's basketball team quarterfinal game, and a wine reception.

STUDENTS
Current undergraduate students: • 779 (558 full-time, 221 part-time)
Undergraduate majors: • Accounting • Business • Business Economics • Finance • Sport Management
MBA students: • Over 300, 71 of whom are studying in Luxembourg
MBA concentrations: • Accounting • Finance • General Management

Honor Societies/Clubs:
• Accounting Club • Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society • Finance Club • Sport Management Club • Students in Free Enterprise • Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Internships (sample list):
• American Express Financial • Citibank • Deloitte Touche • Ernst & Young • Fidelity Investments • General Electric • Madison Square Garden • Merrill Lynch • Morgan Stanley • NBC Sports • PricewaterhouseCoopers • State Farm Insurance • UBS Paine Webber • Unilever • World Wrestling Entertainment

FACULTY
Number of full-time faculty: • 35
Adjunct faculty: • 27
Percentage of full-time faculty that have the highest degree in their field: • 81%

Average undergraduate class size: • 22
Average MBA class size: • 16.5

DEGREES AWARDED
Undergraduate business degrees awarded: • 7,019
Graduate business degrees awarded: • 3,067
In fall 2006, a new scholarship helped three students get their start at Sacred Heart University. The John F. Welch Scholarship was awarded to incoming first-year students Brendan Beatty of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts; David Hellriegel of New Milford, New Jersey; and Nina Vecchio of Elmont, New York.

"This honor is a national distinction and a tremendous way to begin a college career," said SHU President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. "While the Welch Scholarship presumes academic commitment and achievement, it involves so much more. We trust that those who hold this honor will become campus leaders distinguished by their deep humanity, their willingness to help others grow, and their pursuit of lifelong learning and service to the community."

Mr. Welch is one of the most successful businessmen in history. The former chairman and CEO of the General Electric Company, he was named "Manager of the Century" by Fortune magazine, and was referred to as "one of the greatest innovators of the past 75 years" by BusinessWeek.

He is an active member of the SHU community, serving as a committed advisor to the College of Business that bears his name. The three recipients of the inaugural Welch Scholarship each received $10,000 toward their 2006-07 tuition. In addition to academic achievement, the Welch Scholarship Selection Committee also considers employment record and aspirations, community service activities, previous and current coursework, and intended major. ★
His travels may take him all over the world these days, but Jack Welch, the former Chairman and CEO of the General Electric Company, says, “It’s always a pleasure to come back home and talk with future leaders like the exceptional young people I see at Sacred Heart. They give me a real hope for the future—and not just for the future of business.”

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Mr. Welch returned to the Sacred Heart University campus in March for his inaugural meeting with the first cohort of Welch Scholars, the undergraduates chosen to receive grants from Mr. Welch to assist them in financing their college careers. During his two days at Sacred Heart, Mr. Welch also met with the entire faculty of the Welch College of Business to discuss what a business leader needs today, and conducted a morning seminar with students in the College’s Master of Business Administration program, as well as some undergraduates who are studying the Welch way.

Jack Welch “Schools” Welch College of Business Faculty and Students

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If anyone should be able to define the Catholic intellectual tradition in a snappy, straightforward way, it should be Dr. Margaret A. Palliser, OP, who directs Sacred Heart University's Center for Mission Education and Reflection. But if you press her for a definition, Dr. Palliser—or Sister Margaret, as she's known around campus—just laughs, and points out that the Catholic intellectual tradition is centuries old and not so easily captured in a simple sound bite.

"Asking someone to define the Catholic intellectual tradition is like asking what it means to be Italian, or what it's like to have Thanksgiving," she explains. "Each of us probably has a pretty good picture of what these things are, but those pictures are never identical from one person to another. The Catholic intellectual tradition is constantly evolving and being reshaped. When we talk about the Catholic intellectual tradition, we're talking about a 2,000-year-old conversation between the Catholic faith and the world."

At Sacred Heart, "we are the stewards of that dialogue," she adds. "We preserve what has been said in that conversation, transmit it as a body of knowledge through our curriculum, and encourage everyone to join in the conversation."

The Catholic intellectual tradition encompasses ideas, texts, objects, customs and rituals, artwork, important figures of history, universities, and even architectural structures. It is a heritage that includes The Divine Comedy and The Canterbury Tales, the development of the printing press and the earliest rules of genetics, and some of the world's greatest icons of Christianity, like Thomas Aquinas and Teresa of Avila. Most important, it is a tradition where "faith and reason work
The Catholic intellectual tradition is not walled in by a parochial mindset. I like to think of it as a conversation about the world, our place in it, God's work and our relationship to God. It is, in essence, the ongoing relationship between the intellectual component of the Church and the culture in which it finds itself, a conversation where intellectual and scientific inquiry in search for truth feeds the faith—and vice versa."

Why is Sacred Heart University so dedicated to making the Catholic intellectual tradition part of its identity? Because that tradition provides a robust, time-tested way for the University to accomplish its pedagogical mission of preparing students for lives of continuous learning, leadership and service for others.

All of our nation's earliest colleges had church connections of some sort, beginning in 1636 with Harvard. Catholics were not welcomed at these schools, and were unable to establish institutions of higher learning because of restrictions imposed by the English colonies. Finally, in 1791, Georgetown was founded specifically to offer higher education to Catholics.

For centuries, the Catholic intellectual tradition was seen as the purview of clergy and religious orders, and for a long time in the Church's history there was a perception that only formally educated priests, monks and nuns could adequately lead and shape the Church and its members. However, in the early 1960s, during the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church called attention to the mission of the laity as important participants and responsible leaders within the Church's life.

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The Human Journey: A New Core Curriculum

What does it mean to be human?
What does it mean to live a life of meaning and purpose?
What does it mean to understand and appreciate the natural world?
What does it mean to forge a more just society for the common good?

These are the enduring questions that, in varying degrees, inspire, plague, drive, nag or challenge us all, whether we're scholars or artists, corporate executives or workers struggling to feed a family on minimum wage.

They are also the four questions that make up the foundation of Sacred Heart University's new Common Core. The Human Journey. It is the centerpiece of an undergraduate core curriculum that engages students in a coherent, integrated and multidisciplinary understanding of the liberal arts and sciences, with an emphasis on the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The Common Core is made up of five courses organized around these central questions of the human experience, of which each student must complete four: a course in literature, a course in history, a social science or natural science course, and a capstone course in religious studies or philosophy—a total of 12 credits. Emphasizing the Catholic intellectual tradition in the Common Core challenges students to reflect upon this tradition and its continuing development as an integral element of the liberal arts and sciences, and as a powerful contributor in the development of Western civilization. Through the Common Core...
troubles and beliefs who share its concerns for truth, scholarship, the dignity of the human person, freedom, and the betterment of human society.

In a world where moneymaking and multitasking seem to be increasingly valued over meditation or prayer, "a Catholic university or college cannot take its Catholic identity for granted in the way we might have done in the twentieth century," points out Monika K. Hellwig in her essay, "The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the Catholic University," published in Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Sacred Heart University Press, 2000). "It is not by anyone's failure or fault that U.S. Catholic colleges and universities had, in many cases, moved unnoticed towards secularization in the seventies and early eighties, to discover with a jolt in the late eighties that, without taking thought and action, they would not retain their distinctive identities."

Since the early 1990s, however, Sacred Heart has become a recognized leader among Catholic institutions of higher learning in the United States and a role model in promoting the Catholic intellectual tradition. In his 1990 apostolic, Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Pope John Paul II emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary learning, assisted by programs in philosophy and theology, so that students would "acquire an organic vision of reality" and "develop a continuing desire for intellectual progress. In the communication of knowledge, emphasis is then placed on how human reason in its reflection opens to increasingly broader questions, and how the complete answer to them can only come from above through faith."

In addition to the new core curriculum, Sacred Heart has created a number of other programs and resources that provide the interdisciplinary teaching and research that make this tradition so vital. Among these are the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture; the Catholic Social Thought Scholars program; the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics; the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding; the new Cardinal Spidlik Center for Ecumenical Understanding; and the Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry. The University also recognizes and fully embraces the fundamental need for service to others. Students, staff and faculty do good works through service and ministry organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Sunshine Kids, after-school tutoring programs, and Best Buddies. Many of our courses also include a community service component.

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"The aim of those four courses is to engage and immerse students in a multidisciplinary understanding of the arts and sciences and give them a foundation in the Catholic intellectual tradition," says English professor Dr. Michelle Loris, who is directing the implementation of the new curriculum. "The most exciting thing about the Common Core is that we're not only creating connections among the different academic disciplines, but also providing students with the sort of rigorous intellectual inquiry that is the hallmark of the Catholic intellectual tradition. We intend for the Common Core to become the academic signature of Sacred Heart University."
Dr. Michelle Loris Named Associate Dean

On the basis of the importance of her work in directing Core Curriculum Planning and Implementation for the past year at Sacred Heart University, Dr. Michelle Loris, professor of English and Psychology, has been named associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Loris was instrumental in obtaining final approval from the University's Board of Trustees for the Core Curriculum Proposal that had been recommended to the president by the University faculty. Further, faculty members from all disciplines have been working diligently to design the syllabi for four common core courses—The Common Core, The Human Journey. The Common Core courses in history and English were successfully piloted during the fall 2006 semester, and work continues on the Common Core courses in the natural and social sciences, with pilot sections planned for fall 2007.

Additional good news is that, through a proposal written by Dr. Loris, the American Association of Colleges and Universities has invited Sacred Heart to participate in its Core Commitments Consortium.

Members of Sacred Heart's faculty and administration are encouraged to engage the Catholic intellectual tradition even before they're hired. “During the application process, we ask potential employees to reflect on the University's mission and think about how they will support and find themselves in that mission and contribute to the University,” explains Dr. Palliser.

The one thing that is true beyond all doubt, says assistant professor of Religious Studies Dr. June-Ann Greeley, is that faith matters. “Faith is the most human of all expressions,” she points out. “Animals communicate and have families and whole social systems. But what brings human beings together is our quintessential awareness of a transcendent Other who is greater than ourselves, and that awareness is our connection to one another.”

In the Catholic intellectual tradition, all learning is moral, and there are many, many approaches to the truth. “It matters that we learn. It matters what we learn,” she says. “At Sacred Heart, we believe that there’s a moral imperative to make a deeper inquiry into what it means to be human.”

Every new University employee—faculty and non-faculty alike—has an orientation on the mission and Catholic identity of the University, and new faculty members have an ongoing series of discussions with senior faculty throughout their first year. Topics for these faculty conversations include the Catholic identity of Sacred Heart within the context of Vatican Council II, the legacy of Catholic social teaching, and the implications of Catholic identity for teaching and scholarship.

Presidential Seminar Explores Catholic Intellectual Tradition in Academia and Life

Each fall, a dozen Sacred Heart University professors in multiple disciplines approach their coursework and research with a renewed sense of interest and purpose after participating in a unique Presidential Seminar designed to challenge them intellectually and spiritually.

The professors are invited to attend five-day, 40-hour immersion workshops in May at the University, where they engage in philosophical and theological explorations of issues connected to Catholic intellectual tradition and its application to all of life—academic, spiritual, social and professional. The seminars focus on the importance of the Catholic intellectual tradition to Sacred Heart’s mission, the University faculty's teaching and/or research, student development, and the betterment of the University and the world as a whole.

“It was great for me to share this tradition with my colleagues because, although in a lot of ways we do little pieces of that during the school year through informal conversations or lectures, we don’t really get a lot of leisure time to sit down and do it intently with each other,” said Brian Stiltner, Ph.D., chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

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who participated in the seminar in May 2006. “It’s an intense, in-depth faculty workshop on core ideas in Catholic theology to show how they have bearing on our intellectual work, regardless of our particular fields.”

Collaborating with faculty from other departments allows participants to hear about the interdisciplinary connections to the Catholic intellectual tradition as they incorporate the tradition into teaching and scholarship. Equally interesting is the diversity of religious backgrounds represented at the seminar.

“There was a mix of religious traditions in the room. I have none of the Catholic educational upbringing, so it was a real eye-opener,” said Dr. Andra Gumbas, assistant professor in the Department of Management, who said that some of the many questions they pondered included, What does it mean to be a Catholic institution of higher education? How do we live and teach according to the Catholic intellectual tradition? How do we infuse it into our coursework and into our research?

The seminar gives faculty “a chance to put more foundation under interests that they already have, so they can do their academic work in ways that are more fruitful for the mission of the school,” Dr. Stiltner noted. “Faith and reason are really the watch-words for the Catholic intellectual life. It always presumes that these two things work together and complement each other, not that you have to choose between them.”

Catholic Intellectual Tradition
Opportunities and Resources at SHU

• Sacred Heart University’s Center for Mission Education and Reflection provides varied opportunities and resources for reflection and conversation on the University’s mission and identity within the Catholic intellectual tradition.

• The Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture offers a rich array of educational opportunities for students, faculty, staff and the local community. For instance, a book group for faculty and administrators takes on texts that tie in with the Catholic intellectual tradition, from classic authors like Dante to contemporary Catholic writers like Mary Gordon.

• The Catholic Social Thought Scholars Program provides students with an opportunity for in-depth studies of Catholic social teachings as they relate to the students’ experiences of service within the larger community. The program carries nine academic credits and scholarship funds.

• The Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics serves both the campus community and the wider Fairfield County community, addressing issues of major ethical concern through lectures, professional panels and other forums.

• The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding attracts international attention for its work in promoting interfaith relations.

• The new Cardinal Spidlik Center for Ecumenical Understanding is dedicated to promoting greater cooperation through dialogue, research, education, publications and artistic collaboration among the Western and Eastern churches.

• The Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry provides opportunities for theological updating and spiritual development, as well as programs that bridge the gap between the world of work and the world of the spirit.

• Campus Ministry provides opportunities for students to examine their beliefs and share in the faith-filled life of the University. Campus Ministry draws together students, faculty and staff to experience, claim and celebrate the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition and spirit.

• A deep commitment to community service finds expression both in academic offerings and in the extracurricular activities of the students, faculty and staff, coordinated by the Office of Service Learning and Volunteer programs.

Drawing of SHU’s new Chapel.

Father Rupnik has been commissioned to create original artwork for SHU’s new Chapel.
When Pope Benedict XVI left Rome on November 28, destined for his four-day trip to Turkey, he was probably filled with apprehension and hope. For centuries, Turkey has been a place where Islamic cultures met the “Christian” West, and not always happily. Today, Turkey is a secular, democratic republic that shares borders with some of the world’s hot spots: Iran, Iraq and Syria.

It was the Pope’s fifth trip outside Italy and his first to a country with a Muslim majority. About 99 percent of Turkey’s 70 million inhabitants are Muslim, the majority Sunni; Catholics represent .04 percent of the population. Pope Paul VI visited Turkey in 1967, and Pope John Paul II went there in 1979. But in the current global climate of cultural and religious tensions, this papal visit was unique.

Neither the Church nor the world should expect monumental accomplishments from a single papal visit. By his words and actions in Turkey, though, Benedict offered a model for dialogue, understanding and, whenever possible, reconciliation. It was the next step on the Church’s ongoing journey to promote unity.

The Pope reached out as a pastor to the minority Catholics. He embraced the Church’s estranged siblings among the Orthodox Christians. Finally, he demonstrated by his presence that he trusted in the good will of Muslims in Turkey and around the world.

REACHING OUT TO MUSLIMS

The Second Vatican Council’s 1965 document Nostra Aetate officially declared the Church’s appreciation for Muslims who worship the one God. For the past 40 years, efforts have been ongoing to draw together in dialogue members of the Abrahamic faiths—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Great strides have been made between Jews and Christians, yet much work remains to be done for greater understanding among all of these faiths.

Benedict’s first meeting in Turkey was with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Erdogan founded the pro-Islamic Party for Justice and Development in 2001 and won the 2002 parliamentary elections. Originally it was reported that Erdogan would not be able to meet the Pope, given his scheduled presence at the NATO summit being held at the same time in Riga, Latvia. Nonetheless, the prime minister made time for an airport meeting and said the Pope’s visit would help promote cultural and religious dialogue.

Benedict also visited the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (1881-1938), the founder of the Turkish Republic. He placed a floral wreath next to the monument and then signed the visitors’ book with these words: “In this land, a meeting point of different religions and cultures, and a bridge between Asia and Europe, I gladly make my own the words of the founder of the Turkish Republic: “Peace at Home, Peace in the World.”

Of particular interest was the Pope’s meeting with Ali Bardakoglu, head of Turkey’s directorate of religious affairs. Before delivering their addresses, they spoke on the important role of all believers in promoting peace. Mention was made of the need to overcome the misunderstandings that resulted from Pope Benedict’s Sept. 12 lecture at the University of Regensburg. Although the Pope had stated twice during the Regensburg talk that a centuries-old reference to the prophet Mohammed was not his personal opinion, the quote outraged many Muslims. Bardakoglu himself at the time strongly criticized the Pope’s remarks and said he should “rid himself of feelings of hate” and apologize. He later accepted the Pope’s expression of regret.

Speaking publicly with Bardakoglu, the Pope said, “Christians and Muslims, following their respective religions, point to the truth of the sacred character and dignity of the person. . . . This is the basis of our mutual respect and esteem, this is the basis for cooperation in the service of peace between nations and peoples, the dearest wish of all believers and all people of good will.”
UNITY AMONG CHRISTIANS

Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople invited Benedict to visit Turkey on the occasion of the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, the brother of St. Peter. The Orthodox Church consists of 15 interdependent churches, each headed by its own patriarch, archbishop or metropolitan. In this family of churches the patriarch of Constantinople is honorifically referred to as the “first among equals.”

It is believed that St. Andrew traveled across Asia Minor and became the founder of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, which is present-day Istanbul. Andrew was martyred and Constantine’s son brought the Apostle’s body to Constantinople in 357. In 1462, after Constantinople’s fall, the head of St. Andrew was recovered and placed near the grave of his brother, Peter, where it remained in Rome until 1967, when Pope Paul VI returned the relic to the community St. Andrew had formed.

Pope Benedict and Patriarch Bartholomew’s meeting highlighted the symbolic reunion of two brothers, Peter and Andrew. As their successors, Benedict and Bartholomew said: “We give thanks to the Author of all that is good, who allows us once again, in prayer and in dialogue, to express the joy we feel as brothers and to renew our commitment to move toward full communion.”

UNITY WITH CATHOLICS

The Pope’s final day was spent with Turkey’s small Catholic minority, estimated to number about 33,000. The Catholic community includes the Latin, Armenian Catholic, Syrian Catholic and Chaldean rites. Pope Benedict celebrated Mass in Istanbul’s small Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, where he encouraged the faithful to draw strength from their faith in a land that was visited by Apostles and was home to many early Church fathers.

Catholic leaders hope the papal visit will boost their ongoing efforts for recognition of religious rights. Catholic officials have been pressing for legal recognition of the Latin-rite Church, which has no juridical status in Turkey. Turkey’s Constitution protects freedom of conscience, but the government highly regulates and controls all religious activity.

LOOKING AHEAD

A pope is not obliged to travel anywhere, so one can presume that Benedict’s trip has special importance. The words he spoke and the gestures he made clearly articulated his appreciation for the values of Turkish culture, pointing especially to the common conviction that civil society cannot exclude God. He modeled respect for all Muslim believers, prayed in hope for full Christian unity with the Orthodox, and presented a positive message of support for the Catholic minority in Turkey.

And yet, the Pope told journalists that the value of his trip “consisted of the meetings themselves of friendship and respect, in a common commitment to peace and fraternity.” In short, Benedict’s trip was about building unity—one step at a time.

Speeches are important and official statements are worthwhile, but it is the human touch and face-to-face encounters that change hearts. At the heart of dialogue and bridge-building is the risk of reaching out with one’s naked hand in friendship and saying in such a gesture, “I trust you and respect you as a person of good will.” It is a gesture of unity we all need to make in today’s world.

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On the Field
THE PIONEERS’ LATEST SPORTS SUCCESSES

Team Spruces Up Burrows Community Center

On September 24, the Sacred Heart women’s ice hockey team started the year with a community service event. The Pioneers went to the Burrows Community Center in Bridgeport to help weed and plant bushes and plants in the community garden. Although some players weren’t too excited about the thought of getting dirty and digging in a garden at first, as the morning went on, the team became fully engrossed in the project and had fun.

“I really felt that the team came together off the ice. As a result of climbing down into the trenches, they actually got to know each other better,” head coach Tom O’Malley said afterwards.

Pioneer freshman Kristen Olychuck agreed. “Everyone felt a huge sense of achievement, seeing the finished product compared to the mess that it was in the beginning.”

Nearly all of the 32 varsity athletic teams at Sacred Heart participate in some kind of service to the community.

Above, members of the SHU women’s ice hockey team trade their sticks for gardening implements to help revitalize the landscape at the Burrows Community Center in Bridgeport.

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Zarrinpour Lands 100th Career Victory and Earns All-American Status

Senior wrestling heavyweight Payam Zarrinpour (Shiraz, Iran) was ranked eighth nationally in Division I by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and its media website, InterMat, in its 2006-07 preseason poll. He is the only Sacred Heart grappler ranked in the top 20 in any of the weight classes and one of the 10 wrestlers from the Colonial Athletic Association to be given a preseason ranking. He also secured his 100th career victory this year at the Body Bar Invitational at Cornell University.

Zarrinpour has participated in the NCAA Championships the last three years. He is a two-time CAA Champion and captain of the 2006-07 Sacred Heart wrestling team. He is also a two-time Academic All-American, majoring in Athletic Training. He placed third in the 2005 Midlands, the highest finish ever for a Pioneer wrestler.

Zarrinpour has won more tournament titles than any other SHU wrestler. He won the CAA Championship in 2004 and 2006, as well as the Wilkes Open, Body Bar Invitational, National Catholic Invitational and the Ted Reese Invitational.

“The century mark is so hard to reach,” remarked head coach Andy Seras. “Payam came to SHU with no experience in the NCAA style of wrestling and has become a force on the national scene.”

First Pioneer to Earn All-American Honors

On November 20, sophomore Carisa Eye (Nesconset, New York) became the first Sacred Heart University player to be named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-American Third Team. Eye was among the nation-leaders in every offensive category. She was second in the country in goals scored (32) and goals per game (1.60). She also finished the season third in the country in points per game (3.30) and fourth in total points with 66.

Eye took the Northeast Conference by storm in 2006 and was on top of four individual NEC statistical categories. These included points, points per game, goals and goals per game. The 2006 NEC Player and Offensive Player of the Year was the heart of a Pioneer offense that led the NEC in average points scored per game with 3.78.

Led by Eye, the Pioneers completed the season 15-5, finishing as the runner-up in the Northeast Conference regular season and tournament.

When the Sacred Heart University women's lacrosse team woke up on Sunday, October 15, instead of grabbing their lacrosse sticks and heading to the practice field, they laced up their running shoes and headed down to Captain's Cove in Bridgeport for the Sikorsky Swim Across the Sound Cancer Walk/Run.

The Pioneers completed a four-mile walk over a scenic route that began and ended at Captain's Cove, while winding through St. Mary's by the Sea.

The team completed the trek and in the process raised $500 toward Swim Across the Sound's 34 cancer education, screening, prevention and support programs. The Walk drew approximately 1,000 walkers last year and raised $92,000.

The Walk also provided some fun to all who attended, including music, food and prizes. "This is a great cause and one that our team is proud to get behind," stated head coach Laura Cook.
Jennifer Tierney Earns First Individual Golf Title for SHU

Pioneer sophomore Jennifer Tierney (Danbury, Connecticut) carded a 75 on Monday afternoon to capture individual medalist honors at the second annual Sacred Heart Fall Classic at Great River Golf Club in Milford, Connecticut. The Boston College Eagles took 26 strokes off their Sunday score to take home the team championship for the second straight year.

The Pioneers as a team finished the event third, shooting a two-day score of 692 on the par 72, 5,809-yard Great River course. BC and SHU were tied at 342 after Sunday’s round with the Eagles, firing a 316 on Monday to win. Boston University finished second with a 688 (343-345). The event featured five teams from the Northeast Conference, with the Pioneers finishing at the top of that pack.

Tierney, who along with the field of 49 golfers battled extreme wind on Sunday to shoot 83, tied for the low score on Monday with a 75. Katie Napleton of BC also carded a 75. Tierney’s two-day score of 158 (83-75) earned her top honors, finishing two strokes ahead of Eve Mayr of Fairleigh Dickinson (82-78-160).

The win marked the first individual title in the Sacred Heart women’s golf program.

Jon Corto Named I-AA Mid-Major All-American and First Team All-NEC

Senior linebacker Jon Corto (Orchard Park, New York) was named a I-AA Mid-Major All-American by the Sports Network. This is the first time Corto has been selected for such an honor, and it comes on the heels of being named First Team All-Northeast Conference for the first time.

Corto finished second in the league with 104 tackles (54 solo), an average of 9.5 per game. He recorded 4.5 sacks on the season and had 11.0 tackles for loss. Corto ranked fifth in the NEC in tackles for loss, and sixth in sacks. He finished his career ranked second all-time in tackles at Sacred Heart.

All 26 players selected for the Sports Network 2006 I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team are automatically nominated for the I-AA-wide All-America team. The 21 programs of the MAAC, Northeast Conference, and Pioneer Football League, which play at a non-scholarship or limited scholarship level, make up the I-AA Mid-Major ranks.
Athletics and WICC Radio Expand Broadcast Agreement

The Pioneer athletics department signed an expanded broadcasting agreement with WICC 600 AM in Bridgeport. The new agreement resulted in 38 Pioneer games broadcast on the #1 AM radio station on the shoreline of Connecticut, expanding Pioneer broadcast offerings in 2006-07 to over 130 games between commercial radio and the Internet.

The Pioneers had 16 men’s basketball games on WICC last season. This new agreement, hammered out by Assistant Athletics Director for Communications Gene Gumbs and Associate Athletics Director for External Relations Mark Adzijian, continued that relationship, but also resulted in 14 men’s ice hockey games and eight women’s basketball games being added to the mix. “We have the most diverse athletic program in the state of Connecticut by far,” says Gumbs. “Mark and I felt that adding men’s ice hockey and women’s basketball to the agreement with WICC allowed us to showcase that. What made it even more exciting was that the two sports we added both had chances to win conference titles and make the NCAA Tournament.”

The first game on WICC was on Friday, October 13, when the ice hockey team opened its season at the University of Massachusetts from the prestigious Hockey East. The Pioneers also broadcast hockey games against the likes of Michigan State, Air Force, Dartmouth and Cornell.

The women’s basketball broadcast schedule included games against Boston College, Providence and Yale. The men’s basketball slate included the NIT Season Tip-Off Tournament, where the Pioneers took on the University of North Carolina this year.

Jeff Holtz, the voice of the Pioneers for the last six seasons, called the play-by-play on all hockey broadcasts and most of the basketball games. Gene Gumbs joined Holtz as color analyst and filled in with play-by-play on basketball when Holtz was on the road with the hockey team. Rick Cohen, an assistant in the SHU athletic communications office, joined Holtz on some hockey games. The broadcasts also included complete post-game shows with interviews, scores and statistics.

“We couldn’t be more pleased that our relationship with WICC has reached a point where the University and the station feel adding men’s ice hockey and women’s basketball to the broadcast mix is a positive initiative,” says SHU Director of Athletics Don Cook.

“The fan reaction to the men’s basketball games last year validated for both of us that expansion this year to include the additional broadcasts was a win-win in every sense. Having an opportunity to promote our intercollegiate athletics program on Southern Connecticut’s #1 AM station was a special endorsement of who we are becoming in the intercollegiate competitive sense in the state.”

Sacred Heart University finished its eighth season of Division I play this year with a 21-11-4 record. The Pioneers are members of the Northeast Conference for basketball and Atlantic Hockey for men’s ice hockey.

O’Brien, Trapp Nominated for Hobey Baker Award

Senior Pierre-Luc O’Brien (Nicolet, Quebec) and sophomore Bear Trapp (Regina, Saskatchewan) were nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, presented to the most outstanding player in college hockey. Fans had the opportunity to select their favorite candidate for the list of top 10 finalists on the new Hobey Baker Award website, www.hobeybaker.com.

Together, O’Brien and Trapp led the Pioneers to first place in the Atlantic Hockey standings. O’Brien led the team in scoring with 30 points, including 12 goals and 18 assists. He was third in Atlantic Hockey in scoring, second in goals and third in assists. He was tied for eighth in the nation in points per game. After posting 23 points in November, O’Brien was named the HCA/CSTV National Player of the Month. He was named the AHA player of the week twice this season, and is on the verge of breaking several school records for career scoring.

Trapp built on a rookie season, in which he won Atlantic Hockey rookie of the year honors with a strong sophomore season. He was second on the team with nine goals and 17 assists for 26 total points. Those totals placed him fourth in the league in scoring and assists.

Voting in phase one ended on March 4. Fans could vote for one candidate at a time, but were allowed to vote multiple times per day. The standings ran concurrently on the Hobey Baker website. Phase two began on March 15, after the top 10 finalists were announced. After the first phase of voting was completed, the top 10 advanced to the Selection Committee, which decided the eventual winner. This committee was composed of print media, electronic media, NHL scouts and the American Hockey Coaches Association. The committee also included an individual from USA Hockey. The winner of the award, Ryan Duncan from the University of North Dakota, was announced April 6 at the NCAA Frozen Four in St. Louis.

Two Pioneer hockey players, Pierre-Luc O’Brien and Bear Trapp, were nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, a distinction awarded to the most outstanding player in college hockey. Though the award ultimately went to a player from the University of North Dakota, both SHU players were strong contenders among the top 10 finalists.
Sacred Heart University's Homecoming Weekend began Saturday, September 30, with a celebration of alumni achievements and ended with a celebration of the school's victory on the football field. A record crowd of alumni enjoyed the day in the alumni tent and tailgating village.

Hours before the Pioneers beat the Wagner College Seahawks 25-17 on Campus Field, ending Wagner's undefeated season, more than 100 alumni, families and administrators gathered at University Commons for the alumni awards presentation.

"Sacred Heart to me is the best university in America because it symbolizes giving people an equal opportunity in higher education, which is integral to success in our society," said Brian Hamilton '87, of Cary, North Carolina, one of two recipients of the Alumni Achievement Award for significant positive impact in their field or in their community. Brian is co-architect of FIND, Financial Information into Narrative Data, used by thousands of accounting firms throughout the United States and Canada. He is also owner and CEO of SageWorks.

"Driving up here, I started to reflect on how well my education here prepared me for the diverse work that I do," said Gene Russell '01, of White Plains, New York, one of two recipients of the Pioneer Award given to individuals who make an impact through service to their community or for other humanitarian efforts that reflect the mission of Sacred Heart University. Gene, who switched careers from high school teacher to his current post as a New York City police officer, volunteers an average of 200 hours each year, training and motivating young people in the Explorer Post program, designed to break down barriers between police officers and young people.

Many members of the basketball team attended the breakfast event to support Coach Dave Bike '69, who received the Alumni Achievement Award. "He helps us not just to be good players on the court, but good people off the court," said Team Captain Jarrid Frye, a senior business major from Queens.

Dave was humbled by the honor. "I'm fortunate, not just to receive an award but for the opportunity to work here," he said. "My wife always said if you find a job you love, you don't have to work a day in your life, and I've been doing something I love for a long, long time. To get recognized for that, I'm blessed."

Mia Edmonds-Duff '04, of New Haven, Connecticut, received the Pioneer Award for her educational leadership as a teacher at the John S. Martinez School in New Haven. "This is really an awesome experience," she acknowledged. "There are so many educators who deserve recognition but don't often get it, so I am honored."

As the awards ceremony continued inside, scores of students participated in a pre-game parade. The University's marching band played the school's fight song, and the color guard and about a dozen colorful floats and cars participated. Representative student organizations included the SHU Pioneers, multicultural clubs, Ballroom Dance Club, Freestyle Club and Dance Team. Participants threw candy and streamers to spectators along the route.

"I love it. It makes everyone energetic before the game," said Frank Skaggs of Narragansett, Rhode Island, a freshman studying physical therapy, who stood along the parade route. Alumni also lined the parade route from their tailgating section.

"I think it shows good school spirit," said Jaclyn Ford '06, of Hicksville, New York, who received her psychology degree last May.

Heather Fogarty '06, of West Islip, New York, who graduated with a degree in media studies, said the parade was larger than last year's. She liked the piano float best, a truck on which the Class of 2009 had fashioned giant piano keys.
High marks from the crowd also went to Beta Delta Phi’s float—a small black sedan decorated to resemble a bumblebee.

Other alumni honored at the awards event were Alana Callahan ’98, of Shelton, Connecticut; Julie Stewart ’97, of Cos Cob, Connecticut; and Sheila Watts ’03, of Trumbull, Connecticut. Each of them received the College of Education and Health Professions Alumni Leadership Award. Brian McArdle ’04, of Trumbull, received the University College Alumni Leadership Award, and Patricia (Dillon) Picard ’95, of Ansonia, Connecticut, was given the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Sacred Heart University also recognized Richard A. Stieglitz, managing director and CEO of Integrated Rehabilitation Services, St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, and the Bridgeport Community Health Center with Community Partner Awards for exceptional collaborations to further the educational goals and mission of the University.

Sacred Heart University’s Alumni Association of Luxembourg held its annual reunion in November at the Abbaye Neumunster. The event featured guest speaker Vinclane Istance, a Human Resources Partner at PriceWaterhouseCooper, who was voted Best HR Manager of the Year in 2006. Her presentation, “New People, New Answers,” highlighted the importance of managing different age groups according to their needs.

The Sacred Heart Alumni Association in Luxembourg was established 15 years ago with the goal of promoting, developing and sustaining the more than 300 professionals who have graduated with MBA degrees from the University’s Luxembourg campus.

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Making a Difference

When Mike Del Re, Jr. graduated from high school, he certainly didn’t imagine a future in which he would be the president and owner of Financial Network Limited, a highly successful insurance and investment company headquartered in Milford, Connecticut.

“I’m practically an original Pioneer,” the 1968 graduate says with pride. With just average high school grades and a full-time job, Mike attended SHU’s Degree Development program, a rigorous one-year night program that working adults took to prepare for enrolling in a four-year college or university.

“SHU was just about the only school that was willing to give someone a chance back then,” he says. “I’ve never met so many caring professors. If you were willing to apply yourself, they did their best to work with you. I walked out of there with a foundation I am proud of.”

Mike Del Re carried that foundation with him to the workplace and later to American College in Philadelphia, where he attained numerous professional designations recognized in the financial industry. A marketing major, he still remembers the Liberal Arts education he received at SHU. “People talk a lot about the business school, but I learned so much about religion, philosophy and other disciplines as well.”

Before he branched out to create his own company, Mike worked with Equitable Insurance of New York throughout the 1970s. He later decided to take what he liked about the big companies and disregard the rest as he established his own business.

Mike’s company, Financial Network Limited, offers 401(k)s, retirement planning and employee benefit solutions for both individuals and large corporations. During his long career, he has also spent time working with major insurance companies designing insurance products, researching and describing how products can be improved based on public needs.

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But when you talk to this gregarious soul, you’ll learn more about his two young grandchildren, Dominic and Victoria, than you will about his professional life. “I always put family first,” he declares. “I truly mean that. Money doesn’t really matter. I would give it all away tomorrow. Family means everything to me.”

You’ll also learn how proud he is to work each day with his wife, Donna, and grown son, Michael Del Re III, and just how much he loves what he does. “I’ve found that, in this business, it’s not how much you know, it’s how much you care.”

Recently, he joined an advisory board for SHU’s Center for Financial Education, helping to develop financial courses and working with University staff to launch a Certified Financial Planning program. “I feel flattered to give back to my school,” he said.

Mike is also a member of the Eye Research Advisory Board at Yale-New Haven Hospital. As first vice president for the Connecticut Lions, he sits on the Yale Advisory Board and reports back to 6,500 Lions Club members, whose work raises funds to stamp out glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.

When asked if he foresees retirement anytime soon, the 62-year-old Oxford resident laughs. “Well, I don’t see myself sitting in a rocking chair. I love learning; Sacred Heart told us, ‘When you get a degree, it’s just the beginning.’ I plan to make a difference as long as I can.”
Paige Fairbaugh MBA ’95 Named Top Fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis Society

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society announced that Paige Fairbaugh, MBA ’95, was its top fundraiser in the U.S. for 2005. She raised $25,490 for the MS Challenge Walk in Maryland.

Participating in MS Challenge Walks is a family affair for Team Fairbaugh, which includes Paige’s father, Dr. Rawlin “Pete” Fairbaugh, director of Sacred Heart University’s Center for Strategic Planning for Not-for-Profit Organizations, assistant professor of management in the John F. Welch College of Business, and the founding director of the Luxembourg MBA program. In fact, the Mid-Atlantic MS Chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina, named Team Fairbaugh “Family of the Year” in 2004.

Along with several members of her family, Paige has participated in Challenge Walks for a Cure in North Carolina and Maryland since 2001. She has completed two 50-mile, three-day walks and is currently training for the Chesapeake Bay Challenge in September.

Paige, an associate director for event marketing at UBS in Stamford, was diagnosed with MS over seven years ago. She hopes to double the amount of money she raised in 2005 to help fund research for a cure for multiple sclerosis.

Amanda Bettis ’05 Wins National Recognition in Graphic Design

Amanda Bettis ’05 received a national design award from Graphic Design USA for her creative work as part of a team at Studio Two in Lenox, Massachusetts. Graphic Design USA selected four projects as winners in the 2006 American Graphic Design Awards. This prestigious nationwide competition honors “excellence in communications and graphic design.” Winners are selected from thousands of submissions by a national panel of industry experts. Amanda won for her design for the Berkshire International Film Festival promotional materials.
GE Foundation Grants SHU
$157,000 for Scholars Program

The generous award of $157,000 to Sacred Heart University’s GE Foundation Scholars program will help fund the dreams of the 18 students currently enrolled.

The funding was provided by the GE Foundation, a division of General Electric, to support academically talented minority students. Since 1994, the program has accepted 144 students, supporting their academic and career goals in business, math and sciences and producing “a lot of success stories,” says SHU GE Foundation Scholars Program Director Virginia Stephens.

For instance, Guneet Lamba was accepted at the prestigious London School of Economics after graduation in 2004 from Sacred Heart, and in 2006 she completed a master’s program in international business and economics. And, only three years after his graduation, Edgar Palacios of Queens, New York, is an assistant vice president in mergers and acquisitions for Citigroup.

“I’m very lucky to have been part of the program,” says Edgar, who graduated from SHU in May 2002 with an undergraduate degree in business administration and in 2003 with a master’s in computers and information systems. Because recipients are given the opportunity to be paired with a GE employee, he explains, “It was a great networking opportunity for me. You can truly learn and be with people of such amazing talents and intelligence.”

Eligibility requirements for the program include enrolling as a full-time undergraduate, minority student status, financial need, at least a 3.0 grade point average, United States citizenship or resident alien status, and a demonstrated interest in mathematics, science, information technology or one of the quantitative business disciplines, such as accounting, finance or economics.

“All of this came out of GE’s interest in bridging the gap for minority students who were interested in entering into mathematics and science studies and, therefore, careers,” Ms. Stephens points out. The $157,000 grant includes $72,000 earmarked for scholarships—$4,000 for each of the 18 students to apply toward tuition—and $85,000 for retention and enrichment programs.

“The feeling is that students definitely need the financial support, but there’s other support that’s needed in order for them to continue to be successful during their college careers and even beyond. We have created a program that supports them socially, professionally and academically,” she explains. “This includes a variety of workshops on leadership, careers and public speaking, to name a few, and we also go to arts events.”

Recipients are also required to perform community service. “They’re getting the benefit of this program, but they’re also giving back to the Sacred Heart community and the expanded community,” she says.

Xavier Sanchez, a GE Scholar who graduated in May, volunteered at John Winthrop School in Bridgeport, where he was once a student. Xavier, an accounting major, has accepted a position with Ernst & Young. “He was very happy to go back to tutor and mentor students at his old elementary school,” Ms. Stephens says. Although Edgar appreciated all aspects of the GE Foundation Scholars program, he was most attracted to it for the financial aid. “It alleviated some of the burden I had and provided that peace of mind,” he reflects.

In the past, there were 24 recipients in the program, each of whom received $3,000. This year, Ms. Stephens has reduced the number to 18 students. “We opted for fewer students and more money for each student,” she says, adding that the program has a very high retention rate. Students “stay in the program, graduate on time, and in a couple of instances have graduated early,” she says proudly.

KNOW AN SHU STUDENT WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM BEING A PART OF THE GE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

ELIGIBILITY: full-time undergraduate; minority student status; financial need; at least a 3.0 GPA; U.S. citizenship or resident alien status; demonstrated interest in math, science, information technology, or a quantitative business discipline, like accounting, finance or economics.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: contact Program Director Virginia Stephens at (203) 396-8302.
A Gift of a Lifetime

Victor Coudert Jr. had an illustrious career in the wood pulp and paper industry and knew little about Sacred Heart University in the mid-1970s, when he was first asked to serve on the Board of Trustees.

"Initially, I was attracted by the fact that the school was helping out kids who wouldn't otherwise get a college education," explains the Greenwich native. "That was why the school was started, and I was interested in helping with that goal."

As time went on, the nature of the school changed a great deal, he points out. Its academic programs were strengthened, and the University now attracts top students from throughout the United States and beyond, while still providing an education for those who might otherwise fall through the cracks—and all in the Catholic tradition of higher education.

As Mr. Coudert's knowledge of the University grew, so did his esteem for Sacred Heart's commitment to quality education. Three of his seven children graduated from Sacred Heart University—two graduate students and one undergraduate. Mr. Coudert remained an active and respected member of the Board for over 27 years.

Now a knight of St. Gregory the Great, a knight of Malta and a knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Mr. Coudert is a trustee emeritus of SHU and will leave a percentage of his estate to the University. Benefactors are able to direct their donations to specific aspects of the University, and Mr. Coudert has designated his gift to the new Chapel, for which the school broke ground on December 5, 2006.

"Sacred Heart is a very good school, but there are a lot of good schools around. I like, very much, the religious aspect of it. That's the difference. This emphasis on Catholicism is very important to me," Mr. Coudert says. "The Chapel is going to be symbolic of the whole school," he says.

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— VICTOR COUDERT, JR.

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LEAD THANKS THOSE WHO GIVE BACK

Sacred Heart University has welcomed over 300 donors to a new giving society established this past fall. What makes these donors unique is that they have been giving to the University for five or more consecutive years.

The Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors (LEAD) Society has set a special goal of encouraging alumni to make gifts of any size to the University once per academic fiscal year (July 1-June 30).

On November 13, local LEAD members attended a special reception on campus, then joined a Student Affairs lecture by Tim Russert, managing editor and moderator of NBC's Meet the Press. This reception was the first of several events to be held for this group.

Tim Russert and Friends Prior to speaking to SHU students as part of this year's Student Affairs Lecture Series, Tim Russert met with LEAD members at a special reception.
Edgerton Center Dedicated

The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts was formally dedicated in honor of Charles and Freda Edgerton on Sunday, March 11th.

The Center for the Performing Arts is the Edgertons' latest contribution to the community, with this substantial donation leading the refurbishing of this vital community resource. For the first time in its history, the auditorium is air conditioned and the more than 775 seats have all been replaced. Now a “Center for All Seasons,” it's available to students, faculty and the community for a wide variety of artistic endeavors.

The Edgerton Center is dedicated to creating and presenting high quality programming for families, students and the community that will entertain, educate and challenge. It strives to extend and supplement the intellectual life of the classroom for students from Pre-K through college, thus creating opportunities for community and University interaction, while reflecting the ethnic, faith and cultural diversity of the region.

Sacred Heart University has named Ambassador Peter Terpeluk, Jr. to its Board of Trustees. Ambassador Terpeluk has recently returned to the American Continental Group (ACG) as chairman after serving as the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg for three years. He originally joined ACG in 1994 and served as a managing director until he departed for Luxembourg, ACG is a professional advocacy firm that specializes in government relations and public affairs services.

During his tenure in Luxembourg, Ambassador Terpeluk oversaw the construction of a new, full-service embassy. He reinstated the role for U.S. Marines at the embassy and implemented the most modern security system for a U.S. embassy in Europe. He was influential in creating transatlantic growth for Luxembourg with initiatives that brought Amazon, AOL, and Apple Corporate Headquarters there. As a result, Luxembourg became the American center for technology in Europe. He also helped Boeing strategize and plan the launch of its new 747 cargo vehicle in Luxembourg. He has also recently been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the Rudy Giuliani presidential campaign.

Ambassador Terpeluk has been extremely active in both Bush Administrations. He began by serving as co-chairman of President George H.W. Bush’s “Bush for President Campaign,” and, in 1992, as co-chairman of the “Bush for President Re-Election Campaign.” He also held a leadership position with the National Finance Committee for “Bush for President” and he helped form and implement outreach to the U.S. Catholic community in the 2000 Bush campaign. He also served on President George H.W. Bush’s transition team in 1998.

Ambassador Terpeluk was very active in the Reagan Administration as well. In 1983, he served as acting deputy administrator in the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, DC, during which time he led trade missions to the United Kingdom, Russia and China. Prior to serving as acting deputy administrator, he served as regional administrator in the U.S. Small Business Administration in Pennsylvania. Ambassador Terpeluk was also design chairman in the development of the Ronald Reagan Building in 1991.

He currently serves on the National Constitution Center Board in Pennsylvania. Additionally, he was Of Counsel at the Forum for International Policy chaired by Brent Scowcroft, co-chairman of the National Senatorial Committee, finance co-chairman for the Republican Governors' Association, and chairman of the “Child Protection Fund.”

Ambassador Terpeluk has a bachelor of arts degree in public policy from LaSalle College, a master's degree in public administration from Rider College, and honorary doctorates from Sacred Heart University and LaSalle College.

Ambassador Terpeluk shown above, center, receiving his honorary degree at SHU's Luxembourg commencement in 2005.
All in the Family: The Barretts

Dick Barrett '80, MBA '87, is proud to leave a legacy at Sacred Heart University. That legacy is an educational experience for his children at his alma mater that is now more advanced and prestigious than the solid education he received. Dick and his wife, Peggy, of Milford, Connecticut, have been pleased to send not only one, but two of their children to Sacred Heart University.

Their eldest, Richard P., a 2006 graduate of SHU, excelled in accounting and is now considering an MBA at Sacred Heart. Their daughter, Colleen, is finishing her junior year in marketing, and their youngest, Brian, considers Sacred Heart one of his top college choices.

The Barrett children were accepted at many other universities, and Dick and Peggy were thrilled that their children chose to continue in the Sacred Heart University tradition. "The opportunities that SHU provided helped me to advance in my career and got me to where I am now at IBM. I will always be grateful for what Sacred Heart University has given my family and me," says Dick.

As annual donors to the University since the 1980s, Dick and Peggy leave a legacy not only for their children, but for future generations of SHU students as well. "We contribute what we can every year," Dick explains, "because we realize the difference it makes at Sacred Heart and in making the college experience more affordable for so many SHU students. We take pride in knowing that we've been a part of the advancements and opportunities that today's students enjoy."

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1974  
Greg Collins is currently a land acquisition manager with the office of Lennar Corporation in Charleston, South Carolina.

Peter L. Timpanelli was promoted to president of Pulsafeeder, Inc., a unit of IDEX Corporation, in Punta Gorda, Florida. Pulsafeeder is a global leader in metering pumps and process controllers in water treatment markets worldwide. He has more than 20 years of experience in fluid control and fluid power, equipment and applications.

1975  
John G. Moran retired from United Illuminating Company as supervisor of General Customer Field Services.

1976  
Julie Dziuba Buchanan was promoted to assistant director in the office for Faculty Affairs at Yale University’s School of Medicine.

Alan Gregory retired from General Electric. Alan is currently with Hubbell Wiring Devices in Milford.

1978  
Susan Peters Brams served as campaign coordinator for U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Michigan), running for his 8th term. He serves as Chairman of the House Appropriation Subcommittee.


1979  
Ann D. Jevne was elected by the Connecticut Society of CPAs to serve a three-year term on its seventeen-member board of governors. Ann is a partner in the Norwalk CPA firm of Schwartz & Hoflich, LLP. She also holds the Personal Financial Specialist, Certified Financial Planner, Certified Divorce Specialist and Accredited Estate Planner designations.

1980  
Robert Valluzzo recently opened a new national business located in New Jersey that provides structured settlements, structured sales, Medicare set-aside accounts, special needs trusts, life care plans and custodial account services. Robert has been involved in structured settlements for 27 years and is now venturing into government-approved Medicare set-aside account services. He is working in association with Structured Financial Associates, Inc. and Protocols LLC.

1983  
Scott Burton is a call center representative for Barnum Financial Group in Shelton-BFG, a subsidiary of Met Life Insurance.

1984  
John C. Byrne is the chief operations officer of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and oversees 1,300 employees with a $180 million budget. He also received his national firefighter’s certification from the New York State Fire Academy.

1986  
Marcia Goodwin is employed as an independent IT contractor for AT&T and lives in Jupiter, Florida.

Mary (Moran) Kallmeyer ('86, '89 MAT, '01 6th Year) works at the Katherine Brennan School in New Haven, Connecticut, as an instructional math coach.

1989  
Cathryn Thompson Baylock was reelected to the Burlingame, California, City Council in November 2005.

1990  
Elizabeth (Peddle) Browne was elected town clerk for the Town of Fairfield.

Cathleen Cicarelli is currently a business manager for Northrop Grumman Norden Systems and is an Ambassador for the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce.

1992  
James Brennan ('92 MBA) is a football official in the Big East Conference and worked as a side judge in the 2006 Orange Bowl in Miami (Penn State vs. Florida State).

1993  
Patricia (Keane) Kimmerling ('93, '98 MAT) joined the New Canaan Public School System in the Technology Integration department.

Gilda Vogel ('93 MAT) celebrated her 10th anniversary as a geriatric care manager with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging. She administers the State of Connecticut Home Care Program that provides services to frail, elderly,
homebound seniors, which enables them to continue living independently in their own homes.

1994

Michelle Porchia ('94 MBA) has published a chapter in the book Getting Things Done: Successful Women Speak. For more information, contact Michelle at michelle@michelleporchia.com.

Donatella Richard is an oncology social worker for Drexel University School of Medicine. Donatella and her husband, Keran Deterville ’95, are the proud parents of Kenneth, 10, and Danielle Deterville, 7. They live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Jen Sicigano was selected as "Person of the Week" by the East Haven Courier in May 2006. Jen is a first-grade teacher at D.C. Moore Elementary School in East Haven, where she also went to elementary school.

Glendia Fowler-Cartwright received her M.A. in 2001 from New York University in Educational Communications and Technology.

Michele Gioia ('97 MBA) is a property manager with 2 Novas, LLC.

Antonio (Tony) Goncalves was appointed chief operating officer at Advance Nanotech, Inc., where he previously served on the board of directors and as chairman of the Audit Committee. He earlier held various leadership positions with Purdue Pharmaceutical L.P. and its independent associated companies.

Kerry (Cuddy) Tuttle graduated from the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service with a Master’s in Social Work degree in 2002. She is a licensed clinical social worker for UCONN Correctional Managed Health Care in the state correctional system.

1995

Jeffrey Smith was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Ridgefield, Connecticut, Police Department. He has been a member of the department for nine years.

Carlo Leane is a state representative and a financial analyst/control specialist. He resides in Stamford, Connecticut.

1996

Matthew Boeckeler works in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as a robotics engineer for Schering-Plough Research Institute.

1997

Bill Guerrero ('99 MBA) was elected president of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services/Eastern Region. He is the executive director of the Purchase College Association, Inc., which provides auxiliary services and student support services at Purchase College.

Michael (Mitch) Elgarico recently graduated from Columbia University's Teachers College with a Master of Arts in Higher and Post-Secondary Education degree. He will be moving to California where he has been named associate director of admissions at Stanford University.

Don Harrison is the founding editor of the Greenwich Citizen, a 15,500-circulation weekly newspaper in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Thomas McCabe ('99) and Christina (Katsoulas) McCabe ('99, MAT '01) are expecting their first child in May 2007. They have recently relocated to Stratford, Connecticut. Tom has accepted an associate position with the law firm of Tibbetts Keating & Butler in Darien, Connecticut, and NYC. Christina is currently teaching at Eagle Hill School in Southport, Connecticut.

Olivia Quinsland was named Brookfield public school district's Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching first grade at the Center Elementary School since 1997.

Penny Sokolski teaches at William J. Johnston Middle School in Colchester, Connecticut.

John Wool is a recruiter for Robert Half Technology, recruiting all types of IT development professionals.

2000

Michael Bird ('00 MBA) has been appointed chief financial officer of Waveny Care Network of New Canaan. Michael is a member of the Connecticut Association of Long-Term Care Financial Managers and the Connecticut Association of Not-For-Profit Homes for the Aged.

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2001

Ryan Q. Flaherty ('01, '04 MBA) is a first lieutenant in C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He is deployed to Iraq in support of OIF IV.

2002

Todd Gerkey is an athletic trainer at Plainville High School in Connecticut and also was an athletic trainer for ESPN’s Extreme Games.

Alexis Harrison is employed on the “war desk” at FOX News in New York City. In November 2005, she was elected to the Representative Town Meeting (District 2) in the town of Fairfield.

Gary Lawlor ('02 6th Year) is the assistant principal at Bethel High School in Connecticut. He had been working at Bethel High School for about 15 years, which includes the time he spent there doing his student teaching.

2003

Maurice Bailey continues to play professional basketball in Europe.

David Carlor is currently a senior analyst for GE Capital in Danbury, Connecticut. David founded Wreck League Entertainment and produced his very own first project, Unconscious Reality Volume 1, a hip-hop album. He is presently entertaining distribution deals from major labels.

2004

Fritz McPherson is the programmes manager at the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF). His new responsibilities include the maintenance and management of the CNCF website, in-house IT and organizing the foundation’s events.

2005

Kara Mirabella is a staff nurse on the labor and delivery floor at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, a magnet hospital assisting 5,000-6,000 births per year. She is a member of the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.

engagements

Aldona M. Barius ('85, '96 MBA) and Louis J. Lengyel
Spring 2007

Alyson Bernier ('98) and Joshua Elmasian
July 13, 2007

Marianne Cardo, Esq. ('99) and Jason Zack, Esq.
November 2007

Lisa Colavito ('98) and Andrew White
April 14, 2007
Kristina (Kalin) Nash ('01) and Mark Nash
May 2003

Carlos Rivera ('01, '03 MBA) and Nicole Rizzo ('02, '03 MBA)
July 1, 2006

Penny Sokolski ('99) and Chad Zurowski
July 4, 2006

Anthony Trani ('02) and Keri Yeager ('04)
July 2, 2006

Shawn Keenan ('00) and Diane (Aiksnoras) Keenan ('03)
daughter, Shawn Patience
October 23, 2006

Kristen Lalla ('97) and Tony Cappa
daughter, Kaelyn
March 22, 2006

Kelly (Doyle) McNally ('97) and Chris McNally ('96)
twins, Alison Marie and Aidan Edward
January 15, 2006

Kristina (Kalin) Nash ('01) and Mark Nash

Jennifer (LaBonte) O'Connor ('03) and Rick O'Connor
daughter, Paige Michele
January 10, 2006

Bianca (Souto) Perrone ('97) and Anthony Perrone
son, Anthony Joseph
May 26, 2006

Kerry (Cuddy) Tuttle ('97) and John Tuttle
daughter, Margaret Rose
June 2006

in memoriam

Izora Cumming ('84)
September 8, 2006

Robert J. Hull ('90)
September 26, 2006

Beverly Lieberman ('86)
September 11, 2006

Rev. Robert Gustav Pohley ('71)
November 25, 2006

Honoring Deceased Alumni

Dennis Benamati, center, carries with him a leather-bound volume inscribed with the names of all deceased graduates of Sacred Heart University. Every name and class year, which is entered by a professional calligrapher, is arranged by the year in which the student died. The University Librarian carries the book at the University's three annual academic functions: Freshman Convocation, and Undergraduate and Graduate Commencements. It is a small, but meaningful way for the University community to recognize all those who have gone before them. For further information, contact Mr. Benamati at (203) 371-7709 or at benamatid@sacredheart.edu.
September 22, 2007
SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming 2007
SHU Football vs. Duquesne
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tailgating & Alumni Tent
10:30 a.m. Alumni Awards Brunch
11:30 a.m. Student Parade
1:00 p.m. SHU vs. Duquesne

Contact: Alumni Relations, (203) 365-7671 or alumni@sacredheart.edu
for more information.

September 27, 2007
Hesburgh Lecture
University College

Ethics and the Elderly:
Peering at America’s Aging Population from a Business and Economic Perspective

William H. Pitt Board Room
Time to be announced

Presented by Ken Milani, Ph.D.
Professor of Accountancy
Mendoza College of Business
University of Notre Dame

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November 12, 2007
Bob Woodward:
State of Denial

Edgerton Center for
the Performing Arts
7:00 P.M.

The legendary political investigative journalist
with The Washington Post provides audiences with
the inside story of the Bush Administration’s
efforts to manage the war in Iraq. Woodward shares with audiences
his extensive access to dozens of key Bush Administration figures to uncover the
inside story that reveals how Washington works and the struggles to determine
America’s political agenda. Always compelling, Woodward provides anecdotes
and stories that shed light on how the current Iraqi policy took shape, and even
comments on what the future holds for
the Administration’s key players—and the
war in Iraq.

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