Throughout the ages, the faithful have been inspired to pray and reflect in holy houses adorned with mosaic murals depicting inspirational stories. Few people, however, are as privileged as those at Sacred Heart who witnessed the ancient tradition of artfully arranging stones, glass and tiles to create these murals.
Dear Friends,

During a year of extraordinary challenges, we are grateful to be able to bring you good news—and hope for a better future.

In our annual report for 2007-2008, you will find inspiration in the success stories of Sacred Heart University’s community: professors who put their hearts into teaching while expanding the boundaries of serious scholarship, students whose ambitions and hard work lead to national recognition, and staff who do all in their power to make this University one of the Northeast’s premier institutions of higher learning.

One of the year’s most exciting stories highlights the installation of mosaics in our new Chapel by one of the most revered artists of our time, Father Marko Rupnik. With a team of 15 international artists, Father Rupnik came to SHU this past August to create art that truly opens our eyes to God’s word and our hearts to the power of faith. As it nears completion, the Chapel promises to be not only the spiritual heart of our campus, but a unique work of art that is sure to draw visitors for generations to come.

In this annual report, you’ll also read about Sacred Heart’s ongoing physical and financial growth. We were able to welcome our largest, most talented freshman class in history, while continuing to award financial aid to over 90 percent of our undergraduates. We also introduced the Discovery Scholars Program this year to provide tuition-free education for low-income students from Fairfield County. These accomplishments are true indicators that Sacred Heart continues its commitment to provide a quality, affordable education.

As always, I am proud to be a member of this great University community, where we are all passionately dedicated to making Sacred Heart a leading institution of higher learning in the Catholic intellectual tradition. This is truly a place where past, present and future generations continue to create fresh opportunities for learning, leadership and service.

Thank you for your ongoing confidence and support. We owe our success—and our hopes for even brighter days ahead—to all of you.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
The Spring 2009 issue of Sacred Heart University, the magazine for our alumni and other friends, brings you up to date on an extraordinary academic year. There are reports on proud student accomplishments in the classroom and on the field and the latest news on SHU faculty and graduates. In addition, we are pleased to present the Annual Report for 2007-2008 exploring the highlights and hopes of the entire year. We are happy to report on the strong state of the University, and thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Achieving New Heights at SHU

The Year in Review

Sacred Heart reached new heights in enrollment, funding and international recognition last year. Here, we highlight and celebrate our award-winning students, stellar faculty and staff achievements, and innovative academic programs. As student Joseph Lugo ’11 points out in his profile, Sacred Heart truly offers “an atmosphere where everyone feels like they’re working together for a greater common goal.”

Piece by Piece

Our new chapel will serve as the spiritual heart of Sacred Heart’s campus. Now, with the installation of mosaics by world-famous artist Fr. Marko Rupnik, the chapel also houses unique works of art. Find out how the mosaics were put together piece-by-piece—and what the process of creating them represents for Fr. Rupnik, his team of international artists, and our community.

Financial Review

Despite the troubled economy, Sacred Heart once again successfully operated with a balanced budget during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. In fact, thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends, the University generated income of $111.5 million this year—$3 million over our target goal—allowing us to offer financial aid to more than 90% of full-time undergraduates.
Achieving New Heights

This year, Sacred Heart University achieved new highs in enrollment and funding as we attracted the most talented freshman class in University history and earned international accolades. Our Year in Review offers highlights from a variety of campus departments, from innovative curricular offerings and faculty achievements to campus improvements and overwhelming student success stories.

Yearlong recruitment efforts paid off, with Sacred Heart planning to enroll its largest, most talented freshman class in history. The average SAT was 1075, the strongest ever. There were, as well, 160 transfer students entering the University, and graduate admissions to the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy program were the highest in our history.

The University moved up five spots to #33—17 spots in just four years—in the Best Master’s Universities rankings compiled by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, it earned inclusion in the Princeton Review’s Best 368 Colleges, and the John F. Welch College of Business was included in the Review’s list of Best Business Schools.

First-year retention rates have climbed by six percent, to 82 percent, for the Class of 2011. The Student Affairs lecture series won national recognition as Program of the Year, drawing hundreds of guests to campus. The University’s Wellness Center garnered a state grant of $10,000 to combat underage drinking. And Career Development held its largest Internship and Career Fair ever, with 115 employers present—50 percent larger than the year before. More than 1,300 students had appointments with Career Development staff, a 32 percent increase in just one year.

SHU in Ireland drew more than 100 students to Dingle, County Kerry, last year, with nearly 300 studying there in the past four years. These included 42 external students from 19 colleges and universities across the country.

The Pioneer athletics program had its most successful year ever and won its first Northeast Commissioner’s Cup for the Best Performing Program in the conference. In addition, the women’s program won its third Women’s Commissioner’s Cup in five years. Among the many highlights: NEC championships for men’s indoor track; men’s and women’s outdoor track and field; women’s lacrosse; and men’s golf – the latter team appearing in the NCAA regional tournament in Ohio for the first time. Women’s bowling won the ECAC championship and the Northeast Women’s Bowling Conference. Men’s and women’s fencing each sent seven athletes to the NCAA championships, and men’s and women’s basketball and women’s soccer played in NEC championship games. Women’s swimming set 22 school records, and both Ed Swanson and Christian Morrison won NEC Coach of the Year honors.

In Spring 2008, the GPA for the more than 700 SHU student-athletes was 3.12, the highest ever. In addition, women’s bowling had a 3.56 GPA, the highest team average, and women’s tennis, a 3.403, the highest in the Northeast Conference; the team was named an All-Academic Team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Prominent among the many contributions made to the community by student-athletes was the $12,342 raised by the men’s hockey team for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation to fight childhood cancer.

The Average GPA for Student Athletes at SHU, Spring 2008

3.12

Year in Review
This year saw the successful inauguration of the University’s long-awaited Core Curriculum with the launching of the first two courses, for all freshmen and transfer students, and the subsequent debut of the remaining courses. In addition, an ambitious series of colloquia was launched in support of the Common Core, to bring to students and the larger University community a wide variety of speakers. The Honors Program, under new leadership, was redesigned to complement the Common Core.

The National Association for Academic Advising (NACADA) selected the Freshman Advising Program for national recognition. This program now includes Honors and AIP students; all freshmen are now advised by instructors in a required academic course.

The College successfully completed program reviews for undergraduate chemistry and sociology, and enrolled a full cohort in the new Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degree program. The MACJ program was accredited by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education in November 2007, and the first degree was presented in May.

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Enrollment in the John F. Welch College of Business continues to climb and has now reached nearly 1,000 full-time students. The College’s MBA program at its main campus in Fairfield has attracted a younger student body with an appreciable percentage of new students coming directly from undergraduate studies at SHU.

Working closely with the University’s Career Development Office, close to 150 students participated in a wide variety of internships. The two leading placements were in finance and economics (53) and management, including marketing (41). This year, almost every Fairfield MBA student participated in a capstone course that required active involvement in area non-profit agencies. A marketing major has been approved by all relevant University parties, and is expected to be implemented in Spring 2009.

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Undergraduate enrollment in the Exercise Science program has continued to grow, reaching about 75 students per class year, and Athletic Training classes have increased to about 20 per class year in the first two years of the program. At Commencement 2008, some 75 students in the two disciplines received degrees.

Enrollment in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, a Connecticut first, has exceeded goals. The DPT program was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the best in Connecticut and one of the 25 best in the nation. The new Cambridge Drive facility in Trumbull complements the Physical Therapy Clinic in the Pitt Center on campus, with both facilities now offering patient services five days a week. The relationship with the St. Vincent’s Hospital Immediate Health Care Centers in Bridgeport and Shelton now offers about 30 hours of contracted services, and the Jewish Home for the Elderly, adjacent to our main campus in Fairfield, about 24 hours weekly.
The Ryan-Matura Library continues to expand services for a growing University population while accommodating diverse new technologies. Ongoing building enhancements include the establishment of two group study rooms for classroom projects; these include display technology and other technical assistance. Another important initiative was the inauguration of library services at the new Cambridge Drive facility in Trumbull, home to the College of Education and Health Professions. Staff members inventoried the collections of the Ryan-Matura Library particular to those fields of study, transferring selected titles and acquiring duplicates for the Cambridge library.

More than 90% of all full-time undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. Total aid for SHU students in 2007-2008 exceeded the $78.5 million mark—an impressive increase over the $58 million in financial aid distributed just three years ago. The University currently offers an average undergraduate scholarship award package of roughly $10,000 in addition to providing numerous other sources of aid, including a robust work-study program serving approximately 4 in 10 students who work in departments campus-wide.

The largest sector of financial assistance was federal loans, at $28.1 million, followed by institutional grant aid, at $26.2 million. Alternative loans amounted to $16.5 million. Private gift aid to the University totaled $1.7 million, a 172.5% jump in just five years.

Introduced at SHU in March 2008, the Discovery Scholars Program is a tuition-free plan for first-year, full-time undergraduate students from Fairfield County, who have a demonstrated annual family income at or below $50,000.

University College continued its relationships with Norwalk Community College (NCC) and Housatonic Community College (HCC) this year. A new articulation agreement was signed between NCC and SHU’s Department of Social Work to assist students in transferring seamlessly, saving students both time and money. HCC Day was launched on campus, a biannual event to invite business students from HCC to tour SHU’s campus. Also, University College inducted 66 students into the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society, and Advisor Jon DeBenedictis launched a blog called “Inside University College” for the department.

This was a productive year for this office, with a completely new leadership core in place: the registrar, associate registrar and assistant registrar. New requirements for the Common Core and the Foundation Core were incorporated into the degree audits for students entering Sacred Heart as of Fall 2007. Additional initiatives included ongoing participation in plans for reviewing and updating articulation agreements with area community colleges, and the office worked with the Director of Informational Technology to pilot online course evaluations.
HUMAN RESOURCES

The fiscal year saw a total of 116 new hires: 47 in Finance and Administration, 42 in Enrollment Planning, 17 in Academic Affairs, 7 in Institutional Advancement, 2 in the President’s Office, and 1 in Human Resources. In addition, the division began attending career fairs to let those in attendance know about employment opportunities at SHU.

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Visitors strolling across Sacred Heart University’s campus anytime this past year might have mistaken the steel girders, plastic tarps, and workmen in hard hats as evidence of just another academic building under construction—until Sunday, August 17. After that, there could no longer be any doubt that the newest building on campus is a chapel that will serve as Sacred Heart’s vital spiritual center.

What changed on that day? World-renowned Jesuit artist Fr. Marko Rupnik and his team of 15 artists arrived on campus to begin installing the very first pieces of liturgical art on the walls. They continued working long hours throughout the next week to complete mosaics of the Incarnation, the Nativity, and other theological themes.

Fr. Rupnik’s masterpieces grace the walls of some of the world’s most notable chapels, including Pope John Paul II’s Redemptoris Mater Chapel in the Second Loggia of the Apostolic Palace, Vatican City. His artistic talents have led critics to celebrate this Slovenian-born artist as a modern-day Michelangelo. Although Rupnik, 53, dismisses such heady comparisons, it’s difficult not to draw parallels. Like Michelangelo, Fr. Rupnik is an artist and writer who has worked almost exclusively for the Catholic Church. Like Michelangelo, Rupnik is also a Renaissance man in every sense of the word. He is an ordained Jesuit priest, theologian, professor, pastoral leader, mentor, and author of over a dozen books translated into as many languages.

He was just a child when others first recognized his artistic talent; however, it wasn’t until Rupnik was an adult that he finally chose art as a profession. “When I entered the Society of Jesus, when I began the novitiate, I felt a particular necessity to express the themes of spiritual life in art,” he said.

Although Fr. Rupnik and his team of artists represented eight different countries and five different branches of Christianity, they considered themselves one family and lived accordingly during their time at Sacred Heart, beginning each day together with Mass and a morning meal before working on the chapel murals. They broke for lunch and dined together late in the evening as well. “We come from different cultures, but you have to respect other people,” said Dejan Milosavljevic, an artist originally from Serbia. “You have to respect differences.”

The friendships they have developed are a gift received from the art they do together, pointed out Lea Lampe Zivokovich of Slovenia. “It’s not only individual art, but a communion of different people, different cultures, and different identities,” she said. In fact, she saw the artists themselves as a kind of human mosaic, with every personal story and cultural background of the artists “leaving some kind of print on the work itself.”

Silvano Radaelli of Italy, another of Rupnik’s team of artists, noted that God is the source of inspiration for Rupnik’s creativity. “From the word of God is born an image,” he said, explaining Rupnik’s approach to art. “When you contemplate the image, you contemplate the word.”

The lucky bystanders contemplating the process of creating the mosaics couldn’t help but contemplate the fact that the process is not for the faint of heart. It involves sketching designs; reproducing the sketches at the desired scale; and affixing various sizes, colors, and textures of stone, glass, or tiles—called “tesserae”—to supporting surfaces. The time and effort it takes to create mosaics of this size and complexity is so
Artists Amiri Bakuradze, left, and Dejan Milosavljevic work on the stones in the image of the risen Jesus on the main Chapel wall. Left: President Anthony J. Cerrera, Ph.D., places a stone into the mosaic.
lengthy that the artists working on Sacred Heart's chapel walls had to create some of the figures at Rupnik's studio in Rome and transport them here.

After attending Mass together on the Sunday they arrived and then praying in the new chapel space, the artists unpacked segments of completed mosaic elements—including the faces of Christ, Mary and Joseph, and the apostles—and began arranging pieces on the limestone floor as if they were working on a giant jigsaw puzzle. Using a laser pointer, Rupnik guided his artists as they transferred his sketches onto the 28-foot by 44-foot apse, or curved wall, of the Eucharistic chapel and onto the flat walls of the smaller daily chapel.

Before they began adhering mosaics to the wall, one artist held up the face of Christ in its intended place at the center of the mural. This was done not only to map out its exact location, but also as part of a time-honored tradition of the mosaic process in Christian art.

“The ancient Christian tradition was that they worked on the iconography on Sunday,” explained Rupnik, who is director of the Centro Aletti workshop of spiritual art and a consultant for the Pontifical Council for Culture. “It begins with the face of the Lord because Sunday is the day of the Lord. We did not want to lose this opportunity to begin on Sunday according to this tradition.”

Then, from their positions throughout the five-tiered scaffolding in the main chapel, the artists began placing mosaic figures on the walls, slathering the walls first with a special mix of plaster, and then sliding segments into their designated locations and using a soft-headed hammer and other tools of the trade to secure them in place. Hundreds of thousands of tesserae and hundreds of colors graced the chapel walls by the time the project was finished. In the faces of the donkey and cow for the manger scene alone, for instance, there are 20 different colors of stone.

The mosaic artwork created by Rupnik and his artists is meant to engage the viewer, to touch people and open a pathway to God. Art is a vehicle for communication with God, but always with an eye toward humanity to connect the viewer back to the community. Art is like a spiritual exercise for Rupnik, who hopes his work acts as “a trigger back to our connection to God.” For him, the process of creating art is similar to the work he does as a spiritual director, leading courses and retreats for groups and individuals throughout the world.

“I’ve led more than 250 weeks of spiritual exercises,” he estimated. “That’s five full years of my life. But I don’t feel any difference or separation inside of me. When I gave spiritual exercises to the bishops of Spain, I don’t think that I was different from how I am among my artists doing the mosaics.”

Like Rupnik, Italian artist Stella Secciaroli views the mosaic as a type of art that is “very related to the Church. As you know, mosaics are a lot of pieces that, at the end, make their own scene,” she said. Just as the differences in the textures and colors of the tesserae give depth and life to the mosaics, she added, “so it is that the differences in people enrich the Church and make it complete.”

How did the artists feel about working on a Sunday, especially as they suffered jet lag and culture shock? Privileged, said most. “To begin work on Sunday has meaning because it’s the day of the Lord,” said Svetozar Zivkovic of Montenegro, whose wife Lea Lampe is also an artist on the team.

“We were tired, but it’s part of the job,” acknowledged his wife. “Besides, when you know that you’re doing something that is not simply going to be in a museum, but in a place where people are actually going to pray and maybe feel closer to God, then it is worth the sacrifice. It is also, for us, a moment of penitence, for which we are grateful.”

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**10 QUESTIONS**

**A CONVERSATION WITH FATHER MARKO RUPNIK**

1. **PEOPLE REFER TO YOU AS “THE MODERN DAY MICHELANGELO.” ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THAT MANTLE?**

   I haven’t ever had a thought like this, not even for one second! When I listen to these things, I say in my heart, “You, God, you know everything. You know who I am.” The opinion of humanity is a very relative thing. The most important thing is what Christ thinks about me.

   But, when people do say something great about the work I do, I give thanks to God and to the people, because then I feel that somebody understood this art and appreciated it. If people appreciate our art, it means that they are touched by it. Our art speaks to them.

2. **LITURGICAL ART IS OBVIOUSLY YOUR CALLING, BUT DO YOU CREATE ANY SECULAR ART AS A HOBBY?**

   For me, there is no separation between the sacred and the secular. Even if I’m not doing art for a church, I follow the same principles. For example, in Ljubljana, Slovenia, I created a large mosaic in an apartment building atrium, but it was done in the same style and spirit as all of the art I create.

3. **WHAT LED YOU TO CREATE LITURGICAL ART?**

   Two things. The first is my own personal development. Little by little, I understood that art is not a place where an artist just expresses himself individually, but a service to God. There is no dichotomy in this. Art is like love, in that there is no opposition between the personal and the universal. There is no separation between the art I create for God, for myself, and for the community. The second thing that led me to create liturgical art was my calling to work for the Church.

4. **WHAT INFLUENCED YOUR DECISION TO BECOME A PRIEST?**

   I was a very young child when I understood that I wanted to devote my life to examining eternal questions and not to small things. For instance, I still remember asking my father, “If I climb this mountain, will I then see infinity, because I will have an unlimited view?”
WHERE DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION, ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC?
I studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome, and I finished my doctorate in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome. I am currently a professor at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, the Pontifical Gregorian University and Saint Anselm Pontifical Liturgical Institute. At the Liturgical Institute, I teach theological criteria of contemporary liturgical art.

WERE YOU NERVOUS WORKING ON THE PERSONAL PAPAL CHAPEL OF POPE JOHN PAUL II?
When I worked for Pope John Paul II, every day I felt that I was inside a current that was larger than I was able to imagine. I felt guided by a spiritual movement that really transcended me. Therefore I worked freely, with great pleasure and great joy.

DO YOU APPROACH YOUR CREATIVE WORK AS JUST THAT, WORK? OR IS IT A CONTINUATION OF OR AN EXTENSION OF YOUR PRAYER AND YOUR DEVOTION TO GOD?
Praying is a very serious activity of man, and it is quite hard work. Prayer asks very serious discipline of the entire human being. For me it’s not so different to work, pray, think, or write. I don’t feel that these things are separate. I am a priest not only because I am a theologian, but because I am an artist. And I am probably a theologian because I am an artist.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST CHALLENGING WORK TO DATE?
Every project has serious challenges. For instance, from the façade of the Basilica of Lourdes, where 11 million pilgrims pass every year, I went directly to work in a small parish in an Italian mountain city with fewer than 200 people. Yet, for me, it was the same serious work as the façade of Lourdes.

CLEARLY YOUR SUBJECT MATTER IS LITURGICAL BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR STYLISTIC INFLUENCES?
I take inspiration from classic Roman, Byzantine and Gothic art and try to translate this inspiration into one contemporary art language. Therefore, you can see some elements in my work that might remind you of Romanesque sculpture or figurative art of the 9th, 10th, 11th centuries, and some elements that remind you of Byzantine style. But you can also recognize the avant-garde style of the 20th century. It all emerges as one organic synthesis.

THOSE ARE YOUR ARTISTIC INFLUENCES. WHAT ABOUT CREATIVE INFLUENCES?
We are living today, but we must create from memories. Memory is the biggest power of creativity. Artists are really creating from memory not only of the past, but of the future. For instance, when we were baptized, we were saved, and now we are becoming these redeemed people. So we remember the wisdom of Christ in history in the Church, but it also means envisioning the future.
For many who step into the new Chapel at Sacred Heart University, the most arresting visual feature will be the stunning mosaics that silently yet eloquently tell the history of salvation. Composed of hundreds of thousands of stone and glass pieces, the mosaics were created by Fr. Marko Rupnik and his team of 15 European artists to create a visual and theological bridge to the artistic tradition of the Eastern Church. The new mosaics offer an incredibly rich tableau of salvation history through Creation, the Incarnation and Nativity, and the Resurrection and Final Judgment.

Fr. Rupnik has included both familiar and novel elements in his visual catechesis. The main sanctuary features ancient images that artistically communicate what will be shared when the Eucharistic Bread and the Word of God are broken. The limestone altar in the main sanctuary stands in front of a dazzling image of Jesus the Risen Savior, surrounded by His disciples as He pulls Adam and Eve from the depths of hell to salvation. A pelican fronts the main altar, calling to mind the powerful story that this bird will pierce its own side to feed her young, an apt metaphor for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In a telling example of artistry, Eve tenderly reaches for the side of Christ as if to place her fingers in the wound she finds there. It is an image echoed in the Nativity scene pictured in the smaller Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. There, the Virgin Mother also caresses the side of her Son, who will one day be pierced for the salvation of all humanity. These images are another powerful visual reminder of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Less familiar to some may be Fr. Rupnik’s smaller touches, like the two balls of yarn in the hands of the Blessed Virgin. This humble image reminds onlookers of the Holy Family’s ordinary life. At the same time, the image suggests that the Holy Spirit will knit together the Son of God in the Virgin’s womb, as announced by the angel Gabriel. Other images are less profound in meaning, like the small squirrel adorning that same surface—the iconic mascot of Rupnik and his team of artists.

Visitors to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a more intimate setting for daily Mass and private devotions, are surrounded by images of the Magi bearing gifts for the Christ Child; the Holy Family in the manger; and the maternal grandparents of the Lord, Saints Joachim and Ann. Highlighted by a shaft of heavenly light, the tabernacle was taken from the original Sacred Heart University Chapel.

Just as the individual members of the People of God constitute the living Church, Fr. Rupnik says the countless stones of his mosaics make up a whole and holy message. After 45 years of our journey together, members of Sacred Heart University’s community can reflect on this message in the new Chapel, drawing inspiration from the awe-inspiring artistry of the mosaics as we contemplate the vitality of learning and the love of God and neighbor.
Freshman Convocation Welcomes Largest Class in SHU History

Members of the Class of 2012 were formally welcomed to Sacred Heart University at the annual Freshman Convocation on September 3. The ceremony, held in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, was a week shy of the University’s 45th anniversary, when Sacred Heart welcomed its first 173 students. The newest cohort of first-year students numbers just under a thousand—the largest in SHU history.

Freshman Convocation began with the traditional procession of University faculty and staff members. The University’s Liturgical Choir, under the direction of Dr. John Michniewicz, opened with singing the national anthems of the United States and Canada. This was followed by an invocation jointly offered by freshmen Edward Kennedy and Erin Burke, recent participants in the University’s urban immersion experience, Community Connections. Senior Matthew A. Telvi, president of the Student Government Association, offered the student welcome.

Dr. John Roney, associate professor of History, and Shaun Hannah, head coach of the men’s hockey team, offered greetings on behalf of the faculty and staff. In a longstanding tradition, SHU President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera presented Prayers from the Heart to all new students. This volume includes both familiar classics of Christian prayer and offerings by members of the University community. At the same ceremonies, the University presented its highest accolade, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, to Dr. Michael W. Higgins, the president and vice-chancellor of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Graymoor Award Presented to President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement hosted their Fifteenth Annual Sharing Hope Celebration Dinner at The Pierre in New York City on October 10. Mary Higgins Clark was master of ceremonies.

Each year, the friars honor people who have shown a commitment to helping others and inspiring hope. This year, the Graymoor Award was presented to Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and Frank Lucente, M.D. Dr. Cernera is celebrating his 20th anniversary as president of Sacred Heart University. He is also the founder of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding and president of the International Federation of Catholic Universities. Dr. Lucente is the vice dean for Graduate Medical Education and professor and chairman of the department of Otolaryngology, SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement is a Roman Catholic order of brothers and priests founded at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, in 1898 by Father Paul Wattson. Their worldwide ministries include serving the homeless and those suffering from alcoholism, drug addictions, and HIV/AIDS; pastoral care in parishes and hospitals around the world; offering respite and hope to those in need of spiritual renewal; and Christian unity and interfaith dialogue among Christians, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists.

Dr. Cernera Presented with Official Citation from Governor

An official citation from Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell was presented to Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, left, by Board of Trustees Vice Chairman James T. Morley, Jr. in honor of his 20 years as president of Sacred Heart University. The presentation took place at the Trustee Dinner in October.

Father James Puglisi, SA, Minister General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement (left), presented the Graymoor Award to SHU President, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, in October.
Mike Fazzino '10
Business Administration & Political Science Major, Psychology Minor

Favorite Courses
The Business School at Sacred Heart was a big pull for me. Jack Welch is a name that everyone knows in business. Once I started taking courses here, though, I realized that I was also really interested in politics. I think there's a misconception that anyone involved in business has to be a greedy person. At Sacred Heart, my courses have taught me to appreciate the term “creative capitalism,” which basically means integrating your ability to be socially aware with the need to make a profit.

Proudest Accomplishments
I started the One Campaign at Sacred Heart, which is part of a worldwide, nonpartisan public interest group dedicated to eliminating poverty and disease worldwide. I’ve helped recruit Sacred Heart students to join the initiative, which has two million members at different universities around the country. It’s wonderful to see the number of students interested in that common goal grow.

Biggest Surprise
I’m from Woodbury, Connecticut, and I never intended to stay local when I was looking at colleges. I’m surprised that I could get such a high quality education so close to home. My family has a lot of teachers in it, so I really appreciate the value of a good education.

What’s Next
I’m doing an internship right now with (Product) Red, a brand that partners with big companies like American Express, Apple and Gap to raise money for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Each partner company creates a product with the (Product) Red logo and gives a percentage of its profits to the Global Fund. This has opened my eyes as a young businessman learning to be socially responsible and made me think that I might volunteer abroad once I graduate instead of joining the workforce right away. If Sacred Heart has taught me anything, it’s that you can only learn so much from sitting in a classroom.

Trustee Scholar
The merit-based Trustee Scholarship is awarded to entering full-time first-year students, and is renewed for those who maintain a 3.2 grade point average.
iTunes U Launched on Campus

This past fall, Sacred Heart University further embraced Apple computing technology, launching iTunes U for its students and faculty, and offering Macintosh laptops—as an alternative to PCs—to incoming freshmen.

Beginning September 1, using iTunes U allowed anyone in the SHU community access to audio and video of lectures, interviews, athletic events, professors’ podcasts, course support materials and other multimedia offerings.

“Part of what we do in the IT group is continuously look at ways in which we can infuse new technology throughout our community,” said Robert Tullonge, director of Academic Computing at SHU. “What’s more, this particular technology didn’t require us to make major changes to our infrastructure, because the student population and much of the community is already well-versed in how to use iTunes. So offering content within iTunes U was really a winner for us.”

Access to SHU’s iTunes U network is free and works on a subscription basis; once new content is available, users connected to the service are immediately notified. In conjunction with the launch, Sacred Heart began offering Mac laptops to incoming freshmen as an alternative to PCs. To shore up that support in preparation for the new program, all of the University’s full-time technicians were trained and certified in Mac repair, to go along with their previous certifications to service the campus’ PC offering, Lenovo ThinkPads. Additionally, due to the Macintosh laptop’s ability to run Windows software, they will be fully compatible with SHU’s existing data network.

School of Education Receives State Approval

The Connecticut State Board of Education has granted full approval to Sacred Heart University’s Isabelle Farrington School of Education for its programs preparing teachers and school administrators. The five-year approval follows a lengthy process that included a self-analysis, individual program reports and an extensive on-site evaluation conducted in April. The University, which is the largest private educator of teachers and school administrators in Connecticut, met all the standards outlined by the State Department of Education. The state has adopted the national standards used by NCATE, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Computer Science Program Launches Gaming Track

Sacred Heart University’s Computer Science Department is launching a computer science gaming track for its Bachelor of Science degree to prepare students for careers in the gaming industry. The only program of its type in the region, the new gaming track will be offered to students beginning in Fall 2009.

GE Foundation Grants $157,000 for Scholars Program

The GE Foundation Scholars program at Sacred Heart University received two grants from the GE Foundation for the 2008-2009 academic year. Now in its 15th year, the program provides financial aid for qualified minority students with a demonstrated interest in math, science or related quantitative disciplines.

One grant, for $72,000, was applied directly to student tuition expenses. Each of this year’s 18 recipients received a $2,000 grant per semester. The second grant, for $85,000, was used for retention services to ensure successful participation in campus life and encourage students to stretch their academic and cultural experiences and goals.

Support for this project is provided by the GE Foundation, a division of General Electric, to assist academically talented minority students. Those eligible to participate in the multi-faceted program include full-time undergraduate minority students with a demonstrated financial need, a 3.0 grade point average, United States citizenship or resident alien status, and a proven interest in mathematics, science, information technology or one of the quantitative business disciplines. Recipients were also required to perform 30 hours of community service each semester.

Junior Lacey Gilleran of Redding, CT, used iTunesU in a class with Dr. Peter Maresco.
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A SHARP Halloween Party

New “Irish College” Program Celebrates Culture and History

The Wild Geese, based in Fairfield County, offered Irish College 2008 at Sacred Heart University, the first area program of its kind open to anyone interested in Irish and Irish-American culture and history. The November 1 seminar kicked off with a presentation by Niall Burgess, Consul General of Ireland in New York, on The Changing Face of 21st Century Ireland, and included speakers on Irish mythology and art, Northern Ireland, and the role of Irish Americans in the 2008 Presidential Election.
Professor Will Mayer Goes the Distance

William Mayer was hitting the wall.

The Fairfield resident, a family therapist and an assistant professor of psychology at Sacred Heart University, was in the final few miles of the ING New York City Marathon, and his energy was rapidly dwindling. He knew why. He knew that he’d started the race at too fast a pace. And now, he was just trying to finish, hoping that he could make it without walking and without injuring himself.

But, when he reached the marathon’s 23rd mile, he got a quick reminder of why he signed up for this 26.2-mile exercise in torture in the first place. That was when he reached the doors of the Harlem Academy, a private independent school started by Mayer’s friend Vincent Dotoli. The school aims to provide high quality, affordable education to families in Harlem, N.Y. Tuition is whatever the students’ families can afford, and the school is reliant on donations to help cover its operating costs. Mayer had decided to run the marathon to raise money and awareness for the school. In return for Mayer’s support, Dotoli, Mayer’s family and several students of the academy stood outside the school to cheer Mayer on as he ran by.

“There were about 20 of us out there,” Dotoli said. “The cheers came just as his energy was at its lowest.” He finished the race in three hours and 23 minutes, and earned over $7,150 in donations for the Harlem Academy.

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United Nations Day Festivities Celebrated at Sacred Heart

SHU celebrated United Nations Day on Friday, October 24. The Youth Band for the United Nations, under the direction of John Yoon, offered music for world peace, and there was a special presentation of a video exploring the Millennium Development Grants, with Professor Jeffrey Sachs.

The guest speaker was Patrick Sciarratta, executive director of the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation and cofounder of the annual Youth Assembly of the United Nations. He is also the editor of the NGO Reporter, which is distributed to 3,000 UN-affiliated NGOs worldwide.
$80,000 Davis Foundation Grant Promotes Core Curriculum Faculty

Sacred Heart University’s new Core Curriculum received an $80,000 grant in support of faculty development from the Davis Educational Foundation of Falmouth, Maine, established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Mr. Davis’s retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc. Trustees of the Davis Foundation characterized the new core curriculum as complex and ambitious, with “talented faculty and administrators who are up to the challenge.” The grant allows professors from the liberal arts and sciences to develop new cross-disciplinary courses.

New Full-Time Computer Science Program

The new full-time MS degree in Computer and Information Science (MSCIS) at Sacred Heart University allows students to earn a graduate degree in either Computer Science or Information Technology in as little as 15 months. Students participate in classes which offer the latest in computer systems, laboratories and multimedia equipment, and they have the option of completing a 12-month internship in the local business community. Through this program, students with a BS or BA in a non-technical major can complete a master’s degree in IT, gain job experience and enter the field in less than two years.

Women as Candidates and Voters

A discussion entitled “Campaign ‘08: Women as Candidates, Women as Voters,” hosted by Patricia Russo, director of the Yale Campaign School for Women, was held on October 9 in the Faculty Lounge. The discussion was co-sponsored by the SHU Women’s Studies Program and the Department of Government and Politics. Students and faculty members participated in a lively discussion comparing the candidacies of Senator Hillary Clinton and Governor Sarah Palin.

SHU and NCC Sign Social Work Articulation Agreement

Sacred Heart University and Norwalk Community College signed an articulation agreement on October 2 to assure a seamless transfer for NCC students in social work.

More than half of the graduates at Norwalk Community College transfer to four-year institutions, including Sacred Heart, and the University already has an agreement in place to ease the transfer of business students. This new understanding assures students in human services that the courses they are taking at Norwalk Community College will transfer to SHU’s four-year program in social work.

Project Limulus Brings Insights to Long Island Sound Conservation

Project Limulus, a study examining the ecology of the Long Island Sound horseshoe crab (Limulus polyphemus) population, continues to involve community members as active contributors to ongoing scientific research. Participants help gather data in this direct conservation program for the horseshoe crab. The project, an educational tool to increase public awareness of Limulus and its connection to Long Island Sound’s ecosystem and impact on human health, is coordinated by Chair and Associate Professor of Biology Jennifer Mattei, Ph.D., and Assistant Professor of Biology Mark Beekey, Ph.D.
Monica Gereda ’12
Business Major

Favorite Courses
I enjoyed my accounting and personal finance courses in high school, so I knew I’d enjoy taking business courses at Sacred Heart. Surprisingly, though, my favorite courses so far have been World Religions and Communications. I like reading about different cultures around the world, and the communications class has helped me refine how I use words. It’s an art form to speak and write well, and in business they look for people who can successfully convey their ideas to others.

Proudest Accomplishments
I’m proud just to be at Sacred Heart. This is a really great private school, and I’m pleased not only to have gotten in, but to have gotten a scholarship. Without that financial help, I never could have come here. I’m also honored to be able to give back to my community through Habitat for Humanity and working with the Rise Program, where you have a buddy with special needs. My middle sister has special needs, and my town has done so much for her that I wanted a chance to give something back.

Biggest Surprise
The biggest surprise for me at Sacred Heart was just how nice all of the kids are. It’s really easy to make friends here. I was afraid that I’d find a lot of stuck-up, entitled kids at a private university, but it’s really a homey community. Everyone is involved in a lot of activities and we’re all very accepting of one another.

What’s Next
I’m planning to do internships in business so that I can figure out what I want to do with my life, because right now I haven’t a clue. I also intend to keep volunteering as much as I can. I’d really like to go to Guatemala, where my father lives, because his church wants to start a fund there to help kids who are in need. My goal after I graduate is to do something in a field where I can help people.

Discovery Scholarship
The Discovery Scholars Program is a tuition-free plan for first-year, full-time undergraduate students from Fairfield County, who have a demonstrated annual family income at or below $50,000. 
Holocaust Memorial

Eight Holocaust survivors provided first-hand accounts of the savagery imposed on the Jewish people by the Nazis at a ceremony introducing the New Haven Holocaust Memorial’s traveling Memory and Legacy exhibit, which ran through October 29. The ceremony was sponsored by Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.

Martin Schiller, a 75-year-old Fairfield resident, read excerpts from his memoir, *Bread, Butter, and Sugar: A Boy’s Journey through the Holocaust and Post-War Europe*, at the ceremony. The exhibit contained several testimonials from New Haven-area survivors displayed on panels draped in the image of barbed-wire to evoke the memory of the concentration camps. The exhibit also featured art by students at the Jewish High School in New Haven (MAKOM), who participated in a year-long program known as Adopt A Survivor. Sacred Heart is the first Catholic university to host the exhibit, which tells the story of the first Holocaust memorial built on public land in North America.

CCJU Hosts Conference on Christian-Jewish Dialogue


Voices from the Holocaust

Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding and the University’s Human Journey Colloquium Series hosted Joanne Weiner Rudof on October 6. Rudof, the archivist of Yale University’s Fortunoff Archives for Holocaust Testimony, presented a narrative of the Holocaust in the words of those who experienced it and led a discussion on the value of memory.

Blau Library Dedicated for Christian-Jewish Understanding

On November 10, Sacred Heart University officially added the Blau Collection to the Library for Christian-Jewish Understanding. During the dedication, Dr. Ann Heekin, the CCJU’s director of programs and publications, expressed hope that this unique collection will help create greater understanding and respect. The library, which was originally made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation for Christian-Jewish Understanding, founded by Barry Blau, and Sacred Heart’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU), is the first collection of its kind dedicated to the relationship between these two great religious traditions. Its resources include books, magazines, documents, multimedia resources and rare texts.
A Sublime Art Exhibit

In celebration of Sacred Heart University’s new Chapel, the Gallery of Contemporary Art presented an exhibit entitled “Transcendent and Sublime” from September 14 through November 4. The exhibit opened with a reception that included a live jazz band and a panel discussion with the artists moderated by Deborah Frizzell, Ph.D., who teaches art history at William Patterson University. Featured artists included Dozier Bell, Joy Garnett, Jacqueline Gourevitch and Carrie Yamaoka.

Half of the Odd Couple Speaks at Edgerton Center

Stage and screen legend Jack Klugman was the inaugural speaker at the American Legends Series at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University. The October 19 talk was hosted by the Center’s executive director, Jerry Goehring, and included a question-and-answer session with the audience. Klugman’s many Broadway credits include Gypsy, Tchin-Tchin, The Odd Couple, The Sunshine Boys, I’m Not Rappaport and Three Men on a Horse. His film and television credits include The Defenders, 12 Angry Men, The Odd Couple and Quincy, M.E.

The Lost Elves Highlight the Christmas Season

Connecticut Children’s Theatre, the professional theatre in residence at Sacred Heart University’s Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, offered a special holiday musical production, The Lost Elves, on December 11, 12, 19 and 20. The professional cast of The Lost Elves featured Patty Carver, an international singer, actress and writer who has become a favorite of Connecticut Family Theatre productions, a division of Connecticut Children’s Theatre.
**Student Artwork Accepted for National Illustrators Exhibit**

In Fall 2007, “Man with Wrench,” a watercolor by Bryan Cocco ’08, was accepted into the prestigious, nationally juried WEST 46 Exhibition by The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles, along with an illustration of John Lennon by Christine Palumbo ’09. This year, four students were accepted into the same WEST 47 exhibit: Lana Alkhatib ’09, Kimberly Kunzik ’10, Ryan Mauro ’09 and Jason Williams ’10. The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles was founded in 1953 by a handful of Southern California advertising artists and designers primarily to promote the professional status of illustration art, and has grown to a very productive membership whose work is seen locally and nationally by millions each year in all printed media, TV, films, the Internet and gallery exhibitions.

Clockwise, from top left, are Dirt Biker by Kimberly Kunzik (color pencils), Man With a Wrench by Bryan Cocco, (watercolor), Tea Vendor by Lana Alkhatib (watercolor) and Boys on Front Steps by Jason Williams (watercolor).

**Marching Band Participates in Diabetes Walk**

Sacred Heart University’s Marching Band offered the talents of its winds, brass, percussion and guard for the Walk to Cure Diabetes on September 28. The annual event took place at Cranbury Park in Norwalk to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Student Allegra De Vita Earns Starring Operatic Role**

Sacred Heart sophomore Allegra De Vita starred in the opera Alcina on November 1 at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport. Allegra, who sings in the 4 Heart Harmony and Liturgical Choir at SHU, was a finalist last year in two prestigious singing programs, the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts and the Dolora Zajick Institute for Young Voices.
Annual Christmas Concert

The Sacred Heart University Concert Band joined with the University Choirs to present the Annual Christmas concert at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts in December. The concert featured seasonal favorites as well as a combined performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*. The program also featured internationally renowned trumpet soloist Jeanne Pocius, and members of the 94th Army Band who performed alongside the Sacred Heart Band.

4 Heart Harmony Commemorates 9/11

Matt Telvi ’09 has an uncle who was working as an electrician in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. He was one of the lucky ones who escaped alive. Thousands of others were not as lucky, and Telvi’s family and friends were among the firefighters that assisted in the recovery. After being touched by the horror of that day, Telvi was honored to sing on September 11 with 4 Heart Harmony, the University’s chamber choir, at a commemorative luncheon in honor of the victims.

“Through song, you can forget about what’s going on,” Telvi said. “Sometimes it brings a smile to people’s faces. On a day like 9/11, any smile you can get is good.”

The luncheon was sponsored by Voices of September 11th, a group co-founded and headed by Connecticut resident Mary Fetchett, whose 24-year-old son was killed in the attack.

Above. On September 11th, SHU’s 4 Heart Harmony performed at a commemoration luncheon in New York City that was sponsored by Voices of September 11th, a group co-founded and headed by Connecticut resident Mary Fetchett whose 24-year-old son was killed in the attack.

4 Heart Harmony and Faculty Performs in “Pipescreams”

4 Heart Harmony performed in “Pipescreams,” an eclectic Halloween concert, on October 19. They played Halloween-themed, Broadway, and other musical favorites. Attendees were invited to wear costumes and participate in a costume march. Performers included 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, the Norma Pfriem Children’s Choir, and the University of Bridgeport Chamber Singers. The event was held at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport.

Faculty Art Exhibit

Sacred Heart University Department of Art and Design professors exhibited in the Faculty Art Show in the Gallery of Contemporary Art from November 13-December 7. The artists included associate professor Jack DeGraffenried, assistant professor Nathan Lewis, visiting assistant professor Mary Treschitta, and adjunct professors Arne Bass, Stefan Buda, Carl Schumann, Ted Gutswa, Anahit Ter Stepanian, and Willard Lustenader.
Students Share Political Views in WWE Interviews

Sacred Heart University students’ political views were broadcast across the world in the run-up to this year’s historic presidential election. World Wrestling Entertainment, the multi-media sports-entertainment corporation based in Stamford, was on campus on September 18 to interview students regarding their perspectives about the election and issues facing young voters. The program’s goal was to use the combined media power of WWE and Cable in the Classroom to highlight issues of importance to young adults and teenagers. The students were interviewed on a range of 10 topics framed within the context of Cable in the Classroom’s eLECTIONS game, a politically themed take on the Game of Life delivered over a broadband network.

Chapel Time Capsule Introduced at Mass of the Holy Spirit

On September 10, the University community gathered in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center to invoke the blessings of Almighty God at its annual Mass of the Holy Spirit. Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin W. Wallin, pastor of Bridgeport’s Cathedral Parish of St. Augustine and a member of the University’s Board of Trustees.

This year’s celebration was marked by a special moment as students, faculty and staff were introduced to the “time capsule” to be installed in the new campus Chapel. The small metal box was carried in procession by Senior Matt Telvi, president of Student Government, and contained gifts to a future generation of the Sacred Heart family. The capsule will be opened in the year 2063 at the University’s centennial celebrations. The size of a small safe deposit box, the capsule houses, in Telvi’s words, “reminders of our lives as a community of faith,” including prayer books, a history of the new Chapel’s construction and stories of Sacred Heart’s well known service to the community.

Educators Tackle Science and Teaching Skills at Summer School

Thirty-five Connecticut elementary school teachers spent their first two weeks of summer vacation in the classroom as part of a three-year program at Sacred Heart University that combines intensive grounding in science with innovative approaches to teaching. The institute is funded by a $300,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. The teachers came from a variety of school districts. This summer’s program concentrated on the life sciences. Next year, the emphasis will be on the physical sciences, and the following year, on earth science.

Participants receive a stipend to attend the intensive 40-hour summer institute as well as three graduate credits. Participating Sacred Heart University instructors included Professor Paul W. Massey of the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Chair of Biology Dr. Jennifer Mattei, and Dr. Mark Beekey, an assistant professor of Biology.
In the last week before they officially began college life at Sacred Heart University, 43 incoming freshmen participated in Community Connections, an urban outreach program that teaches students the value of leadership and giving back to the community.

The freshmen, along with 12 upperclassman student leaders and six faculty and staff, stayed at St. Charles Catholic Urban Center and Golden Hill United Methodist Church in Bridgeport. During the day the groups worked to build homes for Habitat for Humanity, helped feed people at Merton Center and shared time with families at homeless shelters.

“Community service is a huge part of Sacred Heart’s mission, and this is a great way for new students to feel close to the surrounding community, to feel comfortable in the surrounding community, and then in turn continue to become involved throughout the four years that they’re here,” said Dawn Doucette, coor- dinator of Volunteer Programs at SHU. “A lot of new students aren’t aware of the opportunities in urban Bridgeport, in the ways that they can help. So this opens a lot of doors for them. And hopefully this type of service becomes an integral part of their lives after college, as well.”

Among other activities, the freshmen helped Habitat for Humanity with building houses on Maple Street in Bridgeport and organizing the materials warehouse in Stratford; sorted clothes at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission; painted and prepared a children’s play area at Caroline House, a local women’s center; helped with weeding at Burroughs Community Center Garden; visited the Beard- sley Zoo with families from Alpha Community Services and Brooks Street Family Shelter; served dinner at the St. Luke’s and St. Paul’s Episcopal community sup- per program; participated in the First Day program at Luis Munoz Marin School to give books to first-graders; and shared meals with and coordinated a cookout for the families and individuals they’d been assisting.

The Community Connections program was sponsored by People’s United Community Foundation, a branch of People’s United Bank, as it has been since the program’s inception in 1996. “They’ve been a huge support,” Doucette said. “We definitely wouldn’t be able to pull off this week without them.”

Working hard on painting were freshmen Cori Palermo of Saugus, MA, left, and Christine O’Leary of North Reading, MA.

Top, from left: Freshmen Eliza Holbrook of Acton, MA, and Lindsay Tomaszewski of Danbury, CT, served up food at Thomas Merton House in Bridgeport.

Above, freshmen Annie French of Peterborough, NH, left, and Chris Shine of Marshfield, MA, right, worked on painting at Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport.

HABITAT CHAPTER HOSTS AWARENESS WEEKEND

Over 80 Sacred Heart University student volunteers took up posts at grocery markets in Bridgeport and Fairfield to make shoppers aware of those who are homeless or live in substandard housing. The Habitat Awareness Weekends activity on Nov. 22 and 23, called “Bagging to Build,” was sponsored by the SHU campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The college students bagged groceries and carried them to customers’ cars, with any tips offered and collected going to support Habitat for Humanity. Participating stores were select Stop & Shop’s, Shaw’s and Trader Joe’s. Reprinted with Permission from the Bridgeport News/Hersam Acorn Newspapers
Wyeth McKinney ’09
Finance and Business Economics Major

Favorite Courses
My favorite courses have been in the College of Business. The professors are absolutely phenomenal. All of their professional backgrounds are impressive, and they’re all willing to go that extra mile to help students understand what we’re trying to learn. They’re always bringing in the latest business news from around the world and relating it to what we’re studying. For instance, in my European Economics class, we’re talking about what’s happening in financial markets, what the Central Bank is doing, and how that relates to the U.S.

Proudest Accomplishments
I enjoy being part of The Fed Challenge. This is a team of economics and finance students that gives a presentation every year to the New York Federal Reserve about their policies. Sacred Heart’s team competes against teams from other schools, and the presentations are judged by a variety of Federal Reserve employees. The top team goes on to compete regionally. I’m also proud of the internships I did with Richman Asset Management and Merrill Lynch, and of my company, Scholarshirts Apparel. My company specializes in customized apparel and promotional items like mugs and sweatshirts. I’m giving the profits back for scholarship funds for students with financial need. Sacred Heart has given me a lot of financial help, and I wanted to give something back.

Biggest Surprise
I’ve been absolutely astonished by the growth I’ve seen at Sacred Heart just in the four years I’ve been here, not just in the buildings—though the Chapel is really something—but in the programs and prestigious rankings that Sacred Heart has started to achieve around the world.

What’s Next
I’ll look for a full-time job in the field of investment management when I graduate. I don’t think I’ll have any trouble making the transition from school to office. The big philosophy at Sacred Heart is to make us “desk ready” so that we can jump right into work.

John F. Welch Scholar
Funded through the generous support of Jack Welch, undergraduate scholarships are given to business students with a financial need who are academically talented.
For the second year in a row, representatives from Sacred Heart University’s Student Affairs program have been recognized by CT NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) in their annual awards. Last year, SHU was honored for the “Program of the Year” for its Student Affairs Lecture Series, and this year, two members of the Residential Life staff are awards recipients.

Jennifer Crowhurst, Resident Hall Director in Christian Witness Commons, earned the Richard F. Stevens Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and Kaitlin Mulqueen, Senior Resident Assistant for Roncalli Hall, was selected for the “Catch a Rising Star” student of the year award.

Crowhurst, in her second year as the hall director of a 400-student sophomore area, is a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Religious Studies program. Her focus is on improving the student experience as well as forming a cohesive staff among her resident advisors. Mulqueen, a senior Psychology major from York, Maine, is president of the University’s Habitat for Humanity Chapter and a regular volunteer with inner-city students from Bridgeport through the Sunshine Kids Program. As an RA, she is a role model for other staff members and a leader in developing a sense of community among her residents.

The two recipients were recognized at this year’s state meeting at the NASPA Region I Conference in Hyannisport and at the conference’s recognition banquet.

Johanna Acosta ’12 Receives Citizenship Award

For her unwavering commitment to community service, Sacred Heart University freshman Johanna Acosta recently received the Wesley A. Kuht Youth Citizenship Award for Community Service from the YMCA of Greater Hartford and United Technologies. Acosta has volunteered for the Reach Out and Read Program at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, the Hispanic Health Council and the Hartford Marathon.

A native of the Dominican Republic, Johanna is majoring in biology and is currently on the University’s cross country and track teams. She is active in many campus clubs and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the biology club, martial arts, and the One Campaign. Her future goals include medical school and making the U.S. track team for the London Olympics, with an eye toward one day becoming a forensic pathologist.

Senior’s World-Hunger Commercial in Top 5 International Finalists

While studying at the American University of Rome last spring, Sacred Heart University senior Shawn Cohen co-produced a television commercial that advanced to the final five of the U.N. World Food Programme’s (WFP) HungerBytes YouTube video contest. According to the HungerBytes website, the point of the contest was to raise awareness about hunger through this unique international film-making competition, which attracted over 70 videos from around the world. The top five were chosen by a panel of judges that included Cathy Schulman, Oscar-winning producer of the film Crash; Edward Zwick, director of the film Blood Diamond; Steve Grove, chief of News and Politics at YouTube; and Nancy Roman, director of Communications and Public Policy Strategy of the WFP. Cohen’s film, created with American University Rome students Sandra Goffin and Rosi Mosca-Herrera, showed a meal being cooked and eaten without a trace of food. The video’s message is about the world’s ongoing hunger crisis: “Just because you can’t see it doesn’t mean it’s not there.”

Although Cohen’s video ultimately didn’t win first place, “I just think it’s amazing that we’re one of the final videos,” he said. “I’m happy to see that our work was found creative and inspirational enough.”

A media studies major at SHU, Cohen accepted two internships for the fall semester, one as a digital media intern with Sony BMG Music Entertainment and another as a media research and production intern with Embassy Row Productions. After graduating in the spring of 2009, he plans to attend graduate school to pursue an MBA in media management.
A Special Thank You from the Moray Family

This letter was written in response to the outpouring of condolences paid by the Sacred Heart community to the family of 22-year-old Lisa Moray of Hopewell Junction, New York, who tragically died in a car accident in June of 2008, just one month after she graduated from SHU.

We would like to thank the many professors, coaches, staff, students, teammates, friends, fans, and acquaintances that touched our daughter’s heart. Your heartfelt cards, flowers, condolences and donations have been so overwhelming in this difficult time that we would like to thank each and every one of you. We know that Lisa had no idea how many lives she touched, and neither did we. She was always special to us, but now we know just how special she was to everyone around her. She always referred to SHU as her second family, and from your love and support we truly understand why. Lisa was always so proud to be part of the SHU Women’s Basketball Team. She truly got her chance to dance and for that we thank you. We greatly acknowledge the thoughtful expression of sympathy on the loss of our beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and sister-in-law.

Thank you, the Moray Family

In Memoriam: Lisa Moray

1985-2008

SHU and St. Vincent’s Partner for Campus Wellness Center

Sacred Heart University and St. Vincent’s Medical Center have formed a partnership that will lead to increased access to physicians by students and combine the efforts of two of the largest Catholic institutions in the region. The agreement improves student access to physicians on campus at Park Avenue House, the student wellness center. Up to four physicians will rotate in and out of the Park Avenue House for two, 5-hour shifts per week.

Global Investments Program Launched

The John F. Welch College of Business at Sacred Heart University has introduced a new graduate certificate in Global Investments. The program provides rigorous training and expertise for those working in the financial services industry and offers professionals a comprehensive understanding of current industry methods and instruments. The program was designed and delivered by a team of academics and practitioners from the U.S. and the European Union. Students must complete four courses to earn the certificate.

Center for Not-For-Profit Organizations Aids Project Return

Project Return, a Westport-based not-for-profit group that provides care for troubled teen girls, got a big boost recently from the John F. Welch College of Business’s Center for Not-for-Profit Organizations when MBA students volunteered to survey Project Return’s computer systems as part of their required research. The students examined ways to standardize Project Return’s data collection and worked with software vendors to determine how they could integrate accounting systems and several off-the-shelf donor tracking systems. At the completion of their project, the students generated a list of next steps for Project Return to implement best practices.
2008 SPEAKERS

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Dr. Michael W. Higgins was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Freshman Convocation by Sacred Heart University on September 3. Higgins, the president and vice-chancellor of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick, is a noted author and scholar in English and religious studies. He addressed the University's first-year students on "The Science of the Heart and the University as a Seat of Wisdom" and gave additional presentations during his three-day stay at SHU.

Bob Scheiffer, multiple Emmy award-winning CBS News chief, Broadcaster of the Year, and anchor of Face the Nation, signed copies of his new book of essays, Bob Scheiffer's America, on September 13. Part of the WSHU Public Radio lecture series.

Author Mitch Albom read an excerpt from his book, For One More Day, on September 15. Albom is best known for Tuesdays with Morrie, a tale of time he spent with his former sociology professor who was dying of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Part of the Student Affairs Lecture Series.


Kathleen Norris, bestselling author of The Cloister Walk and Amazing Grace, spoke about and signed copies of her new book, Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer’s Life, on September 18 as part of the WSHU Public Radio lecture series.

Father James Martin, S.J., associate editor of the national Catholic weekly, America, and award-winning author of numerous books, discussed Laughing with the Saints: Joy, Humor and Laughter in the Spiritual Life on September 23.

His Excellency Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg, was the featured speaker at Sacred Heart University’s annual Henry Leir Memorial Lecture on September 23. Mr. Asselborn spoke on the “Global Geopolitical Climate: Current Realities and Future Directions.”

Dr. Randall Balmer, professor of American religious history at Barnard College and Columbia University, gave a lecture entitled “God in the White House” on September 24.


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The Hon. Rudy Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City, discussed “Leadership in Difficult Times” on October 1.

Dr. Katharina Westerhorstmann of Theologische Fakultdt in Paderborn, Germany, presented “Now God Speaks Intimately: The Sermon on the Mount,” a talk based on the book Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI, on October 2.

Dr. Russell P. Engel, assistant professor of Business Economics, presented his paper, “Why Work When You Can Shirk? Worker Productivity in an Experimental Setting,” on October 2 as part of The John F. Welch College of Business Research Forum.

Dr. Kirk Bartholomew of Sacred Heart University's biology department presented his latest research findings on October 9 in a talk entitled “How to Make a Species with 20,000 Sexes Go Green with Envy: Sex, Development and Fluorescent Proteins in the Split Gill Fungus.” Part of the Sacred Heart University Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series.
Writer Melinda Henneberger spoke about “Race, Gender and Change in ’08” on October 15. Henneberger is a columnist for Commonweal and author of If They Only Listened to Us: What Women Voters Want Politicians to Hear, a book that chronicles her 18-month trip through America, listening to women talk about their political lives. Sponsored by Sacred Heart University’s Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics & Culture.

On October 15, SHU hosted the “Bat-Chen Diaries,” a presentation by Israeli couple Tzvika and Ayelet Shahak whose 15 year-old daughter, Bat-Chen, was killed in Tel Aviv by a suicide bomber in 1996. She was killed on her birthday, during the festival of Purim, and the Shahaks have taken up the cause of reconciliation in her memory by sharing the writings from her diaries.

Award-winning photojournalist Timothy Fadek offered a talk entitled “Timothy Fadek: A Narrative of Madness” on October 23. Fadek’s photographic reporting has been published in hundreds of major magazines worldwide. Part of the Media Studies and Digital Culture Department’s Vision Project lecture series called “Photography in a Digital World.”

Paul McManus, vice chairman of Leading Ventures, discussed “The Place of Luxury Hospitality in Today’s Marketplace” on October 23. Sponsored by the John F. Welch College of Business.

Dr. Michael Zhang, associate professor of management at Sacred Heart University, presented his paper, “Knowledge Management Capabilities and Firm Performance: The Role of Information Systems” on November 12 as part of the John F. College of Business Research Forum.

Historian and award-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin spoke about her newest bestseller, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, on November 13. Part of the Student Affairs Lecture Series.

Dr. James K.A. Smith, an associate professor of Philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, explored “Secular Liturgies and the Prospects for a Post-Secular Age” on November 13. Dr. Smith is a self-defined “Pentecostal Calvinist.” His next book, Thinking in Tongues: Elements of a Pentecostal Worldview, will be published in 2009.

Dr. Debbie Danowski, associate professor of Media Studies, discussed “Cover to Cover: Contemporary Issues in Popular American Women’s Magazines” on November 13. Her lecture covered results from a study that analyzed and categorized the messages sent out via the covers of the five women’s magazines with the highest circulation during 2000-2005.

Veteran actor and longtime Fairfield County resident Christopher Plummer shared stories of his lengthy career as an actor in film and on stage and discussed and signed copies of his autobiography, In Spite of Myself. His December 8 talk was part of WHSU’s “Join the Conversation” series.

The University’s Core Curriculum, recognized as a national model in values education, helps the community of learners address the fundamental questions of human meaning and purpose. Throughout the year, numerous colloquia are offered that further explore these foundational concerns. This past year’s series included:

- Speak Truth to Power
- Genocide and the Bystander
- Chocolate City
- Body Image
- The Greek Hero
- Beloved
- Chapel Discussion
- The Milgrim Experiment
- Us and Them
- World AIDS Day
- Is Google Making You Stoopid?
- They Called Me Lizzy

SHU student and faculty production of Speak Truth To Power. From left are Sandra Young, Anshel Vogeley, Kyle Minor, Edward Malin, Nicole Pepin, Kalani Efstathon, John Ann Greetey, Patricia Comti, Anne-Tranquilli-Bausher and Erin Buhanoski.
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WSHU Public Radio, based on the campus of Sacred Heart University, was recently honored with eight state journalism awards, including two from the Associated Press. Two WSHU reporters won first prizes from the Connecticut Associated Press Broadcasters Association, in the enterprise and feature categories: Erik Campano, for his story on the controversy surrounding the Bridgeport home of the late baseball Hall-of-Famer James Henry O’Rourke, and Craig LeMoult, for his two-part series on home heating-oil prices. Station reporters also won six awards from the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists.

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“News Junkies” Radio Show Debuts on WHRT

Students and members of the Sacred Heart University faculty can now tune into “news junkies” each Thursday between 1 and 3 P.M. on the WHRT Radio program of the same name. Professor Greg Golda, a clinical instructor with the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture, hosts the program each week. “It’s a sneaky way to extend the classroom and create an active and engaged learning experience by discussing current issues as they relate to the students. We sit in the booth with students and professors and the conversations bloom,” said Golda. Recent topics have included the presidential debates, the economic crisis and the charges of fraud in voter registrations.
Joseph Lugo ’11
Biology Major

Favorite Courses
I love the science courses, especially genetics and neurochemistry. The professors here are so good at teaching the material. They’re thorough about everything and the labs are really involved. The professors are there if you need them, but they also give you opportunities to figure things out on your own. The work is intense but it pays off.

Proudest Accomplishments
As an incoming freshman, I did the Community Connections program and subsequently became really involved with Habitat for Humanity. I’m now in charge of the group we send from Sacred Heart every other weekend, making sure people are safe on site and know what to do. We’re actually working on Habitat’s biggest project in Bridgeport, an apartment complex, and I go help out alone even when the Sacred Heart group doesn’t go. Everyone there looks at me like I’m one of their core volunteers. I actually had one of the CEOs come up and ask me about a position on their board for Fairfield County.

Biggest Surprise
When I first arrived as a freshman at Sacred Heart, I was amazed at how involved everyone at the school is in clubs, activities and especially community service. I have been on two alternative spring break trips to Texas and Mississippi as part of the University’s Habitat for Humanity chapter. I also had a chance to join the executive board of (Product) Red and the One Campaign. These kinds of experiences that everyone has create an atmosphere where everyone feels like they’re working together for a greater common goal.

What’s Next
I’m applying to be a Community Connections Leader. I hope to go to medical school when I graduate, but I’ve also had people recommend the Americorps Program to me. I might do that before medical school, so that I have a better understanding of myself and what kind of doctor I want to be.

GE Foundation Scholar
A scholarship and retention program for full-time minority students with demonstrated interest and ability in the fields of mathematics, science, information science, and the quantitative business disciplines. In addition to an annual scholarship award, participating students receive academic, social and career counseling.
Alumni Relations Launches Pioneer Pub Series

The Alumni Relations office, in conjunction with the Alumni Association, launched the Pioneer Pub Series on November 12 at the Black Bear Saloon in Hartford. Pioneer Pub events are a fun and engaging way for alumni to connect with classmates and other grads in a relaxed atmosphere. Other Pioneer Pub Nights are being planned for Boston and Long Island.

WELCH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HOLDS REUNION

The John F. Welch College of Business held a reunion on November 15 in the new Pioneer Skybox located in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. Over 75 graduates and faculty members celebrated the success of business school alumni while cheering on the Pioneer Football team in their final home game against Central Connecticut State University.

Mass of Rememberance Honors the Departed

Over 60 Sacred Heart University alumni and friends gathered in the University Chapel for the first annual Mass of Remembrance on November 11. The Mass was celebrated to pray for departed members of the Sacred Heart community and other loved ones. November is the traditional time the Church remembers those who have gone before us. Over 100 alumni and friends submitted more than 400 names to remember in prayer. These were formed into a memorial wreath that continued to be a part of every liturgy at the University during the month of November.

HOMECOMING 2008

More than 1,500 alumni and friends visited Sacred Heart University for Homecoming ‘08 on Saturday, October 4, celebrating the spirit of the SHU community with a tailgate party, awards brunch, parade and a Pioneer football game.

The day began with the alumni tent and tailgating party in the faculty-staff parking lot. A pre-game Homecoming parade livened-up the already festive atmosphere.

The Alumni Awards Brunch, attended by more than 75 people in University Commons, recognized graduates who have made a significant difference in their careers and their communities, as well as on their alma mater. Awardees included Christopher Fray ’96, MAT (College of Education & Health Professions Alumni Leadership Award); Meredith Ann Heyde ’01, MA, FNP (College of Education & Health Professions Alumni Leadership Award); Andres Ayales ’91 (Pioneer Award); and John Buturla ’82 (Alumni Achievement Award).

On the gridiron at Campus Field, the SHU football team treated the Homecoming crowd to an exciting afternoon game against Robert Morris. The Pioneers prevailed with a 31-28 win in front of over 4,000 fans. Senior Evan Jones rushed for 187 yards. Quarterback Dale Fink threw a pair of touchdowns, and wide receiver Steve Tedesco became Sacred Heart’s all-time leader in career touchdown receptions.
Father Robert Kinnally Named to Board of Trustees

Rev. Robert M. Kinnally, parochial vicar of St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield, has been named to the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart University. Prior to his studies for the priesthood, Father Kinnally taught special education at Iona College and was an admissions director at Pace University, Purchase College, the University of Bridgeport, and Sarah Lawrence College, where he was also dean of admissions. He was later dean of admissions and financial aid at Stanford University.

Father Kinnally earned degrees in English from Manhattan College and New York University and a degree in sacred theology from the Catholic University of America. A professional organist, pianist and vocalist, he has served as music director and organist at parishes in Connecticut and New York. Among his present responsibilities, he is a coordinator of St. Pius’ ministries for those with special needs and for young people, and he is coordinator of ministry to the newly ordained for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Inaugural Alumni Golf Tournament Kicks Off Homecoming

On October 3, Sacred Heart University alumni and friends gathered at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Club in Fairfield for the inaugural Alumni Golf Tournament. The event kicked off Homecoming Weekend and supported the Alumni Scholarship Fund. While looking out over the Sacred Heart campus, the golfers took on Fairchild Wheeler’s challenging Black Course. Ultimately, Team Chartwells prevailed. The tournament concluded with a dinner at Vazzy’s 19th Hole where the day’s winners were announced and Dr. Anthony Cernera, Sacred Heart’s president, addressed the group.

From left, Bob Manowitz, Tim Christensen, Keith Morrison, ’91, and Joe Merfalen made up the Team Chartwells forecove that won the 1st Annual Alumni Golf Tournament.
Mary Coakley '09
Exercise Science Major

Favorite Courses
I knew when I came to Sacred Heart that I wanted to be a physical therapist, because it’s a field that gives you opportunities to work in so many different spheres and with such varied populations. I’ve really liked every class I’ve taken here, in every academic discipline. The professors are outstanding and passionate about their subjects. They provide a fun and effective classroom environment. I go to class because it’s something I want to do, not because it’s something I have to do.

Proudest Accomplishments
Even though I never did cross country in high school, I ran on the Sacred Heart team. It was a new experience and it was really hard, but the coach was great. I’m also proud of my work as a peer educator, because I have the opportunity to inform people about alcohol, smoking and emotional help.

Biggest Surprise
I have an identical twin sister who goes to a different school. When I came to Sacred Heart, it was the first time we were ever separated. I was surprised that I could actually do that and enjoy it. My sister and I have a very special bond, but Sacred Heart is such an open, inviting community that it allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and really discover who I am on my own.

What’s Next
I’ve applied to doctoral schools in physical therapy. These are three-year programs that will start next fall. I’m really hoping that I’ll get into the one at Sacred Heart.

William H. Pitt Foundation Scholar
The William H. Pitt Foundation Scholars Program is an educational opportunity program for full-time undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need, documented academic promise and demonstrated good character. Preference is given to students from the greater Stamford area.
All-NEC Honors for Eight Pioneers

The Sacred Heart University football team placed eight Pioneers on the All-Northeast Conference football teams this season. Quarterback Dale Fink (Swansea, IL), wide receiver Steve Tedesco (Mission Viejo, CA) and return specialist Garry Coles (Southington, CT) all earned first-team honors after helping lead the Pioneers to an 8-3 campaign this fall. In addition to SHU’s three first-teamers, offensive linemen Ryan Arroyo (Florence, NJ) and Justin Smith (Binghamton, NY), defensive end Bill O’Brien (Lafayette, NY), cornerback Andre Isla (Brookhaven, NY) and place kicker Joe Schroeder (Jackson, NJ) were all named to the All-NEC second team.

Fink and Tedesco fueled the Pioneers’ offensive attack in 2008, each breaking his share of school records this fall. Fink led the NEC in passing efficiency, completing a league-high 67.8% of his passes. The sophomore signal caller threw for 2,102 yards, completing 215-of-317 passes for a league-best 24 touchdowns. His 67.8% completion percentage and 215 total completions set single-season program records, while during the season he broke the school record for career touchdown throws and heads in to his junior season sitting on 47 career scoring throws. Twice during the regular season, he tied the school record for touchdown throws in a game when he tossed four scores against Saint Francis (PA) and Wagner, a mark he has now hit four times in his two seasons.

Steve Tedesco

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Tedesco, whose breakout 2007 season earned him All-NEC honors last season and preseason all-conference accolades heading into this fall, capped a sensational junior campaign where he led the NEC in receiving category. The junior wideout finished the year with 77 catches for 891 yards and 10 touchdown catches, all conference-leading marks. He averaged 7.00 catches and 81.0 yards per game, numbers that ranked him fifth and 33rd, respectively, in the nation.

Tedesco closed out his 2008 season by catching seven balls for 101 yards and a touchdown against CCSU, his fourth 100-yard receiving game on the year. The CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District receiver now owns the school records for single-season receptions (77), career catches (162), career receiving yards (1,983), and career TD catches (26). Tedesco tied the school record for catches in a game when he hauled in 12 passes for 121 yards at Duquesne.

Freshman Garry Coles burst onto the league scene this season winning the conference’s first two Rookie of the Week awards on the season. Coles backed up senior Evin Jones in the backfield but earned All-NEC honors on special teams after leading the NEC in kickoff return average. Coles had 25 returns on the year and averaged 25.0 yards per kickoff with a long of 48 yards. As a team, the Pioneers led the Northeast Conference in the return game, averaging 22.1 yards per return.

Schroeder also picked up special team honors for his place kicking duties. He bounced back in 2008 by finishing the season four-of-five on his field goal attempts while converting 40 of 42 extra points. He finished the season third among kickers in scoring with 52 points and ninth among all players in scoring at 4.7 points per game. He earned his first career NEC Special Teams Player of the Week award after booming a pair of career-long field goals in a 41-24 win at Saint Francis (PA), connecting from 45 and 42 yards.

The Pioneer offense ended the year ranked second in the NEC in scoring (291.1 ppg), pass offense (213.4 ypg), fourth in rushing offense (148.5 ypg) and fourth in total offense (342.1 ypg) on the year, thanks to the work up front by all-conference linemen Arroyo and Smith. The duo helped anchor an offensive line that allowed a league-low seven sacks on the year, including a stretch of 31-straight quarters without allowing a sack on quarterback Dale Fink.

Defensively, SHU’s O’Brien finished the season with 61 total tackles, third on the team, including 8.0 stops for a loss and three sacks on the year. He also added a fumble recovery and a pass break-up from his defensive end position. In the defensive backfield, Isla led the Pioneers four interceptions on the season, tied for third in the NEC. Isla finished tied for third in the NEC with 10 passes defended in 2008.
Soccer Coach Barroso Earns Place in Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame

Sacred Heart men’s soccer coach Joe Barroso was selected for induction into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame on January 31, 2009.

A fixture on the Connecticut soccer scene for nearly two decades, Barroso recently completed his fourth season as head coach of the Pioneer men’s soccer team after eight seasons as head women’s soccer coach at Sacred Heart University. He made an immediate impact on the SHU men’s team in 2005, engineering the second-biggest single-season turnaround in a conference history, leading the Pioneers to the playoffs for the first time ever in Division I. After falling just short of the postseason in 2006, he led SHU back to the playoffs in 2007 and missed the tournament by one game in 2008.

“My career at Sacred Heart, I am very proud of it. I believe that we have the potential to be a very strong team in the future,” Barroso said. “The opportunity to coach at Sacred Heart is something that I value deeply.”

Barroso is in his second stint at Sacred Heart after leaving for five years to coach at the University of Bridgeport. He returned to help the Pioneers make the transition to Division I and guided the women’s team to three-straight Northeast Conference Tournaments and its first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance.

Originally from Portugal, Barroso played at Southern Connecticut State University, where he was a member of that school’s Division II National Championship squad in 1990. “I am honored to be receiving this induction,” Barroso said. “The Hall of Fame has some of the most famous names in Connecticut sports history and I am humbled to be viewed in the same regard.”

Four Pioneers Grab NEC Soccer Honors

Senior goaltender Matt Jones (Stoke-on-Trent, England) was named First Team All-Northeast Conference. Anthony Anzevui (Newcastle, England), Jason Tessitore (Orange, CT) and David Backman (Gothenburg, Sweden) were all named to the league’s second team. The four seniors led a Pioneer senior class that finished their career with 30 victories and two trips to the NEC playoffs.

Tessitore and Backman in Senior Soccer Showcase

Seniors David Backman (Gothenburg, Sweden) and Jason Tessitore (Orange, CT) were selected to participate in the 2008 USA College Soccer Senior Showcase. The event, sponsored by the Ironbound Express of the United Soccer League’s Premier Development League, was held November 29th at Lubetkin Field on the Campus of NJIT.
Steve Tedesco Named to CoSIDA/ESPN All-District Team

Sacred Heart University junior Steve Tedesco (Mission Viejo, CA) was named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District football team in 2008, earning District 1 honors for the second straight season.

Tedesco, a junior wide receiver for the Pioneers, is a history major with a 3.38 gpa. He helped lead Sacred Heart to an 8-1 overall record and a 4-1 mark in the Northeast Conference this season. Tedesco is one of eight student-athletes from the NEC to earn Academic All-District honors. He rewrote the Sacred Heart record books this season, setting new career marks for catches (150), receiving yards (1,830) and receiving touchdowns (25). In SHU’s 29-17 win at Duquesne, he recorded a 12-catch, 121-yard afternoon, tying him for the school mark for catches in a game. He also broke his own record for catches in a season, raising this year’s total to 65 grabs.

Carisa Eye Named NEC Offensive Player of the Year, Places on Second Team All-Region

Senior Carisa Eye (Nesconset, NY) was named to this year’s Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches’ Association All-Mideast Region Second Team. This is the third straight year that Eye has been selected as an all-region player.

Eye wrapped up the greatest offensive career of any Sacred Heart player. The former All-American and NEC Player of the Year scored 19 goals this year to lead the Northeast Conference. She was second in the league with 42 points, an average of more than two points per game. She holds Sacred Heart’s single game, season and career records in nearly every offensive category, and led the team in scoring in each of her four seasons, racking up an incredible eight hat tricks and 21 multi-goal games during her four-year career.

The 2006 NEC Player of the Year and Third-Team All-American, Eye was named the NEC Offensive Player of the Year this season and was a First Team All-League selection. Eye led a group of four Sacred Heart players who earned All-Conference accolades, announced at the postseason banquet on the eve of the conference tournament. Eye and senior Amy Hendricks (Milford, PA) earned All-NEC First Team honors while senior Melissa Mazin (Putnam Valley, NY) and junior Whitney Russo (Waterville, ME) were named to the second team.

Best and Hetherington Named Best All-NEC Volleyball

Freshmen Brittney Best (Norco, CA) and Maile Hetherington (Thousand Oaks, CA) were both named Second Team All-Northeast Conference in women’s volleyball on the NEC Rookie of the Week scroll this season, as Hetherington and Best ranked third (3.53 kpg, 4, 13 ppg) and seventh (2.94 kpg, 3.50 ppg) in both kills per game and points per game, respectively. The tandem also took the five-six spots in the service aces column. Hetherington leads Sacred Heart with 371 kills, marking the fourth-highest single-season total in school history.
Sacred Heart senior midfielder Tony Tanzi (Mahopac, NY) was selected by the Boston Cannons in the fifth round of the 2008 Major League Lacrosse Collegiate Draft. The 46th player selected, Tanzi is the first Sacred Heart player in school history to be drafted into the MLL. It was also announced that Tanzi was named a Scholar All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA).

A two-time team captain, Tanzi put the finishing touches on a stellar career by earning a nod on the Turfer Athletic NEILA All-New England second team. He finished 2008 by scoring 11 goals with five assists for 16 points and added 19 grounders and was eight of 14 on face-offs. Tanzi was the recipient of the team’s “Heart Award” given each season to the Pioneer who puts forth maximum effort every day both on and off the field. For his career, Tanzi appeared in 52 games over his four years at Sacred Heart. He scored 42 goals with 20 assists for 62 career points. He finished with 111 career ground balls.

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Drew Shubik Signs Pro-Basketball Contract in Germany

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Matt Belizze Wins NEIGA Championship in Playoff

Sacred Heart senior Matt Belizze (North Salem, NY) carded a birdie on the first playoff hole to take home the individual title at the 74th Annual New England Intercollegiate Golf Association (NEIGA) Championship this year. Belizze and the rest of the Pioneers finished second at the event, one stroke behind winner Bryant University.

Four individuals tied for the overall lead with a two-day total of 147. Belizze’s birdie delivered the senior his first career title. The others who tied at 147 were teammate Patrick Fillian (Tinton Falls, NJ) who was tied for the lead after Day 1, senior Anthony Gallardo from UMass Lowell and sophomore Alex Daley of Bryant University.

Carly Bergin Leads Pioneers to Win in SHU Fall Classic

The Sacred Heart women’s golf team closed out the fall portion of their schedule in style, taking home the team and individual titles at their own Fall Classic Tournament at the Great River Golf Club. Freshman Carly Bergin (Binghamton, NY) won her first collegiate tournament by firing a 154 for a two-stroke win while leading the Pioneers to a 16-stroke victory over the field.

Pioneer Radio Network Expands

The radio footprint of Sacred Heart University Athletics is now bigger than ever. This year the Pioneers added WINE 940 AM of Danbury and WPUT 1510 AM of Brewster, NY, both ESPN Radio affiliates, to the Pioneer Radio Network. The addition of the new stations, along with flagship WICC 600 AM of Bridgeport, means Pioneer athletics can be heard as far south as Long Island, as far north as the Massachusetts border, east to the New Haven and Hartford markets, as well as reach into southeastern New York State.

WINE and WPUT are both part of the Cumulus Radio family of stations, as is WICC, and will broadcast Sacred Heart football, men’s hockey, men’s basketball, and women’s basketball games throughout the 2008-09 season and beyond. Both new affiliates will be branded as the “Official Station of Sacred Heart University Sports.”

The expansion of the network is part of a 145-game package that will be carried both over the air and on the Internet.

Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications Gene Gumbs announced the play-by-play at a recent basketball game.
Sacred Heart University operated with a balanced budget again in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Net tuition and fee revenue grew by 8% over the prior year. Total Net Assets increased $17 million, representing an 18% increase over the prior year and 102% increase since 2005. The University achieved an operating surplus of $13.3 million demonstrating the financial stability necessary to achieve its academic objectives and to further its mission now and into the future. A disciplined budget process funded continuing improvements for our students by increasing the number of new faculty and improving and expanding our facilities. Most notably, the University opened the Cambridge Campus, broke ground on a new Chapel that will open in 2009 and purchased land adjacent to the University for future expansion.

We will continue to review and monitor all of our investments and make adjustments to enable us to maximize our returns to support our financial stability today and our growth into the future.

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**Continued Growth & Financial Stability**

**UNRESTRICTED REVENUES JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008**

**Statement of Unrestricted Activities as of the twelve months ended June 30, 2008**

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**EXPENSES BY FUNCTION, FY08**

- **Instruction**: 35%
- **Auxiliary activities**: 20%
- **Students services**: 16%
- **Academic support**: 8%
- **Public service radio station**: 4%
- **Institutional supporting services**: 18%

*Investment return was -1%*
Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to present this Annual Report on behalf of the Sacred Heart University Trustees. I am proud to say that our University remains a vibrant community of learners, and it continues to grow in academic programs, athletic teams, campus facilities and reputation.

The 2007-2008 year marked another banner year for recruitment, with Sacred Heart enrolling its largest and most talented freshman class yet. In just four years, the University moved up five spots in the U.S. News rankings of the Best Master’s Universities in the country. Our athletics program also had its most successful year ever, winning its first Northeast Commissioner’s Cup for Best Performing Program. Even more impressive, in Spring 2008 our more than 700 student-athletes had their highest GPA ever.

This year marked the first where we implemented our new Core Curriculum, and our Freshman Advising Program received national recognition. Meanwhile, our Doctor of Physical Therapy program was recognized as the best in the state and one of 25 best in the country. And, of course, all of us have enjoyed the privilege of witnessing the final stages of constructing our new Chapel this year. The creation of this magnificent building from the ground up is truly emblematic of our dedication to nurturing individual spiritual growth and the power of community.

On behalf of everyone here, I offer our deepest and abiding gratitude for your support of our vision. It is because of friends like you that Sacred Heart continues to be one of the premier Catholic institutions of higher learning in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

James T. Morley, Jr.
Vice Chairman of the Board

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Audited Unrestricted Totals: $5,465,630.25
LEAD Society
Loyal Engaged Alumni Donors
The LEAD Society is the new giving society of Sacred Heart University that honors alumni who have supported the University for five or more consecutive years. The LEAD Society encourages annual support and participation at all levels. Membership is maintained as long as the giving string is kept alive from year to year. Members receive special invitations to University events and presidential receptions.

GOLD Society
The GOLD Society recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past decade and who, as leaders, have stepped forward to give back to their alma mater. Membership extends for one year to any individual or couple who gives $100 or more to Sacred Heart University. Matching gifts from employers count as part of the donation by an individual or a couple.

Curtis Society
Named for Bridgeport’s Bishop Walter W. Curtis, the founder of Sacred Heart University, this elite membership level is reserved for those who have included Sacred Heart University in their estate plans. Planned gifts include bequest intentions, life income vehicles such as charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts, designating the University as an IRA beneficiary, giving real estate but retaining the right to reside in the property for life, and naming SHU as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

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Jean Criscione has retired from teaching at Central High School. She plans on returning to teaching college and is currently writing her first book of poetry.

John Betkoski was named a 2008 Corporate Achiever for the The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Connecticut Chapter.

Michael Riccio recently opened Legends of the Game in Westport, Connecticut, with his son Michael. Legends of the Game is a full-service sports memorabilia store featuring hand-signed memorabilia. Legends of the Game works closely with a variety of not-for-profit groups assisting them with their silent auctions.

Capital One Bank announced that the middle-market/corporate banking groups for New York and New Jersey will be consolidated under the leadership of 32-year banking veteran Douglas L. (Doug) Kennedy, who has headed this function for New Jersey since June 2004.

Carol (Klik) Hammond has been appointed director of United Methodist Nursery School in New Canaan, Connecticut. She has been with the school for 10 years, serving as an early childhood specialist and head teacher of the five-day program for four- and five-year-olds.

Lisa (Pompilio) Boccard completed her second master’s degree, in special education, and is currently teaching third grade special ed at the Wampus School in Armonk, New York. Elizabeth (Kremier) Dudek is a math teacher at Palmer High School in Palmer, Massachusetts.

Matthew Dudek is the assistant athletic trainer for the University of Hartford.


With his business partner, David van Wees (MBA) has created and managed Lapis Imports in Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the past year. Lapis Imports is the only importer of Palm Beer (Belgium) in the United States.

Suzan (Bonilla) Colgan graduated from University of San Diego School of Law in December 2007. In June 2008 she was admitted to the State Bar of California.

Sarah Morrill is a financial assistant at Yale University for the Whitney & Betty MacMillan Center for International Studies.

Kevin Rigdon has been the 8th grade team leader while teaching 8th grade English for the past nine years. In addition, he has coached the girls’ middle school soccer team to two school record-setting seasons during two of the last four seasons. This past fall, he was honored by the East Hampton Education Association as an Outstanding Teacher in a reception held at Angelico’s Restaurant in East Hampton.

Joseph McGee (MBA) currently is the director of business process excellence at Fidelity Investments. From 2006 to 2007 Joseph was a vice-chairman of the board of managers, representing the North Andover (MA) YMCA branch, and he was named the Merrimack Valley YMCA Volunteer of the Year. Joseph credits his SHU experience to realize personal and professional success that would not have existed otherwise.

Jesse White is a science teacher and team leader in Bloomfield, Connecticut. He was named the Teacher of the Year for the Bloomfield School District. He was also awarded the National Association of Black Accountants Hartford chapter Teacher of the Year Award. He currently resides in his hometown, Hartford, Connecticut, with his wife Walidah and daughter Savannah.

Heather Marie Schroder, Esq, is a May 2007 graduate of the Syracuse University College of Law (J.D.) and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (M.P.A.). She is assistant corporate counsel at ATMI, Inc., in Danbury, Connecticut and currently resides in South Norwalk, Connecticut.

Eric S. Silvia has been appointed assistant county attorney for Redwood County, Minnesota. He received his Juris Doctor in May 2007 from William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Kate Westmacott is now a financial advisor. She has an office in Stratford, Connecticut, as well as two offices on Long Island.

Katie Janczak, DPT, has joined the staff of Cioffredi & Associates in Lebanon, New Hampshire, as a physical therapist.

Nicolette Cybart-Rogucki (also ’07 MSN) is a clinical nurse specialist in the Operating Room of Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Inara Coleman is teaching fourth grade at the Osborne School in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Chris Williams is currently working at PS 188 in the Bronx as a special education teacher. Chris is working with autistic children.
Hero Nurses Save the Day

For Lori Broadbent of Shelton and Patty Sheehan of Trumbull, their recent trip to attend a medical conference in Salt Lake City turned into something of a busman’s holiday. The two are veteran nurses at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport; Lori completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Sacred Heart University in December of 2008, and Patty is a BSN grad from the Class of 1987. Thanks to their expertise and quick thinking, a likely catastrophe was averted and a fellow passenger’s life was saved.

The two nurses from “St. V’s” were asked to check on a passenger who was looking rather peaked. The two determined that he was suffering from no more than an upset stomach, and they returned to their seats. Not long afterward, Broadbent recalls, a passenger from the front of the plane got up to use the lavatory. As he left the rest room, he became faint. In an instant, Broadbent and Sheehan were on their feet again, joined by a nurse from Long Island Jewish Medical Center. The impromptu triage unit found that he had no pulse and was not breathing. While their colleague from New York opened his airway and began chest compressions, Broadbent inserted an IV and Sheehan monitored his vital signs and responses. The plane was diverted to St. Louis—and a waiting medical team at the airport.

Lori Broadbent, who has practiced nursing for three decades, approached their life-saving mission with great modesty. “What was most impressive to me,” she asserts, “is that the three of us could work so well together—without a minute’s notice. Each did just what was necessary to assess the medical emergency and help the patient. We went right into gear and did what was needed.”

Berecz Tapped to Serve as NAASF Executive Director

The North American Association of Subway Franchisees, Inc. (“NAASF”) announced that it has promoted Illya Berecz to executive director of the association. Berecz, who graduated from SHU in 1987 with a BS in Business Administration, began her career in 1987 at the Subway Franchisee Advertising Fund Trust, where she worked in various capacities including communications supervisor. Upon joining NAASF in 2000 as director of communications, she focused on the association’s key messages to the Subway franchisee family and on improving the day-to-day communications within the Subway franchisee community itself. Berecz was promoted to director of communications & public relations in 2006.

Berecz will head up the North American Association of Subway Franchisees, including its staff and its franchisee board of directors. The board is elected by the NAASF membership of the Subway franchisee community. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to put my 21 years of experience within the Subway family to work on behalf of the franchisees in North America. It is vital for franchisees to have a dedicated association that represents them both within and outside of the Subway arena,” Berecz said.

NAASF, which was formed in 2000, has over 5,600 members representing approximately 15,200 Subway restaurants in North America. The association maintains a web site for its members at www.naasf.org.

Engagements

Proud Maid of Honor Denise Bertolotti (’04) is honored to announce the engagement of Kristin Edmonds (’04) to John Dammacco of Queens, NY. A September 2009 wedding is planned.

Jennifer Gates (’05) to Andrew Ridolfi. A wedding is planned for September 25, 2009.

Leanne Gissas (’04) to Jason Prevelige (’04). A wedding is planned for November 7, 2009.

Kristin Lee (’01) to Charles Millard.

Kristy Pacelli (’02) to Michael Cioffi. A wedding is planned for August 29, 2009.

Weddings

Elizabeth (Dumas) Woods (’04) married William Joseph Woods on July 4, 2008 in New Haven, CT.

Kimberly Kelley (’99) and James Maciejewski (’00) were wed on June 28, 2008.

John C. Johnson III (’00) wed Allison Devitt on July 26, 2008. John is currently a 5th grade teacher in the Trumbull School District and head football coach at Bullard-Havens in Bridgeport.

Aileen (Quinn) Chaney (’05, ’06 MAT) was wed to Christopher Chaney on August 2, 2008.

Meredith (Spruck) Green (’02) and Michael Green (’02) were wed on September 22, 2007.

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