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Dear Friends,

This has been a year for the record books, and our Winter Magazine is filled with important news about our growing community.

First we are able to highlight one of Sacred Heart’s proudest moments as an institution: the naming of our College of Business for the legendary General Electric Chairman Jack Welch, a long-time friend and “one of the greatest innovators of the past 75 years,” according to BusinessWeek magazine. Mr. Welch has made the largest gift in the University’s history to assist students in financial need and to foster faculty development and research. The University has been providing business education since 1965, and today fully 28 percent of our undergraduates major in Business. Mr. Welch’s continued affiliation with Sacred Heart will help assure that we continue providing our students with access to top-quality education and career preparation.

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Currently, it is one of the five most popular majors chosen by undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences. In these pages, you’ll also enjoy an insider’s view of our blossoming Media Studies and Digital Culture Department. Under the guidance of Dr. Jim Raymond, Mixed Media is published.

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The seven bishops who participated in the study tour included Most Reverend Robert Baker, Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina; Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, NY; Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard of the Center for Leadership and Learning, NY; Rabbi Greenberg, Rabbi Ehrenkranz, and Rabbi Blanchard. The SHU family grew by a record 900 first-year students—gathered from the largest pool of applicants in our history. All of these additions enhance SHU’s nursing curriculum, which has already been heralded by the Princeton Review as a “great nursing program.” Not surprisingly, the program’s growing reputation has resulted in a boost in applications, and enrollment has tripled in the last three years, says Kathleen Fries, undergraduate director for nursing. SHU’s nursing faculty applied for the grant because “students learn better when they have hands-on experiences, and the new equipment will foster that style of learning.”

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SHU HONORS FACULTY WITH INTELLECTUAL LIFE AWARDS

Sacred Heart University announced the winners of its 2005 faculty awards: Clinical Assistant Professor Donna Bowers received the Joseph Grau “Action for Justice” Award, Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Gerald Reid, the Faculty Scholarship Award, and Assistant Professor of Philosophy Dr. Michael Ventimiglia, the Teaching Excellence Award.

Joseph Grau “Action for Justice” Award—Donna Bowers

The Joseph Grau “Action for Justice” Award was established in 1993 in honor of Joseph Grau, a beloved member of Sacred Heart University’s Religious Studies faculty. It is intended to recognize outstanding service by full-time faculty and staff in developing and nurturing the University as an academic community, whose members are both inspired and encouraged to live their faith in action for justice and in solidarity with the poor. Professor Bowers, a clinical assistant professor in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy at Northeastern University in 1984, and a Master of Public Health degree at Southern Connecticut State University in 2002. She joined the faculty of Sacred Heart University in 1997. Her primary responsibility is teaching “Neuromotor Evaluation and Treatment and Introduction to Patient Examination,” as well as infusing the pediatric content throughout the curriculum. Ms. Bower also teaches “Adaptive Physical Activities for Children with Disabilities” to undergraduate Exercise Science majors.

Faculty Scholarship Award—Gerald Reid

The Faculty Scholarship Award, also established in 1993, provides recognition of and support for scholarship endeavors. Dr. Reid’s current research focuses on political and cultural developments among the Iroquois in the 19th and 20th centuries. His recently published book, Cultural Developments Among the Iroquois in the 19th and 20th Centuries, was published in 2004.

Teaching Excellence Award—Michael Ventimiglia

Dr. Ventimiglia has been a member of the Philosophy Program at Sacred Heart University since 2003. An assistant professor of philosophy, he teaches Introduction to Philosophy, “American Philosophy,” “History, and logic.”

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY SHU’S FACULTY

Dr. Anne Barker, Ed.D., RN, Associate Professor of Nursing, along with coauthors Director and Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Dori Taylor Sullivan and Director and Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Dr. Michael Emery, has written a book published in December 2005 by Jones & Bartlett, Leadership Competencies: The Renaissance Transformational Leadership. The book is intended for use with graduate healthcare administration students and practicing clinical leaders.

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DOLLS FOR KATRINA KIDS

Imagine being a child who has lost everything: your home, your school, your pets, even your favorite toys.

Dr. Linda Strong, professor of Public Health Nursing, and Sister Donna Dodge, Sacred Heart University’s vice president for Mission and Planning, didn’t have to imagine. The two of them flew to Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, where Dr. Strong said she was stunned by what she saw around her—even after more than two decades spent in public nursing.

“We came across places where all that’s left of people’s homes are foundations and rubble,” she reported in an interview for the Business Day section of the New Hampshire Union Leader.

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GIVING FROM THE HEART TELETHON

The Media Students Association, MS288-Democratic Technologies and MS214-TV Production presented “Giving from the Heart: The Hurricane Katrina Relief Telethon” on September 20.

The telethon aired live on SHU Channels 3 and 6. During the telethon, the students promoted new media projects that will aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. They also interviewed students and faculty around campus about their contributions to the relief effort and included special musical performances from members of the SHU community.

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In keeping with Sacred Heart’s pioneering tradition of lay leadership, the University has appointed Barbara Jean Daly Honell, as the director of Campus Ministry, the first laywoman in University history to hold this position. As director of SHU’s Campus Ministry, Ms. Daly Honell says she looks forward to getting to know the students, serving their spiritual needs, and engaging them in theological and pastoral activities. She commented, “I do immerse myself into the heart of this University community, I hope to guide our mutual development of faith by gathering people together in creative ways that provide access to the fullness of the Christian Eucharistic life in all of its intellectual, spiritual, social and service dimensions.”

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Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of SHU’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, met with Pope Benedict XVI in Rome at St. Peter’s Square in May. In commenting on the encounter, Rabbi Ehrenkranz said he found Pope Benedict XVI to be “very warm and friendly. We spoke at some length, and judging by his questions, he was genuinely interested in the work of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. I believe that as his pontificate unfolds, there will be great advances in Christian-Jewish relations.”

Mr. Hoffmann is a role model for the new Europe and the new international business order. We are proud to welcome him into the Sacred Heart University family.”

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SHU Honors Business Leader in Luxembourg

On December 1, Sacred Heart University held a special Academic Convocation at the Abhay de Neumunster in Luxembourg to honor Mr. Marc Hoffmann, CEO of Dexia-BIL and member of the Dexia Executive Board. Mr. Hoffmann was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honors causa, by SHU President, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera.

The University has a tradition of honoring prestigious personalities of the economic, social and cultural life in Luxembourg. Mr. Hoffmann was the 16th such individual to be honored since 1991, when SHU established its Luxembourg campus. The business programs in Luxembourg are the same as those taught on SHU’s Fairfield campus. They aim to build the skills necessary to succeed in a global business environment. The Luxembourg campus offers a Master of Business Administration degree as well as graduate professional certificates in Finance, Leadership and Accounting.

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Mr. Hoffmann was born in Luxembourg and studied Economics at the University of Aix-Marseille. He graduated from the Ecole des Cadres (EDC) in Paris, in 1983. He studied International Business at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1984 and graduated from Harvard Business School in 1999.

Above: SHU welcomed its newest alumnus at the Special Academic Convocation in Luxembourg. From left: Drs. Cernera, Hoffman, Israel and Forget; at right: press clipping on the honorary degree ceremony from Business Week.

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SPEAKING OUT: 2005 SPEAKERS

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In celebration of the first national Constitution Day, Quinnipiac University Law Professor William Dunlap offered a lecture on “The Living Bill of Rights” on September 21. Mr. Dunlap discussed how legal interpretations of the Bill of Rights change over time. The lecture was sponsored by the Sacred Heart University Department of Government and Politics.

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Two reporters from separate generations shared their war reporting experiences with a live audience when WSHU Public Radio Group brought veterans CBS News Correspondent Richard C. Hottelet together with Ivan Watson, a foreign correspondent for National Public Radio. WSHU Morning Edition Host Tom Kuser moderated this special event on October 5, at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University.

The Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture (CCTEC) of Sacred Heart University welcomed Paul Elie to campus on October 12. Elie discussed his book and experiences as an American Catholic in the literary field. He is an editor at Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux publishing company, has written for many publications on Catholic topics, and is appeared in media during coverage of the search for a successor to Pope John Paul II.


Dr. Balbir Bhasin, associate professor of International Business, Dr. Michael Zheng, assistant professor of Management, Robert Matare, Sacred Heart University Trustee and CEO of LearningSpan; and Dr. Lucian T. Orlovski, professor and chair of Economics and Finance, presented an economics forum on China’s role in the global economy. Topics included China’s entry into the World Trade Organization, the currency reform in China, and a businessman’s perspective on doing business in that country. The event took place on October 27.

Dr. Thomas Daniele, a senior financial officer at Spencer Stuart, spoke on “The Brave New World: How the New Environment in Corporate America is Affecting Corporate Governance, Finance, and Career Opportunities” on October 27 at the College of Business.

Scholars, filmmakers, artists and performers gathered at Sacred Heart University for the 28th annual Northeast Popular Culture Association Conference. Participants read and discussed papers on topics ranging from film to music to food to politics. There were 27 panels, plus one panel for graduate research. Sessions lasted 90 minutes and were followed by panel and audience discussion, facilitated by a chairperson.

Panels included several Sacred Heart University faculty members, as well as scholars from schools throughout the Northeast (as well as a few outside the Northeast, coming from as far as California), including Yale University, Fairfield University, University of Connecticut, New York University, University of Massachusetts, and Boston University. The event took place the last weekend in October.

Dr. Balbir Bhasin

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Assistant professor of History, Dr. Bryan Bademan, offered a talk entitled “God is Religion: Francis William’s Evangelical Politics and Late 19th Century American Nationalism” on November 9. The seminar was sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series.

Noted Jesuit scholar and author Father Mark Massa spoke on campus November 9. Father Massa, professor of Theology and co-director of the Huron Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, is the author of a controversial new book entitled Anti-Catholicism in America: The Last Acceptable Prejudice. As the second lecturer in a series sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture (CCTEC) named “Catholic in America,” Father Massa raised questions about the perceptions of Catholicism in the nation’s culture and discussed the validity or unwarranted bias present in such opinions.

Dr. Michael Zheng

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Dr. Pamela K. Levergne, professor of Physical Therapy, and Jill Brinkley, co-director of Turning Point Women’s Health Care, presented a breast cancer seminar designed to provide physical therapists with a basic understanding of the physical and emotional impacts of breast cancer. Workshop topics included breast cancer statistics, treatments, and how to plan and implement a rehabilitation program for women with breast cancer. The seminar was held on November 12.

Kenneth R. Miller, author of Finding Darwin’s God: A Scientist’s Search for Common Ground between God and Evolution, and former vice chairman of GE, defined what needs to be done to a business in the face of today’s sweeping changes including how the rules of business are changing and what this means to our future, where the best opportunities lie, and how you can realistically plan your future in business.

Maureen Howard, a renowned novelist, gave a “Reading and Reminiscences” sponsored by the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages and the Women’s Studies Program. The event was held at University Commons on December 1.

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR LARRY BOSSSIDY DISCUSSES “CONFRONTING REALITY”

Honeywell’s Former Chairman & CEO talks about his latest book and the changing world of business

Larry Bossidy, one of the most respected business executives in recent history, discussed his latest book, Confronting Reality: Doing What Matters to Get Things Right, at Sacred Heart University on Wednesday, November 2. “A Conversation with Larry Bossidy” took place in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at 6 PM, followed by a book signing at 7 PM. Sacred Heart University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. served as host of this event, which is sponsored by the College of Business.

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On November 20th Bishop William E. Lori, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport met with the University community at the University Commons. The evening included a Mass followed by a discussion with the bishop which covered the topics of religion, life and death.

For more information, please visit the Sacred Heart University website at http://www.sha.shu.edu.
“ISSUE/EXPRESSION/REVIEW/CRITIQUE

Sacred Heart University bestowed the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, upon His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios at a special convocation on Wednesday, November 9. Archbishop Demetrios was elected Archbishop of America on August 19, 1999, by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate convened by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. He was enthroned as the spiritual leader of 1.5 million Greek Orthodox Christians in America at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and Exarch of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is the sixth Archbishop of America since the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese was established in 1922.

The special academic convocation included a procession of University dignitaries in full academic dress and a performance by the Youth Choir and Senior Choir from the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.


Top: Dr. Steven Brown, Dean of the John F. Welch College of Business; and Dr. Nancy Sidoti, Dean of University College at SHU. Above: Mr. Bealer, Nancy Sidoti, Dean of University College at SHU, Dr. Brown, Jana Novakova, 2003 NCC graduate and current SHU student and Dr. David Levinson, NCC president.

Forty years ago, the revolutionary document Nostra Aetate reversed the course of Catholic-Jewish relations both on a practical and a theological level. It served as an impetus for Christians to come to grips with Christian anti-Semitism and Judaism and allowed Catholics to recover an awareness of the Hebrew Scriptures as sacred revelation, largely because Catholic religious texts underwent major revisions after the document was created. Now have people of various faiths come to a new understanding of their faith traditions since that 1965 document, Nostra Aetate, opened the door to interreligious dialogue? A consortium of universities, institutes and centers gathered together this past September at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome to discuss and exchange ideas on the subject of this significant question. The wide array of responses and the diverse mix of encounters profoundly reaffirmed the fundamental importance of Nostra Aetate and offered participants a renewed sense of inspiration and respect for its enduring value. Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Religions and Cultures with the Cardinal Newman Center for Judaic Studies, and cosponsored by Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) with the Cardinal Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, and Boston College’s Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, the conference in Rome marked the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate.

Each day, participants studied a different religious issue, ranging from Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Jewish relations to the religious traditions of Asia, and focused on the ways in which people have come to a new understanding of their own faith by examining other faiths. The four-day conference brought together more than 350 people from 20 countries.

Looking towards the future, Dr. David L. Coppola, CCJU’s associate executive director, said, “We are part of a revolutionary movement that began 40 years ago with Nostra Aetate, which denounced all persecutions, hatreds, prejudice, discrimination and displays of anti-Semitism leveled at any time or from any source. The sustained willingness of the Church to continue to refine its understandings and teachings is striking, and this conference celebrates the recent achievements while challenging us to work towards further progress.”

CCJU COSPONSORS CONFERENCE IN ROME

SHU and Norwalk Community College Develop Business Articulation Agreement

Transferring from Norwalk Community College to Sacred Heart University just got a little easier, thanks to an innovative articulation agreement between the two institutions. More than half of Norwalk Community College students transfer upon graduation to four-year colleges and universities to complete a bachelor’s degree.

Faculty and administrators at Norwalk Community College and Sacred Heart University have recently updated an articulation agreement between the schools enabling transfer of credits from NCC’s Business School to Sacred Heart University’s College of Business. The articulation agreement allows students receiving an Associate of Science degree in approved programs at NCC to enter the Sacred Heart University College of Business to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Business.

This “seamless” transfer of credits enables NCC students to complete their B.S. at Sacred Heart in just two years. The agreement extends to students who major at NCC in accounting, business administration, finance and banking, management and marketing.

LEADER OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

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Coursework for the new Bridge Option includes issues of contemporary practice, leadership and management concepts, and expanded diagnostic skills and tools. Students will be enrolled as “transfer students” to the current DPT curriculum, and will complete an additional 30 credits (equivalent to 1 year of study) in a 15-month online program. SHU anticipates accepting 16 students into the program for Fall 2006.

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This conference celebrates the recent achievements while challenging us to work towards further progress. Dr. David L. Coppola, CCJU's associate executive director, affirmed the importance of Nostra Aetate as a catalyst for dialogue and understanding between faith traditions. The conference was held at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome to discuss and exchange ideas on the subject of Nostra Aetate's significant question.

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CCJU Honors Barry Sternlicht and Sister Rose Thering at Nostra Aetate Celebration

Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU) celebrated and honored Mr. Barry Sternlicht (Greenwich, CT) and Sister Rose Thering, O.P., at its Tenth Annual Nostra Aetate Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening, November 17. The Nostra Aetate Dinner took place in New York City, at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Among friends and supporters, Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, executive director of CCJU, presented Mr. Sternlicht with the Tzedaka Award. Mr. Sternlicht, one of the youngest and most respected leaders in the hotel and leisure industry today, is chairman and CEO of Starwood Capital Group and founder of Starwood Hotels.

Rabbi Ehrenkranz explained that tzedaka, a Hebrew term commonly thought to mean charity, is more accurately translated as righteousness or justice. "Barry’s significant deeds in caring for the poor and vulnerable members of society are manifold. I have known Barry since his youth and his example of charitable giving is an inspiration to us all. He has shown, through his outstanding dedication to humanitarian and social justice causes, many compassionate and noteworthy examples of his ability to build bridges of understanding and integrity," said Rabbi Ehrenkranz.

Sister Rose Thering, a Dominican sister and professor emerita of Seton Hall University, was also honored at the dinner. As the recipient of the Nostra Aetate Award, she was recognized for her outstanding commitment to promoting understanding and respect between religions. Due to declining health, Sister Rose was unable to attend the evening’s celebration, so the award had been presented to her in a special ceremony at Seton Hall University on October 23. The moving ceremony was attended by more than 300 well-wishers.

Class of 2009 Makes Community Service a Priority

Following Sacred Heart University’s long tradition of service to the community, a special group of freshmen from the Class of 2009 decided to give up the last part of their summer vacation in order to work in the Bridgeport community.

The students participated in the 10th Annual Community Connections, a weeklong urban outreach program that provides freshmen with a first-hand opportunity to learn about urban realities, poverty, racism, immigration issues and difficult economic conditions.

In the newly expanded program, eight upper class students, together with members of the faculty and staff, shepherded 44 incoming freshmen through a week devoted to community service, taking part in projects that increased their awareness of what life is like for the poor in an urban environment.

Following the week off, on September 1, the students hosted a cookout for their new community friends. The Community Connections program is supported through a generous grant from People’s Bank, based in Bridgeport. The People’s Bank grant also supports the leasing of three “Community Connections” minivans, which are used to transport students to various community service projects during the year.

Service in the local community is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Sacred Heart University, where thousands of students have taken part in a wide range of community activities.

We The People

Members of the Sacred Heart University community had an opportunity to view an exhibit of documents and books related to the U.S. Constitution in the Ryan-Matura Library this past fall. The display was assembled by Reference Librarian Amy Mackie as part of the University’s observance of Constitution Day.

TODAY’S STUDENTS

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‘Major in Success’ Helps Students Choose Degrees and Career Paths

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CAMPUS ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM RECEIVES TOP HONORS

On October 25, at the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking’s 9th annual conference in Cromwell Connecticut, Sacred Heart University was presented with an award for Most Outstanding College or University Contribution in Preventing Underage and High-Risk Drinking. Janice Kessler, SHU’s coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Services, accepted the award on behalf of the University.

Recently, Sacred Heart University embraced the social norming approach to combat underage drinking among college students. Social norming aims to shift behavior by conveying socially “normal” attitudes and opinions through positive marketing campaigns.

Janice Kessler explains social norming as a way to correct the misconceptions of the students and positively impact their behavior and attitudes. “On a national level, 76 percent of students are moderate or non-drinkers, but most students would perceive that the majority of students—their peers—are binge drinkers. We want to challenge students’ misconceptions with the data, with the reality,” she said.

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PROMOTING HEALTHY BEHAVIOR

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Dr. Linkenbach, who is a research faculty member in the Division of Health and Sciences at Montana University and founding director of the internationally acclaimed “Most of Us” project, refers to the scientifically proven social norming approach as the “Science of the Possible.” Social norming marketing aims to shift behavior by conveying socially “normal” attitudes and opinions through positive marketing campaigns.

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The mission of the Student Mentor Program is to ensure that the learning process at Sacred Heart University extends outside the walls of the classroom. The Mentor Program draws on Sacred Heart University’s mission as a model of student development, with a focus on holistic development.

“It is our hope that our students leave Sacred Heart University with a better sense of themselves through the examination of each of the following areas: knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, able to respond to an ever-changing world and with the skills necessary to be leaders in their chosen field,” stated Valerie Wherley, Ph.D., director of the University’s Student Mentor Program.

According to Dr. Wherley, the Student Mentor Program at Sacred Heart University is like none other in higher education. “A new model was created, pairing every incoming freshman with a full-time Students Affairs professional (a.k.a. a student mentor). In doing so, a trusting relationship is built between students and staff. The mentor, in turn, is available to answer students’ questions, assist in times of concern or crisis, and encourage them to make the most of their higher education experience by getting involved in extracurricular opportunities,” she said.

“We understand the challenges that freshmen face and it is our aspiration to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible,” said Dr. Wherley. “It’s wonderful to work so closely with the students in a program that follows the spirit of Sacred Heart University’s mission.”

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According to Dr. Wherley, the Student Mentor Program at Sacred Heart University is like none other in higher education. “A new model was created, pairing every incoming freshman with a full-time Students Affairs professional (a.k.a. a student mentor). In doing so, a trusting relationship is built between students and staff. The mentor, in turn, is available to answer students’ questions, assist in times of concern or crisis, and encourage them to make the most of their higher education experience by getting involved in extracurricular opportunities,” she said.

“We understand the challenges that freshmen face and it is our aspiration to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible,” said Dr. Wherley. “It’s wonderful to work so closely with the students in a program that follows the spirit of Sacred Heart University’s mission.”

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As part of his commitment to the University, Mr. Welch has volunteered to be actively involved with the John F. Welch College of Business through ongoing advice and guidance. He will assist the College as it continues its mission of providing students access to top-quality education and career preparation. Further, he has made the largest gift in the University’s history to assist students in financial need and to foster faculty development and research.

Dr. Cernera noted that Mr. Welch’s decision to lend his name and support to the College of Business is a truly transforming moment for Sacred Heart University. He expressed the “immense gratitude of the entire University community” for Mr. Welch’s personal endorsement of the College’s mission of providing superior educational opportunities so that students can make a positive difference in our society.

On January 25, President Anthony J. Cernera announced that Sacred Heart University’s College of Business will be named for the legendary former chairman and CEO of the General Electric Company, John F. Welch, Jr.

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The second-largest Catholic university in New England, Sacred Heart currently enrolls more than 5,800 men and women in undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral-level course work. The University has been providing business education since 1965. Today, fully 28 percent of SHU undergraduates major in Business, and more than a third of the bachelor’s degrees awarded this past May were in that discipline.

In addition, Sacred Heart has offered its MBA program in Luxembourg, in the heart of the European Union, for nearly 15 years, and has created a new Center for Strategic Planning for Not-for-Profit Organizations. The latter engages MBA students in guiding the efforts of area non-profit agencies as part of their capstone course of studies.

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Linda Bergonzzi King, M.P.H., Instructor
Professor King owns Tribella Productions, a video production and consulting company, and has been producing health communication videos for the past 15 years.

Cheryl Cambras, Instructor
Professor Cambras has taught production and theory courses at the University of Chicago and the University of Iowa, and has worked in the film industry for 10 years. She owns and operates C3 Pictures, a video production company in Stamford.

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It’s no surprise that incoming freshmen, who might quake in fear at the prospect of their first college-level calculus or political science course, are lured into thinking that Media Studies might be a breeze. After all, from radio to video, from television to the Internet, we are awash in media—many of us from infancy. According to a recent study by the University of Southern California, Americans spend an average of 10.5 hours a day in contact with media sources, and about 25 percent of that time we’re absorbing messages, music or information from two media sources simultaneously.

The Kaiser Family Foundation has found that our media habit starts young, with 68 percent of children ages 2 and younger already logging on an average of two hours daily in front of a television or computer screen; children under age 6 spend as much time in front of a screen as they do playing outside, and three times as much time as they spend reading or being read to. Media use continues to ratchet up as we get older and acquire access to more media, more of the time.

However, as Dr. Castonguay will attest, passively absorbing the media is a far cry from understanding how they are created, being able to analyze the messages they carry, or being skilled enough to produce media projects on your own.

In 2003, the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture (MSDC) was created at Sacred Heart to combine social and cultural analysis of the media and communication technologies with media production, including video, film, print journalism, television, radio, photography, and digital multimedia. The curriculum is interdisciplinary by nature and international in scope, blending theory and practice, the historical and the contemporary, and the mainstream with the alternative.

The overall goal of the department, says Dr. Castonguay, is to produce “responsible media scholars, consumers, and communication professionals who are able to analyze the social, moral, and aesthetic value of the media and communication technologies.” Along the way, students acquire “the social and artistic skills involved in the conception, shaping, and execution of their own media/communication projects and career paths.”

Ironically, despite Sacred Heart’s relatively brief history as a university, Media Studies was one of the original majors, offered within the Department of Languages, Literature and Media.

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Studies. However, once the Internet became such a phenomenon in the 1990s, the University developed a Communication and Technology Studies major and approved the separate Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture.

“Basically, the University wanted to meet the needs of a generation of kids who have grown up digitally,” says Dr. Castonguay. “We’ve always had students who wanted to have careers in journalism and radio; now we have students who might want to design Web pages or work on multimedia productions for large companies.” During 2004–2005, MSDC offered a record number of production courses in the areas of radio production, video production, digital film making, television studio production, digital photography, multimedia and DVD authoring, field production, advertising, public relations, screenwriting, journalism, magazine publication, digital photography, internships, and senior production projects. Within production courses, the focus is on individual and collaborative practice based on real-world and internships lend itself to individualized attention as well as the creation of projects that serve the entire University community. For instance, Assistant Professor Debbie Danowski, Ph.D., worked closely with the 30 students who produce the SHU’s student newspaper, The Spectrum. During the academic year 2004–2005, Media Studies and Communication and Technology Studies continued to expand their production practicum curriculum to cover a record number of University and community events.

MSDC has become a favorite on campus, drawing students from around the country because of its innovative courses, access to technology, an award-winning faculty with both academic scholarship and industry credentials (see sidebar). A prime location near the media mecca of New York City, where undergraduates routinely land internships that help blaze a trail towards their desired career goals, is also a draw. Today, MSDC attracts so many students each year that it’s among the top five majors chosen by students in SHU’s College of Arts and Sciences.

One recent graduate, Amanda Veautour ’03 of Bridge, New Hampshire, says she was attracted to Sacred Heart both for its Division I field hockey and the MSDC program. She concentrated on studying writing and radio, and landed “a pretty important internship in promotions at Star 99, which is owned by Cox Radio.” Although the internship was unpaid for a semester, the radio station hired Amanda as an assistant promotions director when it ended. She then went on to work at Sacred Heart’s National Public Radio affiliate, WSHU, after graduation, where she rapidly rose from a job “stuffing envelopes in the business office” to a position in production. In this fall, she was accepted into the graduate program in creative writing at Lesley College in Boston.

“I found my love of writing at Sacred Heart,” she says. “The Media Studies and Digital Culture department absolutely fulfilled my expectations. I was able to get hands-on experience in video production, screen writing and TV production, all while taking theory courses that helped me understand the principles behind what I wanted to do.”

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Amanda Veautour ’03, published author and Creative Writing major at Lesley College

Major Experience

The faculty encourages all Media Studies and Communication and Technology majors to experience at least one internship before they graduate, and many majors complete two or three. In addition to completing internships at top corporate media outlets, students may choose to focus on community outreach and teacher training opportunities as they explore and refine their career goals. SHU students have recently completed internships at the following sites, among others:

- 95.9 Fox Radio
- ABC News
- Bee Harris Productions
- Clear Channel Communications
- Cox Radio
- CBS
- NBC
- Comedy Central
- Connecticut Post
- Complete Graphix, Inc.
- Constitution Capital Corporation
- Cox Radio Star 99
- CNN En Español
- Digital Photo IMA
- DreamWorks Pictures
- Fairfield County Magazine
- Fay/field Minuteman
- Flying Pictures
- Fox Television
- Fox Sports West
- GE Scholars Programs
- HBO
- Inside Edition
- Late Show with David Letterman
- Live with Regis and Kathy Lee
- Major Indoor Soccer League
- MTV
- Niche Media
- Raytheon
- Rogers & Cowan Advertising
- Rosy Night Club
- Sally Jesse Raphael
- Satellite Music Group
- SHU sports teams
- The New York Times
- Tribeca Films
- Unvision
- Various radio stations
- Waterbury Republican American
- Zamar Outdoor Advertising

Each year, the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture hosts a media literacy camp for 12 to 15-year-olds with the Connecticut non-profit Media Knowledge, Inc. MSDC students serve as student teachers, and the camp was featured on the National Public Radio programs All Things Considered, On the Media, and Weekend Edition. The camp was also the subject of an exclusive story in U.S. News & World Report. Building on the summer camp curriculum, MSDC runs a media literacy after-school program in Bridgeport, with MSDC majors serving as student teachers supervised by MSDC faculty.

MEET THE MSDC FACULTY

Cheryl Casey, Instructor
Currently a Ph.D. candidate in Media Ecology at New York University, Professor Casey is researching the relationship of media, religion and culture.

Debbie Danowski, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Dr. Danowski is the author of three popular books, a freelance writer for over 20 years, and a nationally renowned expert on weight loss and food addiction.

Gregory Golda, M.Ed., Clinical Instructor
Gregory Golda teaches production and theory courses, and serves as the faculty advisor to the Media Students Association, for which he was named the Advisor of the Year at the Campus Life Leadership Awards. He also serves the University as the coordinator of Multimedia Productions on campus, and owns Construct Media Studios, a multimedia production company specializing in audio and video production as well as graphic, web and theater design.

Sid Gottlieb, Professor of Media Studies and Digital Culture
Dr. Gottlieb’s special teaching and research interests include film history, literature and film, Hitchcock, Welles, and 17th-century literature. Dr. Gottlieb is the editor of the George Herbert Journal, coordinator of the Hitchcock Annual, and has edited several books on Hitchcock. Dr. Gottlieb’s collection of Welles’s writings is forthcoming, and he has published a variety of scholarly and popular essays.

Garret C. Maynard, Instructor
Garret C. Maynard spent eight years working in the film industry on the West Coast and the last 12 as a cinematographer, literary agent, and Media Studies instructor at several Connecticut universities.

Andrew Miller, Assistant Professor
Dr. Andrew Miller worked for six years as an assistant director in film and television production. He has published papers on early cinema, and is currently completing a history of the sports film genre.
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At the end of the short film that explores real rail dangers such as electrical hazards, trespassing on train tracks, and railroad crossings, Jon Silhavey is credited as the executive producer. Dr. Miller says he served as creative producer guiding the look and feel of the project and occasionally applying his skills to the actual production. “Generally speaking, you could say that the Digital Film-making II class shot most of the principal photography. Anthony Cernera added more footage and helped to organize the materials. Chris Weilk added still more footage, put the pieces together, and crafted the final edit.”

Together, they created a dramatic and well-crafted video that will be used by the MTA to save lives. Mr. Silhavey said Metro-North has sent the video to Operation Lifesaver, which will use it in national and regional programs. Metro-North also plans to show the video at public events, post it on their website and use it as an in-house training video.

“Even though we intended to create a video for young people, ‘The Train Always Wins’ appeals to all age groups,” Mr. Silhavey concluded. “As a student, I would never have imagined that I would have been able to bring my time at SHU, my internship and work assignments together in such a unique way. Working in Metro-North’s Safety Department has shown me first-hand the impact that the problem of grade crossing accidents and trespassing can have.

At one point during taping, a tractor-trailer cut in front of the train we were on. It was a pretty scary moment. Hopefully, by presenting the material in the way that we did, we will be saving lives.”

Why Sacred Heart

Mike Reynolds, Instructor
A freelance advertising and PR writer and videodrome event producer for a diverse group of clients, Mike Reynolds was elected to Meriden’s Board of Education in 2005. His book, The New Girl, was published by America House.

Louise Spence, Ph.D., Professor
Dr. Louise Spence teaches a variety of courses and has published widely. Her most recent book, Watching Daytime Soap Operas: The Power of Pleasure (Wesleyan University Press, 2005), is a meditation on the pleasures of watching and talking about daytime soap operas.

Shaun Mitchell ’08

Media Studies and English Major

Trustee Scholar

The merit-based Trustee Scholar is awarded to entering full-time first-year students.

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Grant Mossarat, Instructor
Grant Mossarat worked as a creative supervisor and copywriter in New York advertising agencies before becoming a freelance copywriter. Since 2002, he has been teaching college and university students in how to create advertising and public relations campaigns for a variety of products, services and social causes in the print, radio and TV media.

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Best Experiences at SHU

I thought I wanted to be a math teacher. Within the first month, though, I started finding out about other cool majors like media studies. I’ve always acted, and I’m a big movie fan, so media studies felt like the best fit for me. I’ve been really active in the SHU Players—I’ve got the lead this year in one of the plays, so that’s fun. I also had a great time during my playwriting class, where I wrote my first two acts play and had it put on by one of the acting classes. I’m also research assistant for a media studies professor who’s analyzing popular magazines to see what values they promote. That’s really opened my eyes to the whole world of marketing in the media. I’ll never look at a magazine cover the same way again.

For Fun

Pretty much every weekend, my friends and I go into New York to grab some cheap Broadway tickets and see a show.
PIONEERS TAKE GOLD MEDAL IN AUSTRALIA...

The Sacred Heart field hockey team departed Fairfield, Connecticut, on Tuesday, June 27th, to embark on a two-week journey to the continent of Australia to compete in the 2005 Arrive Alive Eastern University Games.

The Pioneers weren’t just on vacation in the Land Down Under; they went to Sydney with a purpose. And after five hard-fought games, Sacred Heart accomplished their mission, taking home the gold medal with a 2-1 win over Charles Sturt University Bathurst.

“I am really proud of the girls and how they handled themselves especially in this last game,” remarked head coach Chris Blais. “Despite the pressure from the opposing team and the environment, the team was able to contain posed and focused. Winning this tournament was a great accomplishment and it makes us all very excited for the upcoming season!”

The University of Sydney hosted the 2005-games from July 3rd through 7th in the regional New South Wales town of Tamworth. The event attracted more than 4,200 participants, volunteers and officials from 28 universities and tertiary campuses within New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, making it the largest annual multi-sport event in NSW and the second-largest in Australia.

The 19 sports included in the 2005 Arrow Alive Eastern University Games sport programs are AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cross Country, Equestrian, Golf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball, Rugby Union 10’s, Rugby League 7’s, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Touch, Ultimate Frisbee, and Volleyball.

AND WIN THE 2005 NEC TITLE

Junior goaltender Ashley Del Greco (Merrimack, NH) allowed just one goal in the two games and was named tournament MVP for her performance. Freshman Carisa Eye (Waynesburg, NY), who scored the game-winning goal against Quinnipiac, and junior Jenna McLane (Stowe, VT) were also named to the All-Tournament team.

In addition to the three players who led them offensively in the conference tournament, the Pioneers were also sparked throughout the season by senior Nicole Falco (Stowe, VT) as well as fellow teammates Erika Francisco (Yorktown Heights, NY) and Carisa Eye.

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His mother, Norma Jarrett, remembers her son as a great humanitarian. “My moral barometer,” she called her son, who once talked her into buying him a second bicycle by saying it was so that his friends could ride with him when they came over. In fact, the bicycle was for the father of a friend who immigrated to the United States and had no way to get to work when his car broke down.

Jayson was a person who would give others money to buy lunch when they had none, volunteer to drive for the local Meals on Wheels program, and help raise money for educational supplies for refugee children in Africa. He was a member of St. John’s Roman Catholic Church in Stamford and attended services regularly.

The Pioneer field hockey team, who started the season 0-7, won 31 of their last 33 games, including two over Quinnipiac and Rider in the NEC tournament, to win their first ever Northeast Conference championship. Senior Colleen Carney (Yorktown Heights, NY) scored the only goal of the championship game on a penalty shot early in the second half.

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On the Field

The Pioneers down under...
Anne Duffy and freshman Kathleen Henry at the 2005 Fairfield University Invitational.

Junior Katie Duffy, with twin sister Leaders of the pack:

Pioneer Women's Cross Country Wins First-Ever NEC Title

The Sacred Heart women's cross country team won their first-ever Northeast Conference Championship at the 2005 NEC Women's Championships race held at Immergrun Cross Country Course on the campus of St. Francis (PA), for the first time in league history, co-champions were declared as the Pioneers finished in a first-place tie with Quinnipiac to claim a share of the title.

Sacred Heart's Kathleen Henry (Basking Ridge, NJ) won NEC freshman of the year honors and Sacred Heart head coach Christian Morrison was voted the conference's Coach of the Year by his peers.

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SHU Alumni Panel Offers Undergrads a View of the Future

x Sacred Heart University alumni athletes returned to campus on December 1, to share with undergraduates their experiences in the workforce. The Alumni Career Panel, which was jointly sponsored by the Office of Career Development, the Department of Athletics and Alumni Relations, offered students realistic advice about majors, daily routines and job satisfaction.

The alumni on the panel were Siobhan Russell ’04, Women’s Ice Hockey, who now teaches Special Education in Connecticut; Keith Gatling ’99, Men’s Basketball, a head investigator with the Department of Social Services in Connecticut; Jonathan Bagwell ’04, Men’s Lacrosse, who manages a production company and serves as a youth pastor; Naomi Mickay Gauruder ’99, Equestrian Team, owner of a horse show management company; Jason Walsh ’02, Men’s Lacrosse, who works in finance for Global Financial Services; and Megan Hurley ’02, Women’s Crew, who works as a human resources coordinator for Benfield.

Responding to the event, Director of Athletics Don Cook said, “The young alumni panelists did the University proud. Their presentations and responses to questions were mature, authentic, and a credit to them for being honest about the challenges they experienced.”

Pioneer Women's Tennis Claims New England Championship

The Sacred Heart women’s tennis team won the 2005 New England Women’s Tennis Championship capturing two of the six singles flights and the #1 doubles flight to finish at the top of an eight-team field. The Pioneers finished with a total of 61 points to place ahead of the University of New Hampshire and the University of Rhode Island who tied for second with 52 points. Holy Cross finished fourth (41), Fairfield was fifth (39), Monmouth sixth (37), Providence seventh (36) and Hartford eighth (16).

Leading the Pioneer charge was junior Pam Pillo (Shelton, CT) to win the #2 singles flight and also teamed with senior Lauren Galatie to win the #1 doubles flight. Pillo and Galatie opened their doubles championship run with an 8-4 win over Trimmer and Carrie Simmons of Holy Cross in the opening round. The duo then advanced to the finals on the strength of an 8-2 win over Lauren Bonanno and Gabi Davila of Fairfield. The Galatie/Pillo team claimed the championship with an 8-5 win over UNH’s Olivia Flassar and Lauren Howard. The dynamic duo finished 8-2 in doubles play this fall.

Freshman Laura Murillo (Pittsfield, MA) had an outstanding New England tournament debut, claiming the title in the #3 singles flight and winning with senior Lauren Galatie in the #1 doubles flight. Murillo posted a 6-2, 6-3 win over Trimmer and Carrie Simmons of Holy Cross in the opening round. The duo then advanced to the finals on the strength of an 8-2 win over Lauren Bonanno and Gabi Davila of Fairfield. The Galatie/Pillo team claimed the championship with an 8-5 win over UNH’s Olivia Flassar and Lauren Howard. The dynamic duo finished 8-2 in doubles play this fall.

Pioneer Women's Cross Country Wins First-Ever NEC Title

The Pioneers and Bobcats finished with 51 team points to share the team title. St. Francis (PA) finished third with 61 points while Monmouth (NJ) and Mount St. Mary’s (MD) took fourth and fifth, respectively, in the team competition.

Sacred Heart’s Kathleen Henry (St. Louis, MO) had an outstanding New England tournament debut, claiming the title in the #3 singles flight. Murillo posted a 6-2, 6-3 win over Rachel Werner of Holy Cross in the opening round. Murillo then won 6-1, 6-2 over Tiffany Heineman of New Hampshire to advance to the finals where she would meet Catherine Garam of Montreal. After dropping the first set, 6-3, Murillo stormed back with a 6-3, 6-2 win to earn the championship.

Men’s Soccer Makes First-Ever NEC Playoff Appearance

With new head coach Joe Bareso and an almost entirely new group of players, the Pioneers men’s soccer team completed the second greatest single-season turnaround in NEC history. After garnering just one point in conference play in 2004, the Pioneers piled up 13 points posting an overall record of 7-4-4 and a 4-2-3 mark in conference play, to earn their first ever NEC tournament bid.

The Pioneers won by two freshmen, one on each end of the field. On the offensive side, forward Jason Tessitore (Ansonia, CT) scored a team high eight goals, the third most of anyone in the conference. Tessitore scored the game winning goal in three of the Pioneers seven victories.

Top seed Xavier Powe led the Pioneers to the 2005 New England Championship by winning the #2 singles flight and winning with senior Lauren Galatie to win the #1 doubles flight.

“It was great to see that all the hard work and dedication of our players paid off as we continue to strive to be one of the top Division I programs in the northeast.” Mike Guastelle, Head Coach.
**SHU BASEBALL 2006**

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Acknowledgement and Honors for SHU Alumni

Sacred Heart University has produced over 24,000 alumni in its 42-year history. One of the goals of the Alumni Office is to acknowledge and honor alumni for their achievements since graduating. To accomplish this task, the Alumni Office, in collaboration with the Alumni Executive Council, formed the Awards and Recognition Committee. Each year poses a difficult challenge, as SHU selects top honorees from the many stellar alumni nominated by fellow alums or friends of the University.

Three types of awards are typically conferred at the annual Alumni Association Brunch and Awards Presentation: Pioneer Awards, given to individuals who have made a significant impact in a field or profession, in their community, or for other humanitarian efforts; Distinguished Alumni Awards, given to individuals who have been actively involved with the University; and the Volunteer of the Year Awards, bestowed in recognition of outstanding contributions and significant service to one’s community. The awards were presented during Homecoming on Saturday, October 29. The next Awards and Recognition brunch will take place during Homecoming, September 30, 2006. It will feature the College of Education and Health Professions’ alumni awards as well.

PIONEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Susan Pfister ’86 earned a B.S. in Social Work, was named director of the Westport (Connecticut) Center for Senior Activities the following year, and at the same time earned her master’s degree in Social Work from Fordham University, where she graduated with academic distinction. Sue has also been involved in the community as a member of United Way’s Again Successfully Committee, co-chair of the Coordinating Committee for Westport Senior Services, and chair of the Senior Nutrition Advisory Council. Sue was recently recognized as a “Hometown Hero” by Connecticut News 12, and also had the honor of having the dining room at the Westport Center dedicated in her name as “Sue’s Café.”

Robert Sawicki ’97 earned a B.S. in Media Studies with a minor in Political Science and he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked on Capitol Hill as Senator Joseph Lieberman’s press intern. He then took an internship with Murphy-Putnam Media, a Democratic media consulting firm in Alexandria, VA. Rob rejoined Senator Lieberman’s staff in 1999 and served as deputy press secretary during Senator Lieberman’s Vice Presidential run in 2000 and his campaign for President in 2004.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Edward Swanson ’89 graduated with a B.S. in Business and has been the head basketball coach of our Lady Pioneers since 1990. He transformed the team from a low-level Division II program into a formidable Division I program capable of making it to the NCAA Tournament. Since jumping to Division I in 1999, Ed has guided the Pioneers to a 104-6 record, never finishing lower than third in the league’s final standings. By finishing 18-11 last season, SHU ran their streak of winning seasons to 10 straight. The 2003-2004 season was one for the record books. In it, Ed earned his 200th career victory, the team finished with a program record of 21 victories, and he was named the league’s Coach of the Year. What makes Ed’s success even more special is that his players not only excel on the court, but in the classroom, too. His graduation rate is 100 percent for players who stay in his program all four years, and three times, Coach Swanson’s teams have been named to the Academic Top 25 Honor Roll. And this year, they are off to another great start.

Denise Suffin Tiberio ’89 earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Sociology and was hired as Assistant Director of Student Activities at SHU in 1991, the same year she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from SHU. She is currently the associate dean of Students. During her tenure, SHU student activities have grown tremendously. Legendary comedians like Jamie Foxx, David Spade, and Adam Sandler came to SHU to perform, thanks to Denise’s efforts, as well as bands like the Gin Blossoms, Three Doors Down, and Barenaked Ladies. Denise also helped start Family Weekend and Siblings Weekend, and organized the University’s to participate in various parades, including the Columbus and St. Patrick’s Day Parades in New York City. She has been instrumental in the overall growth of the University’s Band programs, helped start the University’s Men’s rugby team, and has created a highly successful New Student Orientation Program.

Giving Back

When Political Science and History major Timothy McCranor was awarded a merit scholarship, the Dr. Charles T. Eby Memorial Scholarship, it was a testament to the work ethic he has exhibited at Sacred Heart. When he decided that he no longer had the need for the scholarship in his senior year, he immediately saw good use for the money: he gave it back to Sacred Heart. “I was always a great student in high school,” says Tim, “so I really appreciated how much time and effort my professors at Sacred Heart always put into pushing me to do my best and exceed what I thought were my limits. They did an extraordinary amount of work on my behalf, always making themselves available to me even outside of class. I thought it was time I did something good for Sacred Heart.”

In his four years at SHU, Tim notes that there were enormous changes in the resources available to students. “For example, the amount of technology now available to students is unbelievable,” he notes. “There are computers in almost every classroom. Access to technology is a necessity for any kind of academic work today, so I really like how far the school has come in that area.”

Tim, who is now studying Arabic in preparation for applying to graduate programs in International Relations, hopes to see his donation added to other alumni contributions. In the future, he would like to help fund ongoing improvements in SHU’s facilities, like the current library renovation.

“I plan to stay involved,” he says. “I owe a lot to Sacred Heart.”

Edward Swanson ’89

Denise Tiberio ’89

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Edward Swanson ’89

Denise Tiberio ’89

Tim poses with his proud mom, Maggie, at commencement last spring. In addition to the Dr. Charles T. Eby Memorial Scholarship, earned after a letter grade department number. Tim received two gold medals of honor, one for political science and the other for history.
Despite grey skies and the threat of rain, SHU's 2005 Homecoming was a bright and shining success. Special events for the last weekend in October included the festive Alumni Awards Brunch, the Welcome Tent, and reunions for the classes of 1995 and 2000. The traditional Homecoming Parade wound its way across campus, featuring the marching band, creatively decorated floats and costumes by current students. The SHU Pioneers football team smashed their way to an exciting victory against St. Francis (PA) College in front of 3,000 screaming fans.
SHU’s President’s Society Celebrates Friends

Sacred Heart University celebrated and thanked its friends at the annual President’s Society Dinner on Saturday, October 1. The dinner was hosted by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., at the Woodway Country Club in Darien, Connecticut.

The evening began with a cocktail reception, where guests had the opportunity to view a scale model of the University’s master plan. Following warm welcomes by Mary P. Young, SHU’s vice president for Institutional Advancement, and Dr. Cernera, the University’s student choir, 4 Heart Harmony, entertained the guests.

Under the direction of Dr. John Michiewicz, the students performed several pieces, including “What a Wonderful World.” The song accompanied a video presentation created by the Media Studies department featuring highlights from the school year’s activities.

The President’s Society helps the University to provide educational opportunities to students and to foster growth while maintaining the school’s sound fiscal position. Membership is open to any individual, couple, corporation or foundation giving $1,500 or more to the University. Matching gifts from employers count as part of individuals’ or couples’ donations.

The President’s Society aims to inspire others in the extended SHU community to support the University and its mission of producing graduates who are knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world.

For more information on the President’s Society, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 203.371.7860.
Sacred Heart University has named Hans Gram and alumnus Frank R. Martire to its Board of Trustees, the institution's top governing body.

A resident of West Redding, Connecticut, Hans Gram grew up the son of a shipbroker in Oslo, Norway. In 1936 his father was a founding partner of R.S. Platou, an international ship-broking company that serves the shipping and offshore industry worldwide.

Mr. Gram graduated from Oslo’s Commercial College in 1959 and attended the Oslo Academy for Business in 1960. In 1977, he completed the Advanced Management Course for Executives at C.E.I. in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Gram served as CEO of R.S. Platou from 1977 until 1986, and is still a non-executive director of that company. He headed an independent ship-owning company from 1986 until 1990, which he sold when he moved with his family to the U.S.


Frank Martire, a 1969 graduate of Sacred Heart University, is the president and CEO of Wisconsin’s Metavante Corporation, the financial technology subsidiary of Marshall & Ilsley Corporation. The part-time New Canaan, Connecticut, resident joined Metavante in January 2001 as president of its Financial Services Group, and was named to his current position in March of the same year. Metavante has over $1 billion in annual revenue.

Previous to joining Metavante, Mr. Martire served for 18 months as president and COO for Call Solutions, a Wisconsin-based acquirer and integrator of specialized, one-to-one marketing services companies. For a decade prior, he was president and COO for the Financial Institution Systems and Services Group at Fiserv, Inc., also based in Wisconsin. During his leadership at the latter, Mr. Martire built annual revenue from approximately $10 million to over $650 million, serving clients in over 90 countries through operations in the United States, Europe, the Asian-Pacific Rim and Latin America.

Mr. Martire earned a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Sacred Heart University, and an MBA from the University of New Haven in 1973. He and his wife, Marisa, have three children.

Seventeenth Annual Discovery Awards & Scholarship Dinner

Please join us to celebrate with our distinguished honorees and scholars.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, Fairfield Campus

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1972
John B. Kachuba has written Ghosthunting Illinois, which was published by Emmis Books. This is the second book in his Haunted Heartland Series.

1973
Carl Rossi recently accepted a position at Bobcat Company in West Fargo, North Dakota, as director, Global Logistics. Previously Carl was employed at Ryder Integrated Logistics as senior logistics manager.

1975
Mary Ann Sulik was elected the new chief financial officer and vice president of Business Operations at TurboWorx, a software company.

1981
Drew Barrie Daruka was promoted to Transportation Planner 4, which is the highest attainable position, with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), Office of Public Transit (OPT). He joined the TDOT in October 2003; prior to that, he was a statistical analyst with the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.

Jean Ames Sturges was recognized as a Woman of Substance by the Connecticut Post. She was profiled for her work as a volunteer for Operation Hope.

1984
Clarence J. Bastarache was hired as the vice president and chief information officer at Pitney Bowes Capital Services. He previously served as chief information officer for the Automotive Finance division of Mercedes-Benz Credit Corporation and subsequently Daimler Chrysler Capital Services.

Joseph Vincent (’84 MBA) has joined Verilux as chief financial officer. Verilux was founded on the idea of providing lighting products that simulate natural daylight indoors.

1990
Claudine Coba-Loh was promoted to associate professor of Psychology at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she has been teaching since 1998. She was nominated into Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for the fourth time in four consecutive years. Claudine also advises a certificate program in Behavioral Health Care at the college, which prepares students to work in the field of addictions and mental illness.

1993
Ronald Stevenson (’93 MBA) has been appointed in a newly created position to provide clients with full-time, real-time insight into technological trends and developments relative to their industry sectors at GE Commercial Finance. Previously, he served as vice president of Technology Advisory Services for GE’s Global Media & Communication group.

1995
Marc D’Amico (’95 MAT) was appointed principal of Glenville School in Greenwich, Connecticut. He formerly was the assistant principal of Julian Curtiss School, also in Greenwich.

1999
Michael Elgarico is currently pursuing his Master of Arts degree in Higher Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Previously he worked for Northwestern University as the senior assistant Director of International Admissions.

Amy Finkle Grant was promoted to director of sales process and support at Great-West Healthcare in Denver. In her new position, she is charged with implementing various improvements and upgrades to the sales process. She is currently working remotely from the Stanford, Connecticut, sales office.

Elizabeth Hyer accepted a position at Wilen Media in New York as an account director. Elizabeth was previously employed at Direks Associates as an account executive.

1996
Pamela J. Coyne has joined Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in Brattleboro, Vermont, in the firm’s labor and employment practice group. Previously, she was an associate in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, firm of Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Cortese-Costa specializing in employment and labor law.

2000
Eric Larson (’00 MAT) was appointed principal of Burr Elementary School in Higganum, Connecticut. He was selected from a pool of 29 candidates. He previously was the assistant principal at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Groton.

Monson Lane (’00 6th Year) was appointed principal of Cutler Middle School in Mystic, Connecticut. He was formerly the assistant principal at Cutler.
2004

Scott Fitzgerald (’04MAT), athletic director for Stevens High School in Clarendon, New Hampshire, is the host for Corker Sports, which airs on Saturday mornings in the New Hampshire area.

Gus Lindine (’04-8th Year) has been appointed athletic director for Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Connecticut. He previously was the head football coach and special education teacher at Bethel High School in Bethel, Connecticut.

Catherine (Cuba) Cuba-Loh (’00) son, Jason Andrew Loh February 2, 2002

Christine (Serrido) Presti (’94) son, Michael Benjamin Presti April 27, 2005

Coleen (Cardano) Ross (’96) daughter, Kathleen Espyn June 7, 2006

Angela (Howe) Cocchiola (’96) son, October 6, 2005

Stacie (Schmitt) Stueber (’96) daughter, Delanie Anne Stueber, July 3, 2005

Clare (Carlo) McGkeygen (’97) and Kevin McGkeygen (’96) daughter, Holly McGkeygen

June 17, 2005

Gina (Norelli) Kain (’98) son, Anthony Alfred Kain September 29, 2005

Kendra (Heriot) Johnson (’98) son, Andrew Joseph Johnson November 29, 2004

Tricia (Arnini) Velazquez (’98) daughter, Isabella Ann Velazquez, July 6, 2004

Margaret (Hoffman) Simms (’99) and Michael Simms (’99) son, Luke Steven Simms August 24, 2005

Melinda (Le Cren) Marrone (’00) and Joseph Marrone (’99) son, Andrew Joseph Marrone IV, April 2, 2006

Kristina (Kalin) Nash (’01) daughter, Anna-Marie Nash July 1, 2004

in memoriam

Collin Guibanetz (’77) January 2005

Mr. Guibanetz receiving a Founder’s Day Award from Dr. Anthony Crenzas in 1998.

Francis Hutzinger ’73, MBA ’92, of Weston, Connecticut, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2005. Frank was for many years a part of the Sacred Heart University community. He began his studies at SHU in 1971, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1973. Also that year, Frank began his long career at SHU where he was hired as a staff accountant. In 1975, he was promoted to chief accountant, and he eventually served as the University controller.

Frank earned his MBA at Sacred Heart University in 1982. Ten years later, he joined the Student Financial Assistance Office as associate director and ended his tenure at SHU as director of budget for the Division of Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs in August 2000.

A memorial Mass was celebrated for Frank at the University Chapel on November 28.

2003

Kimberly Capasso (’03 MBA) was appointed assistant chief operating officer at Somnia, Inc., a national provider of outpatient surgery services.

Ryan Riley won the Attleboro (Massachusetts) Area Golf Association championship with a score of 8-over-par 292.

Stephanie Carvalho received a Master’s in Social Work from Springfield College in May 2005.

Patrick (Tricia) Staley (’03MAT) has been named assistant principal of H.H. Ellis Technical High School in Danielson, Connecticut.

Mariages

Lisa DeCesare (’95, ’95MAT) and Bret Hanke (’02MAT) July 30, 2005

Emily Houlihan (’00) and Dan Blakeslee June 18, 2006

Colette Reilly (’00) and David Abramowski July 23, 2005

Amanda Astrella (’01) and Daniel Gorton (’02) to August 20, 2005

Kristina Kalin (’00) and Mark Nash, May 30, 2003

Jennifer nobody Holcomb (’02) and Robert Gambardella February 12, 2005

Diana Know (’02) and Scott Urbanlli (’02) October 7, 2005

Jacqueline Head (’02) and Jamie Vaccarino (’99) June 25, 2005

Michaela Molen (’02) and Brian Rydstrom June 25, 2005

2001

Laraine Mehr-Turlis was promot-
ted to vice president and chief financial officer of McCormick & Company Inc., a strategy imple-
mentation consulting company.

2002

Stefanie Carvalho received a Master’s in Social Work from Springfield College in May 2005.

Alumni Participation is crucially important to the vitality of Sacred Heart University. We encourage your participation at a level that is comfortable for you, whether it is $25, $150, or $1,500—all gifts make a difference. In addition, many foundations and corporations look at alumni participation as they consider their gift to us.

Online Giving

Making your gift is quick, easy and convenient. You can access our secure, online giving site, 24 hours a day, using your credit or debit card. Simply go to www.sacredheart.edu/support.cfm.

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Your employer may double or even triple your gift to Sacred Heart University. In fact, a great number of companies will also match contributions of spouses, directors or retirees.

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2001

Sarah Morrill earned her MS degree in Political Science from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut. She accepted a position as the community development coordinator for the Town of East Haven, Connecticut, after working for four years at Yale University.

The SHU Annual Fund makes possible advancements in areas as…

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Coming Events

April 4, 2006
Alumni Event: Admissions/Aid/Athletics

William H. Pitt Center Board Room
6:30 P.M.

Presentation, followed by a question and answer session and light refreshments.

This event is free, but does require reservations.

Please call 203-365-7671 or email alumni@sacredheart.edu for more information and reservations.

April 17-21, 2006
Theatre Arts Camp for Young Children
By Connecticut Children's Theatre for Pre-K through 3rd grades only
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
4 Sessions to choose from:
9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.
12:30 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.
2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

An intimate introduction to performing arts for young children taught by acclaimed CCT playwright and international performer Patty Creutz; the morning camp will be held in classes of only 15 children. Each daily session is one hour and a half minutes to a performance for family and friends on the stage of The Edgerton Center.

Cost: $125 per child
Contact: ECPA Box Office
Phone: 203-374-2777

April 23, 2006
Michael Cooper, Masked Marvels

Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
2:00 P.M.

Michael Cooper's one-man extravaganza features his breathtaking handcrafted masks, original stories of bravery and wonder, original songs and dance, and a physical repertoire that ranges from the mad cap to the sublime.

Tickets: General Public, $15; Children, $10; Students/Seniors/Faculty/Staff/Alumni, $10
Contact: ECPA Box Office
Phone: 203-374-2777

April 29, 2006
The Amazing Adventure of Peter Rabbit

Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
2:00 P.M.

Produced in CCT's critically acclaimed style of audience participation, sing-a-longs and a strong educational message, this well loved story by Beatrix Potter comes to life in a new musical for Pre-K through 3rd Grades.

Tickets: General Public, $15; Children, $10; Students/Seniors/Faculty/Staff/Alumni, $10
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