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# Announcing!

## SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY'S

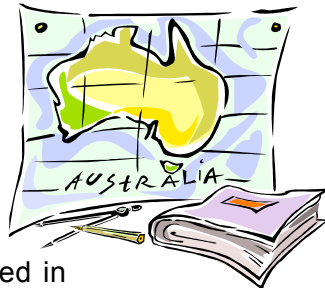
### Study Abroad Program at Notre Dame Australia



Sacred Heart University has been successful in developing a SHU-sponsored study abroad program for undergraduate students at Notre Dame Australia. Located in Fremantle, NDA is a private Catholic university founded in the early

1990's. Like SHU, it was founded under the direction of lay leadership and shares a mission similar to ours. NDA offers a wide variety of courses (arts, technology, social sciences, sciences, humanities, business, nursing, social justice studies, aboriginal studies, etc.) that are challenging, relevant, and responsive to student needs. Community service opportunities are also available and encouraged.

NDA has a second campus at the coastal town of Broome in the Kimberley region of northern Western Australia. Study Abroad students take a specially designed course in Australian History and Politics which includes a field trip to Broome and Aboriginal communities, and they experience the Australian Outback.



Residences for Study Abroad students are located in Fremantle, close to the University. Students are provided with a fully furnished room and a computer laboratory in their building. Kitchen and dining facilities are provided.

The program will be first available in Spring 2004. The Study-Abroad advisor in conjunction

with the academic advisor will work with students on course selection and the applicability of specific courses to SHU programs of study. The program is scheduled to continue for Fall/Spring '04-'05.

A representative from NDA will visit campus on **November 6-7** to meet with students, faculty, and administrators.

### A&S FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED

On September 17, during Opening Academic Convocation, A&S faculty and staff were awarded as follows: **Dr. Sidney Gottlieb**, Professor of Media Studies & Digital Culture, awarded Faculty Scholarship Award; **Dr. Brian Stiltner**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, awarded The John XXIII Award for Campus Leadership, and **Mrs. Loretta Winter**, Academic Department Assistant for the departments of History & Political Science and Philosophy & Religious Studies, awarded Outstanding Service Award.



### *CHANGES in ARTS & SCIENCES*

**Dr. Dhia Habboush**, Professor of Chemistry, will serve as Chair of the Department of Chemistry for the remainder of Academic Year 2003-2004 while **Dr. Babu George** is on leave from the University. We all wish Dr. George a speedy recovery.

## Faculty Development

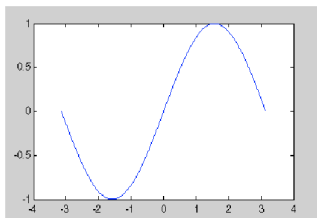
**Prof. Annette Bailey**, Coordinator of Field Education, has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Smith College, one of the most distinguished Social Work Ph.D. programs in the country. The title of her dissertation is: *School-Based Mental Health Providers: Job Tasks, and Responsibilities*. Annette is, to our knowledge, the first graduate of the Sacred

Heart University BSW Program to receive a Ph.D. in Social Work.



**Prof. Joseph Carter**, Affiliate Guitar & Jazz Instructor, performed with The Joe Carter Samba Rio Trio this month at the Brookfield Library featuring Brazilian Jazz favorites as well as original scores.

**Dr. Efim Kinber**, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Information Technology, presented a talk entitled "Learning all Subfunctions of a Function" at the Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) in Washington, D.C in late summer as part of a collaboration. The paper under the same title was published in the proceedings of this conference. Dr. Kinber also collaborated on a paper titled "On Learning Functions Refutably" that has been published in the journal Theoretical Computer Science (2003, v. 298, pp 111-143). And yet another paper titled "On the Intrinsic Complexity of Learning Recursive Functions," also in collaboration, has been published in the journal Information and Computation (2003, v. 184, pp.45-70).



**Dr. Stephen Lilley**, Associate Professor of Sociology, was interviewed by the Connecticut Post for a September 6, 2003 article, 9-11 *Changes Not Wearing Off For Americans*.

**Dr. Peter Loth**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, presented the research paper "Topological p-groups" at the 2003 Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society this month.



Miss Susan Fenimore Cooper, probably in the middle 1850's.  
Photograph by W.G. Smith, Cooperstown.

**Dr. Richard Magee**, Assistant Professor of English, participated in a roundtable discussion on Susan Fenimore Cooper and the Natural History Tradition at the Society for the Study of American Women Writers in late September.

**Dr. Mark Mascia**, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, presented at the Conference of the Society for Renaissance and Baroque Hispanic Poetry in October, a paper entitled, "Taking Inventory of Life and Art in Lope de Vega's 'Égloga a Claudio': Self-Referentiality, Literary Judgment, and Ethics."



**Dr. Pilar Munday**, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, has published 2000+ Essential Spanish Verbs, co-authored with Steven McGroarty & Marcel Danesi by Living Language, 2003. It is a reference book that can be used by college students to complement any upper level language course.

**Dr. Gerald Reid**, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented "*The Iroquois and The Law: New Perspectives: The Kahnawake Context of the Paul K. Diabo Case*" at the Conference on Iroquois Research earlier this month.

**Dr. Patricia Smith**, Director of Music Programs, has been appointed a two-year term as the Professional Standards Chair for the Connecticut Music Educators Association. The committee includes the Head of Adjudication, Head of Certification, the Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education and the State Ed Arts Consultant. Dr. Smith's job is to encourage implementation of the National Music Standards in Connecticut Schools, recognize and reward professional excellence at all levels, and provide a forum for discussion of current issues in Music Education.



### MEDIA STUDIES & DIGITAL CULTURE

The Department of Media Studies & Digital Culture (MSDC) announced the 1st annual **CINEMA AND CULTURE: "Freaks, Geeks and Juvenile Delinquents: An Exploration of Youth Culture"** in September, followed by a free screening of the 1955 classic "Rebel Without a Cause".



This month, the Department presents the **Halloween** edition on **Monday, October 27th**, at 7:15PM in the Schine Auditorium for a screening and discussion of the 1976 Brian De Palma classic horror film "**CARRIE**". Halloween refreshments for all who attend.



### NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

The Science Ambassadors and the Chemistry Department is celebrating the start of National Chemistry Week. **October 19-25**. The Science Ambassadors held a hands-on science workshop for children of all Sacred Heart employees.

### THE CENTER FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT, ETHICS, AND CULTURE

is sponsoring a theatrical performance: "**FOOL FOR CHRIST**," an acclaimed one-woman play about Dorothy Day, cofounder of the Catholic Worker movement, performed by Sarah Melici, Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8 at 7:00pm in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. Please encourage your students to attend! Opportunities for students and faculty to meet Ms. Melici will be arranged. Free tickets for SHU students, faculty, and staff.



For more information, contact **Dr. Brian Stiltner**.

### MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The free screening of "**CIAO, PROFESSORE!**", a comedy about a teacher whose street-smart students teach him some valuable lessons, was offered to the Public courtesy of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, in the end of September.

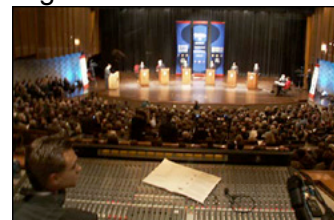
### CENTER STAGE

Remember to Save the Dates for SHU Center Stage "**GOTTA DANCE**" performances scheduled for November 21-22 and the Spring performance April 2-3. Concert Choir performance will be on December 7. More details to follow.



### HONOR SOCIETY EVENT

Pi Sigma Alpha (the Political Science Honor Society), the Young Democrats, and the College Republicans, hosted an exciting and educational student debate. A panel of SHU Young Democrats engaged a panel of SHU College Republicans regarding two very current and controversial international issues. The resolutions are as follows: 1) Resolved: that the United States should use military force preemptively to meet the threats posed by hostile nations and groups seeking to acquire nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. 2) Resolved: that the United States should demonstrate a stronger commitment to international institutions and international law. Held at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Both debates allowed for audience commentary, questions, and balloting. For more information regarding debates of a similar nature taking place on college campuses across the land, please contact the website of the United Nations Foundation: [www.jointhedebate.org](http://www.jointhedebate.org)



### COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

**Dr. Jeffrey Cain**, Director of Communications Across the Curriculum and Assistant Professor of English, hosted the first CXC Workshop: "Peer Review Across the Disciplines" on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was an informal workshop on using peer review techniques to improve student learning. Peer review teaches students to assume responsibility for their own thinking, speaking, and writing.





## Staff Announcements!!

**Mrs. Beverly Boehmke**, Academic Department Assistant, and **Mrs. Carol Esposito**, Department Secretary for the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, graduated from Sacred Heart summa cum laude. Mrs. Esposito graduated with a B.S. in Psychology, in December 2002, and Mrs. Boehmke graduated with B.A. in General Studies, in May 2003.



**Mrs. Cathy Gaccione**, Academic Department Assistant for Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, was a finalist in a Stew Leonard's Customer Recipe Cook-Off on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Out of over 200 entries, 24 recipes were chosen for eight categories, with three contestants in each. Mrs. Gaccione won in the Poultry Category for her **Chicken Marsala** recipe as provided here:

- 1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts – sliced into 2 inch pieces
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1-2 Tbsp. butter/olive oil
- 1 lb. mushrooms sliced
- 1 clove of garlic minced
- 1/2 cup of shallots sliced
- 1 cup of Marsala wine
- 1-2 Tbsp. of tomato paste dissolved in wine
- 1 can of chicken broth
- salt and pepper to taste

Toss chicken pieces lightly in flour. Brown in butter, season with salt and pepper to taste until golden brown. Remove from pan. Brown garlic, shallots and mushrooms, season with salt and pepper, until translucent. Dissolve tomato paste the Marsala and add to garlic, shallot, and mushroom mixture. Cook until wine is almost evaporated. Return chicken to pan. Add chicken broth, stirring occasionally. Cover and cook on low for about 30 minutes, until chicken is fork tender. Serve with rice or noodles. Serves 4.



## Plagiarism



**IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW** the SHU policy on Academic Integrity. The policy appears on-line in the Catalog. A full copy currently appears on pages 6-8 of the Fall 2003 Undergraduate Schedule of Classes. Please refer to this policy in your syllabi and in your in-class discussion on this matter.



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