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The President's 1996-97 Annual Report

DECEMBER

5/Friday Fourth Business Leaders Breakfast Forum, Mahogany Room, 7:30 a.m., sponsored by Corporate Relations. Tickets: \$25. Info: Laurie Bellico 371-7861.

5/Friday Recruitment Day, Ryan-Matura Library, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., sponsored by Career Development. Info: Deanna Fiorentino 365-7644.

7/Sunday–Jan. 22, 1998 “Printer’s Choice” — works by 12 master printers, curated by Francine Halvorsen, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Reception, Dec. 7, 1–4 p.m. Info: Sophia Gevas 365-7650.

13/Saturday Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, gymnasium, Academic Center, 9:30 a.m.–noon, sponsored by Alumni Association. Tickets: \$6 per child. Photos \$2 each. Info: Carol Way 365-4801.

15/Monday Bus trip to New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, Pan Angeli Concert and Dinner, sponsored by REAPS. Tickets: \$125 per person; faculty/students \$100. Info: Carole Akers 371-7867.

27/Saturday–Jan. 11 “Big River — The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” music and lyrics by Roger Miller, Center for Performing Arts. Evenings 7 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Info: 374-2777.

JANUARY

3/Saturday SHU Women’s Investment Club, Pitt Center Board Room, 9:45 a.m. Info: Michele Peloso 365-4897.

23/Friday “Looking at Contemporary Art from a Printmaker’s Perspective,” guest speaker Richard Solomon, president of Pact Prints, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Tickets: TBA. Info: 365-7650.

31/Saturday Alumni Day — basketball vs. Franklin Pierce, Pitt Center. Women’s game 2 p.m., men’s game 4 p.m. Tickets: \$3. Reception immediately following men’s game, \$10. Info: Carol Way 365-4801.

FEBRUARY

1/Sunday–March 5 “Beyond Flowers” — works by Alberta Cifolelli, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Reception Feb. 1, 1–4 p.m. Artist talk: TBA. Info: Sophia Gevas 365-7650.

6/Friday–Feb. 15 “Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris,” musical, Center for Performing Arts. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12.50 seniors/students. Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Info: Box Office 374-2777.

11/Wednesday Graduate Admissions Open House, Mahogany Room, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Info: Michael Schmitt 371-7880.

28/Saturday–March 1 Carlson/Horn Competition for Young Instrumentalists, Center for Performing Arts, co-sponsored by Greater Bridgeport Symphony and Sacred Heart University. Info: GBS 576-0283.

MARCH

22/Sunday–April 20 Student Art Exhibit, Gallery of Contemporary Art. Reception, March 22, 1–4 p.m.; Plohn Scholarship Awards 2 p.m. Closed for Easter holiday, April 8-14. Info: 365-7650.

27/Friday–April 5 “West Side Story,” musical, Center for Performing Arts. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12.50 seniors/students. Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Info: Box Office 374-2777.

APRIL

4/Saturday Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, gymnasium, Academic Center, 9:30 a.m.–noon, sponsored by Alumni Association. Tickets: \$6 per child. Entertainment, contests, goodie bags and more. Info: 365-4801.

24-25/Friday–Saturday Third Annual Northeastern Conference of The Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges, hosted by Sacred Heart University. Info: Domenick Pinto 371-7789.



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music and dances,
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Arts, 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15
adults, \$12.50
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The man who shaped the new Sacred Heart University, President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. (left), extends his thanks to the man who made the health and recreation center a reality, \$3 million donor William H. Pitt, at the dedication ceremony on Sept. 14.



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Closing the books

In one sense, a university never “closes its books.” In fact, it encourages its students to keep them open throughout their lives, ever in search of knowledge and truth. However, in another sense, this University does close its books every June 30, tallying up the financial results at the end of its fiscal year. At



the same time, the University prepares an annual report, a copy of which is included in this issue of Sacred Heart University Magazine. That report, highlighting both growth and fidelity to mission during the 1996-97 year, gives all of us an opportunity for reflection, gratitude and renewed commitment.

The 1996-97 year marked another year of success in implementing our current strategic plan. Focused on and directed by its mission, the University took steps to further improve the quality of the education it offers.

Reorganizing the academic structure into four colleges, hiring four highly qualified administrators as founding deans of those colleges, hiring new instructors and constructing new facilities — all instilled new life and new opportunities for growth into the academic area.

Reaching out to those who dream of a college education but are not in a financial position to pursue one, the University offered increased scholarship help as well as work-study opportunities. Responding to needs in the Greater Bridgeport area, the Service-Learning Program drew the participation of over 1,000 students in various community service efforts.

Looking outside academics, we see a year in which we began construction of the William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center. At the same time, the Athletic Department began an ambitious effort to move its 29 teams from NCAA Division II competition to Division I. In still another area of University life, we celebrate the fact that for the ninth consecutive year Sacred Heart University ended the fiscal year with a balanced budget.

The annual report you will read in these pages will give you further details about these and other accomplishments during the 1996-97 year. For all of them, we are grateful; by all of them, we are inspired to go forward, remaining faithful to our mission as we prepare for a new millennium.

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PIONEERING



Meeting with the Pope

A private audience with Pope John Paul II highlighted a five-day mission to the Vatican sponsored by the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. His Holiness met with President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. (above) and CCJU leaders on Sept. 24. The center also sponsored a reception and dinner in honor of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and co-sponsored an international symposium at the Vatican on "Good and Evil After Auschwitz: Ethical Implications for Today."

Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkrantz, CCJU executive director, termed the visit "a success in every way, especially in ensconcing a deeper understanding of the special relationship that exists between the Jewish people and the Vatican." *Dean Golembeski*

Torreira, Russell say adieu

Two faculty members who made rich contributions to the academic fiber of Sacred Heart University retired at the end of the 1996-97 academic year.

Maria Teresa Torreira, Ph.D., professor of modern languages, retired to her native Spain after 33 years on the faculty. In the final decade of her career, she helped establish the University's relationship with El Salvador by leading several faculty and student trips to the Latin American nation.

Mariann Russell, Ph.D., professor of English, retired after 28 years. Among Russell's accomplishments was a book, *Melvin B. Tolson's Harlem Gallery: A Literary Analysis*, published in 1981 by the University of Missouri Press.

Etc.

ELEVATED: To director of the MBA Program, **Scott R. Colvin**. He will oversee the MBA programs at the Fairfield, Danbury and Stamford campuses and in Luxembourg. Colvin holds the rank of assistant professor of accounting.

COMPLETED: Awarded by Temple University, a Ph.D., to **Madan Annavarjula**, assistant professor of management and international business. Awarded by Pace University, a Doctor of Professional Studies (D.P.S.) to **Edward Gore**, visiting assistant professor of management.

GRANTED: From Systran Corp. of Dayton, Ohio, \$32,581 to **Venu Dasigi**, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science, for a Small Business Innovation Research project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dasigi will conduct research and demonstrate the applicability of innovative document retrieval techniques he developed.

AWARDED: A Silver Apple Award from the National Educational Media Network to **Rebecca Abbott**, associate professor of media studies, for her Connecticut Public Television documentary, "Schooling That Works: The Middle Years." Abbott produced, directed, wrote and narrated the 60-minute video.

ADVISERS: To the Debate Society, **Matthew Reale '86**, adjunct instructor of criminal justice. To *Spectrum*, the student newspaper, **Dean Hinnen**, instructor in the department of languages, literature and media studies, who replaces **Ralph Corrigan, Ph.D.** A final tribute to Corrigan's 14 years of guidance and the leadership of co-editors **Erin Harrison** and **Michele Herrmann '97**: *Spectrum* received a first-place award from the American Scholastic Press Association in 1997.

Finding self-worth in the mail room

During his 31 years, Robert Pate has overcome cerebral palsy and repeated surgeries to repair damaged limbs and joints. But until recently, nothing was more difficult for him to overcome than self-doubt and unemployment.

Now, through the Kennedy Center Supported Employment Program in Bridgeport, Pate and Susan Malesky have secured jobs in the University mail room, where they work two to three days a week.

"Two years ago, I wouldn't have believed I'd be here," says Pate. "I used to think, 'I can't do this and that,' but since I came to the Kennedy Center and Sacred Heart, I've done things I've only imagined."

Among his duties is the operation of a high-speed envelope printer with minimal supervision. After a few lessons on how to properly load the envelopes and how to stop the printer when a problem arises, he regularly participates in the preparation of large mailings. He's also learned to overcome his pride and ask questions when he's unsure.

Malesky, who has Down syndrome, could probably teach the machines a thing or two about stuffing envelopes. As a former piece worker who was paid according to her output, she has learned to stay highly focused.

"Susan works like a precision machine," says mail room supervisor Mason Cobb '92. "We recently brought cake and ice cream to the mail room to

celebrate Susan's 36th birthday. We practically had to pry her away from her work to have some cake."

In the past, 500 undergraduate admissions packages, each consisting of a letter, envelope and application, would take almost a full day to collate. Now, Pate and Malesky routinely hand-stuff a 500-piece mailing before lunch.

The University's relationship with the

Kennedy Center resulted from necessity; it needed a system for handling large envelopes. In the past, the staff and work-study students hand-stuffed much of the odd-sized mail. This caused delays in getting the mail out and affected morale as the staff dreaded hours of tedious labor.

Cobb researched automated equipment capable of handling large envelopes before determining that any new tool might be outdated in a short time. He then turned to the Kennedy Center, where he found the solution to his problem.

The center was founded in 1951 by a group of parents seeking the same opportunities for their disabled children as existed for other children. Named in honor of Bridgeport native Evelyn Kennedy, it provides vocational, educational and therapeutic options for people with mental retardation, psychiatric, learning and physical disabilities.

The 30-year-old Supported Employment Program, under which Pate and Malesky work, was established to provide people with disabilities the training and job support needed to secure employ-

ment. Pate and Malesky are also provided transportation to and from campus.

"When the Sacred Heart opportunity came about we thought it would be great for Robert's self-esteem, which it has," says Kristen Gagnon, a Kennedy Center job developer. "We're there to give them the additional support they need in order to be successful by giving them job coaching."

According to Pate and Malesky's job coach, Carol Zuccarini, they "would rather come to work sick than miss a day at Sacred Heart." Further, she states, "There are people on standby, just waiting to take Robert and Susan's place."

Not only have Pate and Malesky succeeded in relieving the work load, but perhaps more importantly they have touched the lives of those who have come in contact with them. "The difference I notice is that my staff seems to be less stressed and there are fewer complaints," says Denise Richardson, the manager of information services who oversees the mailroom operations.

"It gives me joy to know that they feel they are producing in a very vibrant community," says Cobb. "I feel I'm getting as much from their relationship as they're getting from us." *Arthur T. Gerckens*



Robert Pate on the job.

Running with the bulls



Susan Mangiero, Ph.D., is greeted by Richard A. Grasso, chairman and CEO of the New York Stock Exchange, during her five-day, Teach-the-Teacher Workshop at the NYSE in August. "The program helped me to

know more about the nuances of stock trading on the world's largest exchange," says Mangiero, an assistant professor of finance. "This will be invaluable in helping my students better understand how the stock market works. Moreover, I got some terrific ideas for scholarly research."



Michelle Loris displays her new book.

Orlowski's definitive work

The sweeping economic transformation of the former Soviet bloc countries is covered in comprehensive detail in a new textbook, *Trade and Payments in Central and Eastern Europe's Transforming Economies* (396 pp.; Greenwood Press, Westport; \$115).

Co-editors Lucjan T. Orlowski, Ph.D., professor of economics and international finance at Sacred Heart University, and Dominick Salvatore, Ph.D., chair and professor of economics at Fordham University, have assembled the definitive work on the dramatic changes in financial markets, exchange rates and banking systems in these emerging nations.

Among the contributors are such authorities as Jozef M. van Brabant, Ph.D., principal economics affairs officer for an arm of the United Nations Secretariat; Janos Gacs, deputy leader of the Economic Transition and Integration Project of the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis in Austria; and Marek Dabrowski, former first deputy finance minister of Poland.

"The economic transformation in Central and Eastern Europe is one of the most dramatic systemic changes in world economic history," says Orlowski, a 14-year faculty member. "Our contributors present extensive empirical evidence reflecting the depth and the scope of these changes."

Orlowski and Salvatore met while producing a series of videos for Harper-Collins. From start to finish, their book project required two years of preparation. *D.H.*



Loris explores Naylor's prose

It all began innocently with the reading of a book. Drawn by the power of the author's words and the story line, Michelle C. Loris '70 went on to read everything written by author Gloria Naylor and now has co-edited a book of essays that examines Naylor's work.

"I learned about her by reading *The Women of Brewster Place*," explains Loris, a Sacred Heart University professor of English with doctorates in both psychology and American literature. "It was powerful and poignant. Then I read *Mama Day*. It was a stunning book about the power of love and being changed by love."

In Loris' opinion, Naylor's work embodies elements of all the great classical writers and makes connections to great American authors. For instance, in *Linden Hills*, Loris says, Naylor deliberately rewrites Dante's *Inferno*, noting that two of the characters are modeled after Virgil and Dante. She has taught both *Mama Day* and *The Women of Brewster Place* in her classes.

"She's a growing, emerging voice in American literature. She has an innovative, creative and individualistic style," Loris says. "What's compelling to me is her insight into human complexities and women's experiences."

The professor's book, *The Critical Response to Gloria Naylor* (Greenwood Press, 265 pp.) was released in September and marks the second time Loris and her co-editor, Sharon Felton, Ph.D., of Middle Tennessee State University, have collaborated on a project. Earlier, Loris provided an article for inclusion in Felton's book, *The Critical Response to Joan Didion*. That experience was so positive that when she decided to do a book on Naylor, Loris immediately sought Felton's assistance.

"We really liked working together and we really work well together, despite the geographical distance between us," Loris says.

Once they agreed to do the book, they set out to find those interested in contributing essays. The result was 22 essays by other individuals, more than half of which were commissioned and are original to the collection.

"This is a scholarly, academic book," Loris explains. "Our aim is that it pay some tribute to her as an important and emerging voice in American literature."

To provide essential insight, Loris interviewed Naylor at the author's business in Brooklyn, N.Y., last spring. During the three-hour interview, the two discussed a variety of topics, including an examination of the author's writing process.

"She is a most congenial and hospitable kind of individual. She has the poise of who she is, but no pretensions," Loris says. "I was impressed by her intelligence and her humanity. I guess the one thing that struck me is that she calls herself a transcriber of stories. She says she writes because writing is a way of being human. It's a mission. When I asked her what legacy she wanted to leave, she said she wanted to create a world of people in her stories."

Naylor is no stranger to the University. She was a guest here in 1994 when she received an honorary degree and spoke during Commencement. Loris was a member of the honorary degree committee that year and strongly advocated Naylor's selection. *D.G.*



Instructor Jack de Graffenried (left) shares a light moment with his art students.

Nurturing young artists

On a warm afternoon in Annex One, a group of aspiring artists ages 14-18 are engrossed in their individual pencil sketches. The instructor, Jack de Graffenried of the University art department, walks the room, stopping at each student to offer some pointers or a quip.

"Sean," he says to Sean Ennis, a 16-year-old senior-to-be at Trumbull High School, "your drawing of Jackie Robinson is coming along well, but soften the lines on the plains of the features of the face."

Ennis was among nearly two dozen high school participants in Sacred Heart University's second annual Summer Drawing Workshop, a free, three-week after-school program held on campus in late May and June. The workshop had its genesis in "Operation Bridgeport," the University's ongoing initiative to benefit the Park City's poverty-stricken areas.

This year, in addition to Bassick, Central and Harding of Bridgeport, the scope was widened to include students from Trumbull, Bunnell of Stratford, Fairfield, Shelton and St. Joseph of Trumbull. The program culminated with a juried Summer Art Exhibit on July 27 in the Mahogany Room.

"We want to do something for kids who lack the opportunity to show their work in art shows," says de Graffenried, an assistant professor of art and commer-

cial illustrator whose client portfolio includes *TV Guide*, CBS, HBO, Minolta and the U.S. Postal Service.

"The workshop is very open ... we want to make these kids feel part of the University. No one is required to be here; there is no grade. All I ask is that when you're here, you work."

Keisha Lattery, an 18-year-old senior from Central, is engaged in a portrait of Elizabeth Taylor, using a grid pattern to duplicate the actress' exquisite features. "Drawing comes easy to me and I enjoy it," says Lattery. "Mr. de Graffenried spotted a couple of problems and I made the changes."

At the next table, Terra Wilcoxson, a 17-year-old junior from Trumbull High, sits with knees propped up, her attention focused on a portrait-in-progress of a fashionable woman. "The workshop is giving me more confidence with my drawing," she says.

In keeping with the spirit of Operation Bridgeport, de Graffenried donates his time and talents to the summer workshop. The Betty R. Sheffer Foundation of Westport provided a \$2,500 grant for the summer exhibit.

"For most of these kids, this was the first chance to share their work with the public. I'm thrilled for them," says de Graffenried. Cash awards were presented to the top finishers in three grade categories. *D.H.*

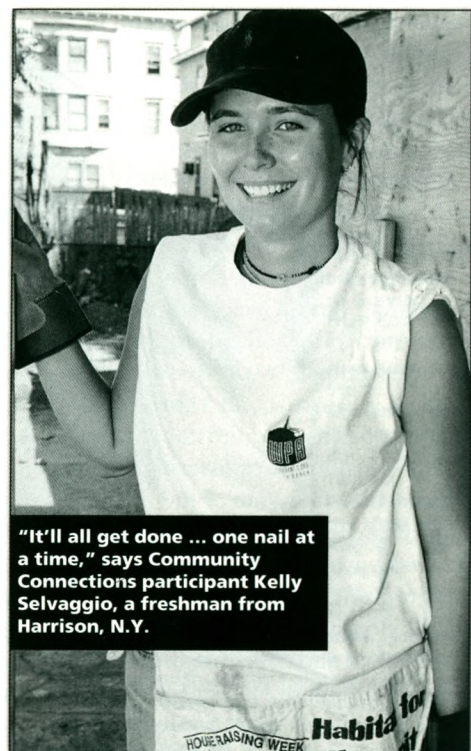
The right Connection

They could have coasted through the final week of summer by relaxing with buddies from high school or earning a few additional dollars from a temporary job.

Instead, 18 first-year students spent the dog days of August participating in the University's Service-Learning initiative, "Community Connections '97," in Bridgeport.

For the better part of the week prior to the start of classes, they wielded hammers and shovels at Habitat for Humanity work sites, prepared and served meals at a soup kitchen, performed landscaping and clean-up chores, and read to children at elementary schools. Their nights were spent together at St. Charles Parish's Urban Center, a modest haven on the city's East Side.

"I'm proud to be doing something to make things better," said Christine Michaud, a freshman from Hartford. "I think I get more out of it than the people I'm helping." *D.H.*



"It'll all get done ... one nail at a time," says Community Connections participant Kelly Selvaggio, a freshman from Harrison, N.Y.

A group of about seven young people, likely students, are gathered outdoors around a young tree. They are all wearing white t-shirts and some are wearing white baseball caps. They appear to be in the process of planting the tree, with some holding the trunk and others working with the soil. The background shows more trees and a building, suggesting a campus setting. The overall mood is one of teamwork and environmental stewardship.

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Sacred Heart University remains true to its mission

During Sacred Heart University's pursuit of enhanced quality in its programs and facilities, an important challenge for the institution has been to remain faithful to its mission while simultaneously introducing change. The University successfully met that challenge in 1996-97. Many of the changes that took place during the past fiscal year balanced tradition, mission and innovation. Serving as a blueprint for this effort was the Five-Year Strategic Plan developed in 1994 by faculty, staff and administration. A vision for growth and improvement, the Strategic Plan itself was continually reviewed, discussed and updated. During the year, preparations began for the development of the next five-year plan, which will guide the University during the next millennium.

Founder's Day 1997

Faculty and Staff Service Awards presented
at the 34th Founder's Day, March 13, 1997

30 Years

Edward Bordeau, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Donald Brodeur, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology
Walter Brooks, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Marian Calabrese, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English
Ralph Corrigan, Ph.D.
Professor of English
William Kennedy, M.A.
Vice President of Public Affairs,
Associate Professor of History and Political Science

25 Years

Alvin Clinkscales, M.A.
Director of Multicultural Affairs
Camille Reale, M.S.
Professor of Management
Christ Verses, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Biology
Rabbi S. Jerome Wallin, M.A., M.S.
Campus Minister

20 Years

Barbara Benjamini, M.A.
Adjunct Associate Professor of English
Edward Donahue '75 B.S., M.A.
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychology
Ramzi Frangul, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Economics
Nancy Frydman, Ed.D.
Associate Professor of Management
Thomas Hicks, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Psychology

15 Years

Scott Colvin, MBA
Assistant Professor of Accounting,
Faculty Athletic Representative
Anna DiCenso '69 B.A., M.A.
Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics
Bonnie Douglas, A.A.
Assistant to the Provost
Seymour Hirsch '77 B.S., '80 MBA
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Rose Marie Kinik, M.A.
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Lawrence Mammone '68 B.A., MBA
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Accounting
Joseph McGuigan '75 B.S.
Coach, Men's Soccer
Gary Rose, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science
Glenna Ross, M.F.A.
Adjunct Associate Professor of English
Geraldine Vitolo
Secretary, Counseling Center
Sylvia Watts, Ed.D.
Director, Academic Incentive Program,
Adjunct Associate Professor of English

**Academics and Faculty:
University realigned
into four colleges**

Change and improvement were perhaps most evident in academics. In December 1996, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to reorganize the University's academic structure into four colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education and Health Professions, and the University College. An international search resulted in the selection of Benoit Boyer, Ph.D., as dean of the College of Business; Claire J. Paolini, Ph.D., as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Patricia W. Walker, Ed.D., as dean of the College of Education and Health Professions; and Stephen M. Brown, Ed.D., as dean of the University College.

Boyer, who is also chairman of the Department of Accounting, served most recently at Laval University in Quebec, Canada, where he was associate dean, director of the undergraduate program and associate professor of accounting. Paolini came from Loyola University in New Orleans, where she was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of modern foreign languages and literatures. Walker had been acting associate dean for the School of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Louisville since 1996. Earlier, she was the school's interim director from 1992-96. Brown had been dean of the Center for Adult Learning at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass.

While the academic administration was being reorganized, the faculty continued to combine tradition with innovation and excellence in teaching while also pursuing professional growth. Among the accomplishments of the faculty, these are worth noting:

John F. Kikoski, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, and his wife, Catherine Kano Kikoski, Ed.D., published their book *Reflexive Communication in the Culturally Diverse Workplace* (Greenwood Publishing Group), a study of the country's changing demographics;

Sondra Melzer, Ph.D., assistant professor of education, published a book, *The Rhetoric of Rage: Women in Dorothy Parker* (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc.);

Gary L. Rose, Ph.D., professor of political science, published his latest

book, *The American Presidency Under Siege* (State University of New York);

Rebecca Abbott, associate professor of media studies, had her second documentary examining successful public schools, "Schooling that Works: The Middle Years," broadcast by Connecticut Public Television.

Three professors shared the president's award for the best presentation at the London Business Ethics Conference. Entitled "Integrating Philosophy in the Business Ethics Curriculum: The Promise of Virtue," the report was presented by Frances Grodzinsky, Ph.D., associate professor of management; John Berkman, Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies; and Diana Mrotek, Ph.D., associate professor of management.

Lucjan Orłowski, Ph.D., professor of

economics and international finance, continued to lend his expertise and knowledge to the developing Central European nations. He presented a paper in January in Luxembourg and lectured in March in Vienna.

As the faculty continued to increase its knowledge and expertise, the University expanded the number of programs it offers, responding in particular to the increasing demand for those trained in the health professions. The bachelor's degree program in Human Movement and Sports Science and the master's degree program in Health Systems Management both were submitted to the state Board of Governors for Higher Education for licensure and accreditation. Meanwhile, the Physical Therapy program admitted its first class of 47 full-



Honorary degrees were awarded at academic convocations to (above) William J. Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America Life Insurance Co. and humanitarian (Oct. 26, 1996), and to Chiara Lubich, founder of the international Focolare Movement (May 21, 1997), here being congratulated by Cardinal William Keeler, the archbishop of Baltimore.

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time graduate students in Fall 1996 and was awarded Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission of Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education.

Significantly, the University's business school was moved from pre-candidate to candidate status for accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The University has a five-year strategic plan to meet the requirements of this accreditation. Additionally, a National League of Nursing accreditation team reviewed the University's self-study report on the master's in nursing and made an on-site visit in March.

In pursuit of its mission to provide educational opportunities to Fairfield County residents, the University signed articulation agreements with Norwalk Community-Technical College and Housatonic Community-Technical College, making it possible for qualified students who complete their education at the two community colleges to enroll and complete their studies toward a four-year degree at Sacred Heart University.

Sacred Heart University's SMART Center, which provides teacher enhancement workshops to K-12 educators, received a \$25,000 grant from the GE

Fund. The grant will enable the University to continue the services it has provided to Connecticut teachers for more than 16 years. Since 1988, these activities have been organized by the University's SMART (Science, Mathematics Area Resource Teacher) Center.

The University also established the Presidential Science Initiative to encourage young people to pursue math and science as avenues for professional growth and to sustain social and economic development in their communities in the 21st century. As part of that initiative, the University held its first Science Initiative Awards Dinner in June. Recognized and presented awards during the event were: Henry C. Lee, Ph.D., director and chief criminologist at the Connecticut State Police forensic laboratory; Robert A. Rosenbaum, Ph.D., a former Wesleyan University math professor and founder of the Connecticut Academy for Education in Math, Science and Technology; Hubert J. Schlaflly Jr., chairman of Portel Services Network, Inc., of Greenwich and inventor of the TelePrompTer; and Gary A. Wilson, Ph.D., director of science and technology at Bayer Corp., Pharmaceutical Division, in West Haven.

Noteworthy among student accomplishments was the induction of 15 students into the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Two members of the Debate

Team, sophomore Shaena Doherty and freshman Brian Merwin, competed against representatives from 100 colleges at the 17th World Debate Championships in South Africa. An individual honor was accorded junior Jessica Clark who received the prestigious 1997 Pfizer Undergraduate Fellowship Award (\$5,000) to continue work on her research, "Impact of Wet Weather Conditions on the Water Quality of a River." Senior Yuki Sato had her work accepted by the Society of Illustrators' Student Scholarship Exhibition, the fifth time in six years a SHU student was accorded the honor. Only 125 entries were accepted from more

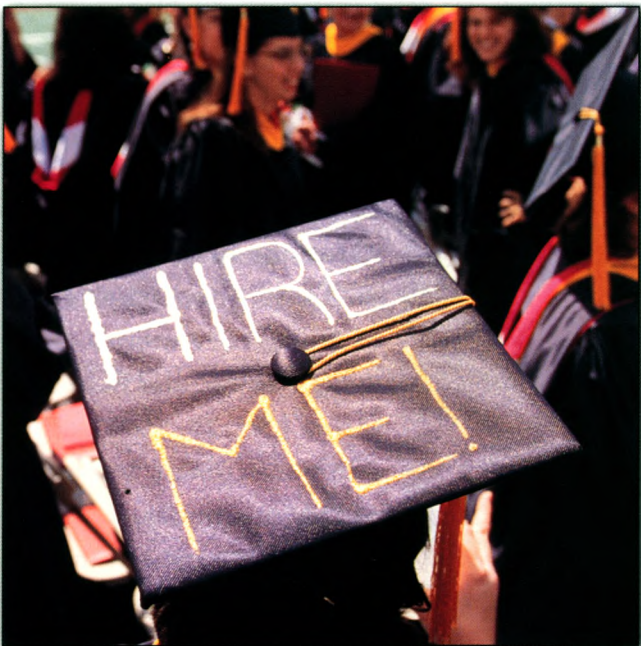
than 5,500 submissions.

The highlight of the academic year was the University's conferral of a record 1,043 undergraduate and graduate degrees to students representing 17 states and four foreign countries during the 31st Commencement on May 18. Stanley N. Katz, Ph.D., president of the American Council of Learned Societies, delivered the Commencement address. Katz and Isabelle T. Farrington, long active in charitable, educational and religious organizations in Connecticut, were each awarded the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*. Class valedictorian was Aimee Hebert, 21, of Centerville, Mass., who achieved a 3.97 grade point average while majoring in biology. She was accepted into Brown University's prestigious Ph.D. program, where she is planning to pursue a career in medical research. Among those receiving degrees were members of the University's first four-year nursing class.

Three days after Commencement an honorary degree was presented to Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement, at a special academic convocation. More than 2,000 guests from around the world attended the event. Cardinal William Keeler, archbishop of Baltimore, delivered the academic address. Lubich, making a rare visit to this country from Italy, addressed the importance of human unity as an outcome of religious experience.

In October, the University conferred an honorary degree upon William J. Flynn, chairman of Mutual of America Life Insurance Co. In presenting Flynn the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, the University cited his many humanitarian efforts in Ireland and elsewhere and for his support of the University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding.

The University's final Commencement of the year took place in Europe. Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission and the former prime minister of Luxembourg, became the eighth recipient of an honorary degree from Sacred Heart University at Luxembourg during the fifth Commencement exercises there on July 5. Luxembourg Archbishop Fernand Franck gave the invocation and U.S. Ambassador Clay Constantinou delivered the welcoming address. A total of 10 MBA's were awarded during the ceremonies.



A sign of the times is worn by a graduate at Commencement 1997. The University conferred a record 1,043 degrees.

**Enrollment:
Six straight
years of growth**

The University's full-time undergraduate enrollment increased for the sixth consecutive year in 1996-97. A record 2,247 students were enrolled for the Fall 1996 semester, representing a 6 percent increase from the previous year and a remarkable 64 percent rise from the 1990 full-time enrollment of 1,372.

The Class of 2000 numbered 604 first-year students. Connecticut and New York, with 214 and 201 students, respectively, had the strongest contingent of freshmen. Eleven other states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Japan were represented in the Class of 2000.

The addition of 192 students who transferred to the University from other institutions in the Fall of 1996 also helped Sacred Heart University solidify its position as the third-largest Catholic university in New England. Total enrollment for 1996-97 was 5,532, which trailed only Boston College and Providence College.

The University's graduate and part-time student programs also continued to offer invaluable degree and non-credit services throughout Connecticut. With a new branch location in Shelton joining the main campus in Fairfield and existing branch facilities in Danbury, Derby, Lisbon and Stamford, the University provided services for 1,484 graduate students and 1,715 part-time undergraduate students in Fall 1996. On the international scene, the University's Master of Business Administration Program in Luxembourg continued to provide the only American MBA program in Central Europe. Nineteen students matriculated in the program each semester.

**Student Affairs/Athletics:
Division I on the horizon**

In keeping with its mission to become a leading Catholic university, Sacred Heart University applied for Division I status with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The process is expected to take two compliance years to complete, making Pioneer teams eligible for Division I competition in the 1999-2000 academic year.

With an invitation to join the Division I

Northeast Conference, the University also gained an exciting affiliation. The 16-year-old conference consists of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Long Island University, Monmouth University, Mount St. Mary's College, Robert Morris College, St. Francis (N.Y.) College, St. Francis (Pa.) College and Wagner College. Two other Connecticut institutions, Central Connecticut State University and Quinnipiac College, and the University of Maryland/Baltimore County were also accepted into the conference.

The decision to elevate the University's intercollegiate athletic program from NCAA Division II was the culmination of a strategic-planning process that began in 1989. This move will place Sacred Heart University on a level playing field with New England's other leading Catholic universities, Boston College, Fairfield University, the College of the Holy Cross and Providence College, all of which compete at the Division I level.

To help ensure a timely and orderly transition to the new William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center, Gary Reho relinquished his duties as football coach to become facility manager. Reho's successor as head football coach, Tom Radulski, was promoted from the Pioneer coaching staff.

On the athletic playing fields and courts, several teams and many individuals distinguished themselves during 1996-97. The women's bowling team, led by Coach Becky Kregling and senior All-America Jennifer Swanson, placed fifth in the National Intercollegiate Bowling Championship at Kansas City, Mo. Swanson bowled the first 300 game of her collegiate career in the Buckeye Classic at Columbus, Ohio.

The men's ice hockey team, guided by a new coach, Shaun Hannah, achieved its finest record, 15 wins against 10 losses,



Sacred Heart University's decision to enter NCAA Division I athletics is underscored by Athletic Director Don Cook, who announces the University's acceptance into the Northeast Conference at the Oct. 14, 1996 news conference in New Haven.

while the women's squad, in just its second season, compiled a 9-3-1 record.

Led by All-America goalie Cheryl Simmons, a senior, and by second-team All-America Deirdre Hynes, a junior, the field hockey team was a competitive 12-7. Hynes also gained All-America honors in lacrosse, joining Michelle Palmer '93 as a two-sport All-America. Men's lacrosse, also directed by a first-year coach, Tom Mariano, put forth an 8-4 record as senior Matt Krepil earned second-team All-America recognition for the third year.

Indoor track and field took both literal and figurative steps forward. Team captain Monique Belisle, a junior, won the shot put in the ECAC Division II championships and Coach Christian Morrison was selected as the Collegiate Track Conference's Women's Coach of the Year.

Two members of the equestrian squad, junior Nicole Fieschel and sophomore Heather Schuck, won ribbons at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's national competition held at Mount Holyoke College.

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To accommodate the continued increase in residential students, the University contracted to use Avalon Gates, an attractive new condominium-style complex located near the campus in Trumbull. A select group of upperclassmen and graduate students resided there during the year. Campus shuttle service was expanded to three separate routes, with an outside staff handling all driving responsibilities.

The Marching Band, joined by President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., and other members of the University community, participated in the Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City.

The Student Union staff oversaw the installation of Channel 6, an informational and entertainment network with monitors throughout the Academic Center. This new channel has improved access to campus information for both students and University employees.

Under the direction of Dean of Students Larry Wielk, the Student Affairs component of Residential Life was restructured and streamlined to provide a more efficient, higher level of service. Included in the changes were the promotions of Kim Sousa-Peoples to the position of assistant dean of students, Cathy Raynis to director of residential life and Denise Sutphin '89 to director of student life.

Community Service: Service-Learning connects in Bridgeport

Fulfilling and fostering the University's mission to assist in the development of people rooted in faith and compassionate in heart, the Office of Campus Ministry provided numerous opportunities for students and staff to serve the Church and the community. In October, 40 students were installed as eucharistic ministers and lectors after completing courses of instruction; 20 students were installed as music ministers. The department co-sponsored and helped organize a presentation on bereavement and grief featuring renowned thanatological counselor Alan Wolfelt in December.

The University expanded its Service-Learning Program to create "Community Connections," a week-long program that allowed 14 incoming freshmen to perform community service in Bridgeport during the week before classes began. The students prepared meals at Merton House, wielded tools for Habitat for Humanity and performed a variety of other tasks. Through the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs, 153 students and staff spent six days during the fall building a new playground for the town of Fairfield. Faculty and administrators continued to participate in Operation Bridgeport, spending weekends in St. Charles Urban Center in Bridgeport to better understand issues confronting the city and its residents and to bring focus to programs mutually beneficial to the city and the University.

The University's efforts were recognized in April, when the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, for the fourth consecutive year, presented community service awards to students and faculty. Students Tina Jones, Rosemary Roselli and Elizabeth Rathbun, together with John Roney, Ph.D., associate professor of history, received awards during ceremonies at the state Capitol.

The University also recognized two outstanding community leaders for their contributions to the Bridgeport area. The Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Potter and Sr. Ann Moles, SSND, each received a Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal, the University's

highest non-academic award, during a September ceremony. Potter is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Bridgeport, while Moles is the director of religious education and the Outreach Program at St. Charles.

For the second consecutive year, the University co-hosted the Connecticut Special Olympics' Summer Games, with nearly 2,000 athletes participating from June 6-8. The University made its athletic and residential facilities available to the athletes as well as to their coaches and parents. The University will host the state games again next year.

Special Events: CCJU, REAPS and Discovery lead way

The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding continued its important outreach work to the world community. In

September, Rabbi Jack Bemporad, the Center's director, delivered the annual Frank Brennan Memorial Lecture, honoring the late publisher who was a leader in furthering dialogue between Christians and Jews. In November, CCJU held a memorial service for the late New York Yankees broadcaster Mel Allen at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. More than 1,000 people, including Yankee legends Yogi Berra and Phil Rizzuto, gathered to hear Cardinal John O'Connor,



Yankee adviser Arthur Richman and broadcasters Curt Gowdy and Marty Glickman celebrate Allen's life and career.

In January, CCJU and the Hersher Center for Applied Ethics co-sponsored a talk by philosopher and author Stephen Edelston Toulmin, the Henry R. Luce Professor of International Relations and Anthropology at the Center for Multiethnic and Transnational Studies at the University of Southern California. Toulmin, considered among the world's leading philosophers, spoke on the subject of "Rationality and Reasonableness in Ethics."

CCJU held its second Nostra Aetate Award Dinner in June in New York City, where it recognized three individuals for outstanding work and commitment to Catholic-Jewish relations. Nostra Aetate Awards were presented to Cardinal Keeler; Krister Stendahl, the Andrew W. Mellon professor of divinity emeritus at Harvard University and Lutheran bishop emeritus of Stockholm, Sweden; and Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N.Y., chairman of the National Council of Synagogues and a member of the Center's Board of Directors.

The University's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies continued its important work. In August 1996, REAPS conducted a two-week program of prayer and spiritual reflection in Leuven, Belgium. Participants from four continents, seven countries and 20 U.S. states gathered for "Inner Sabbath," which was co-sponsored by The American College,

Catholic University of Louvain and Sacred Heart University. The Institute's annual concert, held on Palm Sunday, raised \$7,500 for REAPS programs.

The eighth annual Scholarship Dinner and Discovery Awards on Oct. 19 raised \$225,000 for scholarships, making it the most successful ever. Discovery Awards were presented to: Steve Wiggins, founder and CEO of Oxford Health Plans; Yu-Sai Kan, of Yu-Sai Kan Cosmetics, Ltd.; the Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Guinan, retired pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Greenwich, and Dale F. Frey, chairman and president of General Electric Investment Corp. The Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal was presented to Robert J. Matura, president of Treefort Fellows Consultants and vice-chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

Facilities/Construction Management: Pitt Center symbol of vibrant growth

The most visible examples of change and improvement at Sacred Heart University were the buildings constructed or renovated to create state-of-the-art facilities that will better serve the needs of students and faculty. Chief among these projects was the construction of the \$17.5 million William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center. As the fiscal year

drew to a close, construction on the facility was more than 90 percent complete, on time and on budget. The 132,500-square-foot complex will offer state-of-the-art classroom, recreational and athletic space for the University's emerging physical therapy, athletic and recreational programs.

In addition to the Pitt Center, the University completed \$3 million in renovations and

improvements. The kitchen was expanded to better serve the University's growing student population; a two-story addition to the South Wing added 2,000 square feet to the bookstore on the lower level and 19 new offices and workstations on the upper floor. The second floor of the Campus Center was renovated with new wall finishes, lighting, data/telephone wiring and carpet. Second floor renovations on the North Wing were completed in late August, providing state-of-the-art physical therapy labs, specialized classrooms, a conference room and faculty offices. Construction also began on the North Wing for two more classroom additions.

Friends and Finances: Jandrisevits Learning Center dedicated

In April, the University dedicated The Jandrisevits Learning Center, located on the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library. The Learning Center was made possible when Mrs. Anne Jandrisevits established the \$1 million Peter and Anne Jandrisevits Endowed Fund in 1991 to assist students with learning disabilities. Before the fiscal year ended, Jandrisevits contributed another \$600,000 to her remainder unitrust.

The architect of the library, Val J. Carlson, and his wife, Christine M. Carlson '87, made an \$85,200 gift to Sacred Heart University in honor of the school's founder, the Most Rev. Walter W. Curtis, retired bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport; and the University's first president, William H. Conley, Ph.D., who served from 1963-71.

Significantly, a study by the Connecticut Independent College and University Institute for Research and Public Service (cicuIRPS) determined that Sacred Heart University had a \$176 million total impact on Connecticut's economy in 1996, including an \$84.7 million impact on Fairfield County. The study found that the University's economic activity created 2,527 jobs in Connecticut and 1,738 jobs in Fairfield County. The total jobs created as a result of the University's economic activity generated \$54.4 million in annual earnings, including \$43.8 million in Fairfield County. This employment activity resulted in \$5.4 million in state tax revenue, the study concluded.

Principal figures at the second Nostra Aetate dinner in New York on June 25 were, from left: keynote speaker Cardinal John O'Connor of New York; University President Anthony J. Cernera; Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N.Y.; Krister Stendahl, Lutheran bishop emeritus of Sweden; Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore; and Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, CCJU co-founder and dinner emcee. Waxman, Stendahl and Keeler received awards for their commitment to dialogue and action on important moral, ethical and religious issues.





Looking Ahead: A new year dawns

As Sacred Heart University's 1996-97 year drew to a close, evidence abounded of fidelity to the University's mission and of dramatic growth in every aspect of University life. The University community celebrated that evidence and looked forward to continuing to balance Sacred Heart University's mission and development in the future.

The construction of the William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center continued on a daily basis throughout the 1996-97 academic year.

Statement of unrestricted revenues, expenses and other changes in unrestricted net assets

For the Year Ending June 30, 1997

	<i>(thousands)</i>	
	1997	1996
Unrestricted Revenues		
Tuition and Fees	\$32,787	\$30,366
Contributions	1,107	638
Investment Income	1,383	877
Auxiliary Activities	7,578	6,461
Other	1,054	774
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$43,909	\$39,116
Net Assets released from Restrictions	6,348	6,725
Total Unrestricted Revenue and other Support	\$50,257	\$45,841
Expenses		
Educational Program Services		
Instruction	\$15,160	\$15,471
Student Services	5,732	4,749
Academic Support	4,646	4,172
Public Service Radio Station	1,682	1,332
Auxiliary Activities	8,959	7,213
General Support Services/Institutional Support	12,502	10,305
Total Educational and General	\$48,681	\$43,242
Increase in unrestricted net assets before extraordinary loss	1,576	2,599
Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt		(392)
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 1,576	\$ 2,207



Finance: Record revenues, 9th straight balanced budget

Sacred Heart University achieved record revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 and a balanced budget for the ninth straight year. The University's net unrestricted assets as of June 30, 1997 were \$23.1 million.

Unrestricted revenues totaled \$50.3 million during the year, a gain of 10 percent over the previous high of \$45.8 million in 1995-96. Significantly, these revenues have risen by more than 213 percent since 1988-89, when the initial Five-Year Strategic Plan was implemented. The surplus for fiscal year 1997, before depreciation and extraordinary items, was \$3.6 million.

During 1996-97, the University issued \$6 million of Series D bonds. Proceeds were used for construction projects and enhancements in the Science and South wings.

The fair market value of the University's endowment investment was \$16.2 million as of June 30 compared to \$12.9 million on June 30, 1996. This represented a 26 percent increase.

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Opening Day

William H. Pitt, the man and the health and recreation center, were the focal point of the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony in September.

William H. Pitt is greeted by some members of the Cernera family, Anthony (left), Thomas and Ruth, at the opening of the center.

On a hilltop enveloped by sunshine, Sacred Heart University's proud past and its hopeful future came together on Sept. 14.

On the temporary platform erected in front of the new William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center, the University's fifth president, Anthony J. Cerna, Ph.D., expressed his appreciation to William Pitt, the Fairfield County real estate leader whose \$3 million gift made the \$17.5 million structure a reality.

In the crowd, the daughter of the University's first president shook her head in wonderment at the sight of the three-story, 132,500-square-foot facility — the showpiece that will meet the recreational and physical therapy needs of students for years to come.

"I can't believe all of the changes that have taken place on campus, especially in the past several years. This building is so wonderful, I don't think it would have been in the imagination of the founders," said Eileen Conley, whose late father, William H. Conley, Ph.D., served as the University's first president from 1963-71.

"If my father hadn't become president, we wouldn't have moved here from Wisconsin. I wouldn't have met the people who became my close friends, and I wouldn't have had the excellent education I received," added Conley, a member of the University's second graduating class in 1968.

During the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, Cerna presented three gifts to Pitt — a pair of gold-plated shears, a lifetime membership to the center and a white polo shirt with the name William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center in red.

"This is a very proud day for me. I couldn't be prouder," said Pitt, whose benevolence embraces scholarships for four worthy scholars at Sacred Heart University and for many others at area high schools, the Boy's and Girl's Club of Stamford and the St. Joseph Medical Center in Stamford.

Cerna, whose nine years as president have been marked by an unprecedented era of growth and expansion, spoke in glowing terms of the new center. "This represents our reaching a milestone in our

development as a leading, comprehensive Catholic university," he said.

"The dream, the promise, the hope are being dedicated today. We should savor the accomplishment," Cerna continued. "This is a step along the way, but the journey is not complete. Ten years from now we will be even more of a University than we are today."

To illustrate the University's remarkable growth in 34 years, the president cited two groups of numbers — the 173 students and nine faculty members who were present for the beginning of classes on Sept. 11, 1963; and the 5,500 undergraduate and graduate students, the more than 300 faculty members and 350 staff who comprise the current University community.

Representing the town of Fairfield, First Selectman Paul Audley spoke of the "continued growth of a great University" and called the new center "an accomplishment, not just for the University but for the students. They are getting a wonderful education and are being prepared for life after college."

Before blessing the new facility, the Most Rev. Edward M. Egan, Bishop of Bridgeport and chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, extended his thanks to the University's principal benefactor. "Mr. Pitt, allow me to thank you from the bottom of my heart, because you have such a wonderful heart," he said.

Among the crowd of 600 were dozens of coaches and student-athletes, who were unanimous in their praise for the new facility. "The Pitt Center has energized everyone," said women's basketball coach Ed Swanson '89. "The morale of the staff and the athletes is way up. I haven't seen a place like this anywhere else in New England. It's quite a step up from trailers and the SHU Box."

Dave Bike '69, who coached Pioneer men's basketball in the cozy but antiquated SHU Box from 1978-79 until its closing in February, chose not to enter the Pitt Center until it was completed. "It was worth the wait," he understated.

Designed by Kasper Group, Inc. of Bridgeport and built by FIP Construction, Inc., of Cheshire, the new center combines athletics and recreation with administrative and educational func-

tions, including a physical therapy clinic for student training and public use.

The University men's and women's basketball teams will play their home games on one of the four courts in the new facility, which has a seating capacity of 2,200. In anticipation of the move to NCAA Division I in 1999, each squad will begin to phase in Division I opponents this winter, although all will be met on the road.

PITT CENTER BY THE NUMBERS

1

physical therapy clinic
for student training
and public use

3-0

score of the center's first athletic event —
a women's volleyball win over Bridgeport

4

multi-purpose athletic courts

6

locker rooms
(3 for men and 3 for women
each including sauna, steam room
and whirlpool)

6

physical therapy examination rooms

75

pieces of state-of-the-art equipment,
including Stairmasters, life cycles
and Cybex machines

418

days to complete construction
(June 13, 1996 – Aug. 4, 1997)

500

anticipated fitness center memberships
the first year

2,200

seats in the main arena

132,500

square feet of space

\$17.5 million

construction cost

Violence in sports: answers needed

What constitutes unwarranted violence in sports?

Some answers come readily to mind: A late hit in football, a 95-mile-an-hour fast ball aimed at a batter's skull, a boxer chewing on the ear of his opponent.

"Violence," said moderator Frank Deford, "is like what the Supreme Court justice said about pornography: I can't define it but I know it when I see it."

For nearly 90 minutes, Deford and four other noted journalists debated violent acts perpetrated by athletes — both on and off the playing field — in a symposium at Sacred Heart University. The issues, ranging from over-zealous acts of aggression in the arena to assaults against female students, were settled upon early. The solutions were less obvious, although the panelists agreed that education was one remedy.

The event, "Violence in Sports: Issues and Solutions," attracted more than 650 (including dozens of student-athletes from Connecticut high schools) to campus on Sept. 17 and was part of the dedication week festivities for the Pitt Center.

Senior writer Leigh Montville of *Sports Illustrated* suggested that it is difficult to separate the athlete from the inherent violence of the so-called contact sports. How do you keep a false sense of machismo from erupting into off-the-field mayhem? "The violent person is the good person on the football field," Montville said.

"Apart from fraternities, football players are the most violent on campus," said Deford, the author-commentator who broadcasts his weekly National Public Radio show from the WSHU studios.

Mark Faller, sports editor of the *Connecticut Post*, agreed with his colleagues, although he cited professional football as an example. "I covered the Giants for nine years. They can't turn it off; they've got to have that rage on Sunday," Faller said. "They are gladiators. They are interchangeable parts."

Brian Friedman, deputy sports editor of the Associated Press, noted an increase in violent acts since his return from Russia, where he served as news editor and correspondent in AP's Moscow bureau. "The level of discourse on the field, especially in baseball, is higher," he said.

Compounding the problem is the media's incessant portrayal of sports violence, both in print and on television. Too many hockey fights, too many bench-clearing brawls.

"The NFL doesn't exactly discourage (violence)," said sportscaster Bob Picozzi. "For highlights, they show you the violent hits on the quarterback. Once in awhile, they show a touchdown."

The print media, stated Faller, "is just as guilty of glorifying certain aspects of human behavior. We're more apt to run a photo of a fight instead of something more graceful or esoteric."

"We're sending the wrong message to youngsters," said Picozzi, Connecticut's most prominent name in sportscasting for the past 20 years, most of that time at Channel 8 in New Haven.

Deford asked the audience whether boxing — the so-called "sweet science" — should be abolished. Few hands went up. But Montville, who is noted for his wry, irreverent writing style, evoked chuckles with his comment. "When they show the decline of western civilization," he said, "they're going to show women's boxing." *Don Harrison*



Bob Picozzi,
sportscaster,
Bob Picozzi
Communications:

"Fans are more vulgar. I can't believe some of the comments I heard in Yankee Stadium against Ken Griffey Jr. two years ago in the playoffs."



Frank Deford, author,
Newsweek writer,
commentator:

"Violence is like what the Supreme Court justice said about pornography: I can't define it, but I know it when I see it."



Brian Friedman, deputy
sports editor,
Associated Press:

"There is so much emphasis on the bottom line, a lot of teams are willing to overlook (problem athletes). If Steve Howe could still throw strikes, he'd be pitching for somebody today."

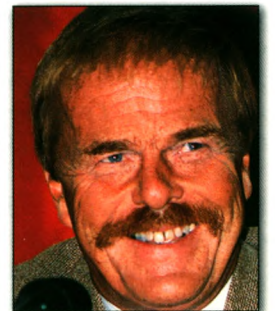


Mark Faller, sports editor, *Connecticut Post*:

"Violence in this country has escalated off the charts. We condone it far too much. We have to be careful what we glorify. We have to check them out."

Leigh Montville,
senior writer,
Sports Illustrated:

"We're dealing with aberrations. Ninety-five percent of athletes don't beat their wives."



Lapchick's harmony is multi-toned

Richard E. Lapchick, Ph.D., is the man bigots love to hate. His doctrine of racial harmony and love is anathema to hatemongers, and he's paid a price for his stance — as the chair of an international sports campaign to boycott South Africa because of its apartheid policies and, since 1984, as the founding director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University.

Telephone calls to his home have begun with the phrase “nigger lover.” The next words are less polite. There was a kidnapping threat against his son. And then there was the February evening in 1978 when Lapchick was working late in his Virginia Wesleyan office and he assumed the knock on the door was that of the college's security officer. It wasn't.

“Two men wearing stocking masks came in, beat me, caused liver damage, kidney damage, a hernia and a concussion. They carved ‘nigger’ on my stomach with office scissors,” he said.

When Lapchick shared this story with a luncheon audience of 500 in the Pitt Center on Sept. 17, the silence in the room became deafening. This chilling episode was part of his powerful message, “Calling Student-Athletes to Action,” that hit home with the multi-racial assemblage of students, faculty and staff, and University visitors.

The son of Joe Lapchick, the legendary Original Celtic center who became coach of St. John's University and the New York Knicks, related his earliest experience with bigotry. “I was five years old when I looked outside my bedroom window in Yonkers, N.Y., and saw my father's image hanging from a tree and people picketing outside my house.”

To bigots, Joe Lapchick had committed the unpardonable sin of signing the

first black player, Nat “Sweetwater” Clifton, in the National Basketball Association.

“For years, I picked up the phone and heard people call my father, ‘nigger lover, nigger lover,’” said Richard Lapchick. “A lot of people did-

n't like the man who to me, was the sun, the moon and the stars.”

To civil rights activists and others, Richard Lapchick is the son, the moon and the stars. When Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa in 1994, Lapchick was among the guests. He serves as an adviser to the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Commission on Fairness in Sports and to the players associations of the NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball on issues of racial hiring practices.

For his untiring work on behalf of humankind, the man who has been called “one of the 100 most powerful people in sports” and “the racial conscience of sports” has received a multitude of humanitarian honors, including the Ralph Bunche International Peace Award.

“I'm not a singular figure at all,” Lapchick said. “I know a lot of people who, if placed in the same historical circumstances, would stand up for what's right.”

On this afternoon, he called upon the student-athletes in the audience — including more than 100 from Hartford's public high schools — to become role models by serving the communities in which they live.

“Racism helps nobody and bleeds the humanity out of everybody,” he said. “If we have taught our children how to hate, we can teach them how to love again. If

they are waging war on one another, we can give them the tools to make peace.”

Don Harrison



PT symposium a success

Anationally known figure in physical therapy helped make the University's first Rehabilitation Science Symposium an unqualified success. Dale Avers, president of the Section on Geriatrics, American Physical Therapy Association, was the keynote speaker for the Sept. 19 event, “Health & Wellness Initiatives in Rehabilitation,” held in the Mahogany Room.

More than 100 attended the day-long symposium, which was co-sponsored by the University and the APTA's Section on Geriatrics and was part of the dedication week festivities for the Pitt Center. With assistance from a recent Allied Health Training grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

symposia will be held on an annual basis.

“The symposium represents a new effort by the health services programs at Sacred Heart University to provide interdisciplinary education for practicing health professionals in our region on topics that are relevant in a changing health care delivery system,” said Michael Emery, Ed.D., director of the University's Physical Therapy program. *D.H.*



Dale Avers (right) with Dr. Michael Emery.

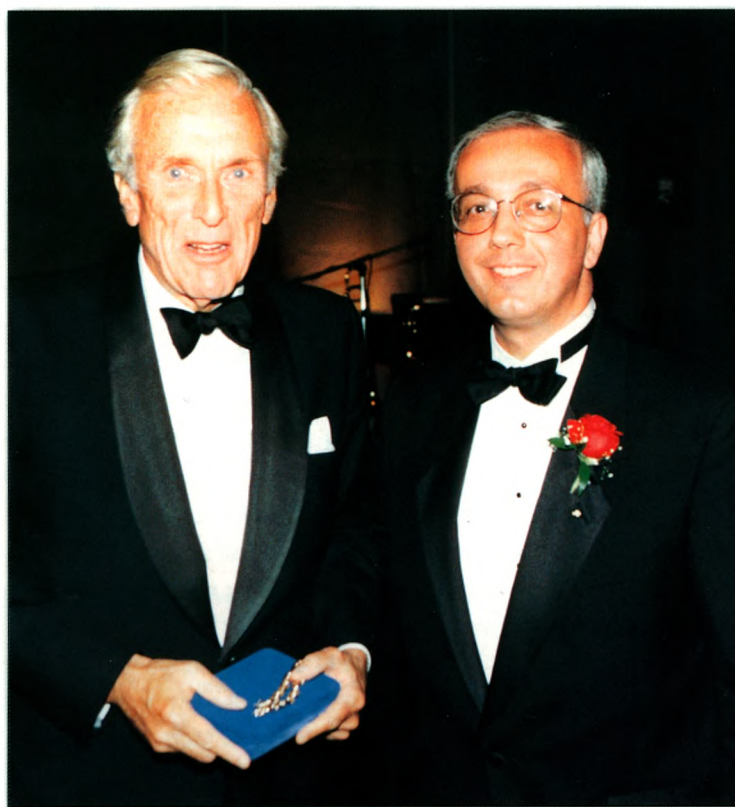
Discovery '97

Dr. Romelee Howard (below) is presented a Curtis medal by Robert Matura, vice chairman of the University's Board of Trustees.

Howard was honored for his long-time efforts as a University trustee as well as for his 43 years as a physician at Bronx Lebanon Hospital.



The first Discovery Dinner in the Pitt Center would have been incomplete without the man for whom the facility is named. William Pitt (right) received a Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor from President Cerna.



For the first time since the Scholarship Dinner and Discovery Awards' inception in 1989, couples were the Discovery honorees.

Among the recipients at the ninth annual dinner on Sept. 20 were Bob and Suzanne Wright, here sharing a moment with President Anthony J. Cerna. Now in his second decade as president and CEO of NBC, Bob Wright has led the network to unprecedented dominance in the industry. Suzanne Wright was feted for her numerous community and philanthropic endeavors, notably for her work with children. The dinner attracted 422 people and raised more than \$200,000 for scholarships.



Elinor U. Biggs was honored for her work in the arts, most recently as founding director of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, an annual five-day cultural event that contributes to the economic revitalization of New Haven. James P. Biggs' distinguished 33-year career at People's Bank has been capped by his promotion from executive vice president to the presidency, effective Jan. 1, 1998.

Jodi Applegate, co-anchor of NBC News' "Weekend Today" and anchor for MSNBC, was a lively, engaging emcee.



Robert E. Ix was saluted for a business career spanning more than 40 years, highlighted by more than a decade as chairman and CEO of Cadbury-Schweppes, Inc., in Stamford. Mildred "Cissie" Ix has balanced a lifelong involvement in education and public relations with volunteer work for the American Association of the Order of Malta.

DEANS SPEAK

THE DEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S FOUR COLLEGES SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS FOR 1997-98 AND BEYOND

By Claire J. Paolini, Ph.D. Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences is the largest, and the most diverse, of the four colleges at Sacred Heart University. With 84 full-time faculty members, the College offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees, associate in arts and associate in science degrees, master's degrees in chemistry, computer science and religious studies, and a variety of minors.

The degrees are offered through 11 academic departments: Art & Music; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; History and Political Science; Languages, Literature and Media Studies; Mathematics; Philosophy & Religious Studies; Psychology; Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice; and Special Programs.

My immediate goal is to aid the faculty and students of the College in establishing a spirit of collegiality and community, a spirit of unity of purpose, a spirit of centrality to the University's mission of delivering the values-oriented liberal arts educational frame into which all of the University's undergraduate degree programs, regardless of college, are set.

This articulation of purpose and college mission will be accomplished through two newly created advisory groups: the Council of Chairpersons formed by the chairs of the 11 academic departments, and the Dean's Student Advisory Council, formed by student representatives of each of the majors offered in the College.

My long-term goals are to guide the College in strengthening and keeping our majors current, to insist on increased inclusion in the curriculum of ethical issues and service learning, to expand in our programs experiential learning opportunities, and to explore possibilities for new academic liberal arts programs as well as cross-college programs in response to changing student and community needs.

Because the faculty are key in improved student satisfaction and retention, I seek to increase recognition and rewards for superior academic advising, to enhance opportunities for continued faculty development and effectiveness in the areas of teaching methodologies, including technological instruction, and to continue support and recognition for scholarly research efforts.

I look forward to participating in Sacred Heart University's goal of becoming a leading Catholic university in New England.

By Patricia W. Walker, Ed.D. Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

My goals for the 1997-98 academic year include the successful completion of two very important positions within the College: the director of nursing programs and the academic field coordinator for the proposed master's degree in the Occupational Therapy program. Both positions will be integral to our future success.

We will also be adding two additional faculty positions in physical therapy next year as we complete the phase-in of the three-year master's in physical therapy. An additional OT faculty member will be added as the professional phase of that program begins. We will start searches for these positions as well this year.

We are currently working on accreditation and/or licensure self-studies in three areas: education, undergraduate nursing and occupational therapy. We expect the outcomes of these processes to be very positive. Both accreditation and licensure are crucial for competitive and quality programs.

In the long term, the College's faculty and administration will look for ways to enhance current programs, develop new and competitive programs and create a structure to support administrative and academic processes that will enable the College to grow.

It will also be important for us to develop new sources of revenue to help support the cost of expanding clinical programs. We expect there will be opportunities for collaborative programming with the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Business and the University College to put us in better position to serve the needs of adult students and our surrounding community.

We anticipate there will be increased demand for courses of study that provide education and health professionals with opportunities to meet requirements for credentialing and to prepare for career advancement. The College's Education Department has been highly successful in these areas. We hope to build upon that success and undertake similar initiatives involving other programs in the College.

By Stephen M. Brown, Ed.D. Dean, University College

The University College brings Sacred Heart University's resources and programs to the adult, the part-time student and the community. It is also the college that develops and implements innovations in pedagogy, delivery and content.

University College administers continuing education, the summer school, winter intersession and distance learning (education via the Internet). Through its LifeLong Learning Center, it designs and delivers conferences, institutes and non-credit courses, including certificate programs, to area individuals, organizations and businesses. Additionally, satellite campuses in Derby, Shelton, Danbury and Stamford are an integral part of the College. More than 3,000 part-time students currently study at Sacred Heart University through University College.

A major objective for the College is to expand its position as



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Business

the regional leader in providing learning opportunities to adult students. To this end, University College will develop, market and deliver innovative non-credit, continuing education, certificates and degree programs designed for adult learners. It will be responsive to the education and training needs of business, social service, professional and governmental organizations.

This year, University College has five major goals, the first of which is to conceptualize, clarify and implement the College's organization, mission and governance. This will include the administrative organization and staffing, and the issues of program approval and responsiveness to the external environment.

University College will also stabilize its part-time enrollment, meet the year's enrollment goals of servicing 3,500 students and enrolling 1,400 new students in the varied courses and programs that we offer. The College will begin to understand part-time student dynamics and implement recommendations from the Sacred Heart University Retention Study.

University College will continue its work with area businesses by marketing its services and providing in-house corporate education programs. The College will also open a new facility in Stamford to better serve lower Fairfield County and adjacent Westchester County in New York. The new facility will be a significant upgrade and provide

additional opportunities for programming and service.

This year, University College will also develop its first degree program for adult learners. Expected to begin in September 1998, the program will be based on the emerging theories of Adult Learning. The long-range plan is for the College to develop and grow as appropriate to support Sacred Heart University's vision to become one of the leading Catholic universities in New England. The College will strive to become a recognized leader in providing higher education services to adult learners. This will be accomplished by stressing teaching, student service and access, responsiveness to the emerging educational needs and the Sacred Heart University mission and values. Technology will be utilized and integrated in the content and delivery of instruction. University College will develop innovative models of adult learning and program delivery, becoming a model of educational services to adult students, not simply a mirror of current practice.

By Benoit Boyer, Ph.D. Dean, College of Business

The objective of the College of Business is to spread and develop knowledge in the field of business administration in order to train executives capable of managing firms and institutions operating in a global economy. The emphasis of our programs is on the ethical component of doing business and on the use of information technology to improve operational efficiency.

In the current academic year, one of the College's goals is to develop a business core curriculum that will respond directly to the requirements of business professionals in the greater Fairfield County area. This will help standardize the curriculum for all business students, regardless of their particular field of interest.

Another goal this year is to ensure that all our facilities offer the same quality of teaching. We will make sure that our off-site facilities in Danbury, Stamford, Derby, Shelton and Luxembourg offer programs of comparable quality and scope.

In the next five years, the College of Business expects to obtain national accreditation from AACSB and will recruit new faculty members to improve our curriculum and development of knowledge.

SWITCHING GEARS **SPORT**

Reho's career switch opens door for Radulski

By Arthur T. Gerckens



When the 1997 Sacred Heart University football team assembled for preseason practice in August, a familiar face was missing. That's because Gary Reho had turned in his whistle as head coach to tackle a new assignment — director of the new William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center.

In six seasons as coach of a fledgling football program, Reho guided the Pioneers through their formative stages, compiling a record of 19-38. But there were highs, notably in 1991 when a virtually all-freshman squad reeled off five straight wins and found itself the subject of a halftime feature on a nationally televised ABC game of the week.

Now, Reho, whose chiseled figure and crew cut contradict his soft-spoken demeanor, again finds himself in the familiar role of builder in the Pitt Center.

"I remember starting the football program when the practice field was smaller than the interior basketball surface of the Pitt Center's multi-purpose courts," says the 44-year-old Trumbull native. "It's fun

to build something. Before I went to college I wondered if I should get into construction. I used to tell my dad, 'I'm gonna go into construction.' He'd say, 'Do you think you'll want to do construction when you're 40 years old?' I'd say, 'Sure, why not?'"

Playing a role in Reho's decision to leave coaching was that he had reached a point in his career where the separation from his family was becoming an emotional drain. After 21 years, the hours away from home — both during the season and the recruiting process — had taken their toll. His coaching experience, combined with a background in physical education, made him a strong candidate for the director's position in the Pitt Center.

When the job was posted, Reho made his move. According to Director of Athletics Don Cook, "Gary knew the place, the people and the mission of this institution. It turned out to be a perfect match." The search for a successor was a comparative no-brainer. Prior to what turned out to be his final season as head coach, Reho had hired Tom Radulski as offensive coordinator.

Radulski's portfolio was extensive: 20

years of collegiate coaching at the Divisions I, II and III levels, including three seasons as head coach at UMass-Lowell. He had learned from some of the finest coaching minds in the business — Columbia's Ray Tellier, Hamilton's Steve Stetson, Allegheny's Peter Vaas, Bill Bowes at the University of New Hampshire (Radulski's alma mater). And Cook liked his straight-from-the-shoulder approach. The final piece of the puzzle fell into place.

"Tom, having been here, was familiar with the surroundings, so there was no exhaustive search for a new coach," says Cook. "The transition was really smooth and orderly and had no disruptions."

This year, the University entered a new football league, the Division II Eastern Football Conference, but the program will move into the more compatible Northeast Conference, a grouping of Division I-AA institutions, in 1999.

"Football is an institutional rallying point around activities and open houses. Nothing can do that better than football," Cook says. "It adds a positive social dimension to the life of the campus."

But if you think Sacred Heart

After six seasons as head coach, Gary Reho accepts new challenges in Pitt Center.

University has forgotten that first and foremost it is an academic institution, look again. According to Cook, "The first year we played Division III institutions and there were no rigid academic standards at that time. Now, we are applying Division I requirements to this year's recruiting class. Our goal remains to graduate kids on time and to enable them to interact with their academic peers in the academic community."

"You are who you compete against," he adds. "This is why we are aligning ourselves with institutions which are like us."

Although some skeptics have questioned the University's ability to compete at a Division I level, Cook is a staunch defender of the school's mission. "Our philosophy will not be changed at all," he says.

Besides, don't underestimate the value of the Pitt Center. "The building definitely makes the statement, 'We are serious about athletics at Sacred Heart University,'" Cook says.

The advantages of playing football at Sacred Heart University are obvious. "We have a great weight room, one of the top playing fields in the East and a tremendous indoor facility," Radulski says.

Scott Chartier, a freshman defensive end from Pawtucket, R.I., will attest to that. Chartier, who has worked as a food vendor at New England Patriots home games, has walked through the players' tunnel at Sullivan Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on game day. "Walking out of the tunnel of the Pitt Center for our first home game was an awesome experience that reminded me of game day in the NFL," he says.

Cook, who was instrumental in the development of the physical plants at both Hartford and Fairfield in his early days as athletic director, regards the Pitt

Center as "a highlight of my career. I'm delighted to have been part of the team of people that created the building we have today."

Although the move from the gridiron to the Pitt Center entails many changes, it's uncanny how some of Reho's new responsibilities resemble his former duties. Instead of formulating a game plan for the next opponent, he's busy overseeing the development of policies and procedures for the new complex. Rather than building teamwork to ensure victory, he's supervising the relationship between Buildings and Grounds and Public Safety units to ensure proper maintenance and security of the center.

But for the first time in 21 years, he's no longer a coach.

"I don't think I'll have time to miss a whole lot," Reho says. "I'll still be around the athletes because it's an athletic center. But as far as interfering or getting involved with the football program, I made it very clear to Tom that I would be there as a resource, but I'm not coaching football anymore. It's definitely his show."

Likewise, the Pitt Center is now Reho's show. And it just may be the best show in town.

Arthur T. Gerckens '98 interned in the Public Relations Department during the Spring 1997 semester.

Coach Tom Radulski meets with his team following its initial 1997 victory, a 27-0 triumph over Assumption.



From All-America to MVP

By Don Harrison

Don McPherson was everybody's All-America at Syracuse University. Name the award and he won it — Maxwell Trophy, Davey O'Brien Award, Johnny Unitas Award. The Heisman Trophy? Well, no, but he was runner-up to Notre Dame's Tim Brown.

As a senior quarterback in 1987, McPherson was a worthy successor to Jim Brown, Ernie Davis, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka and other Orange All-Americans of yore, leading Syracuse to an undefeated season and a No. 4 ranking in the final polls. One would assume that he also was an MVP, right?

He was. And is.

Today, McPherson is the director of MVP — Mentors in Violence Prevention — which is an arm of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University. Each year, he brings a powerful

message to more than 50 college campuses throughout the country and to hundreds of high schools in New England.

"Battering is the single leading cause of injury to women in the United States. Men need to take a pro-active position to prevent this from happening," he told a group of Sacred Heart University athletes and resident assistants (RA's) in August.

After seven seasons in professional football, McPherson decided to channel his efforts into helping young people with "serious life problems." In 1995, he joined the Center for the Study of Sport in Society as co-director of a new program, Athletes in Service to America.

"This is the right kind of work for somebody with a social conscience," he

said. "I could be coaching somewhere ... but in a sense, I'm coaching young people now."

MVP, McPherson explained, views male student-athletes not as perpetrators or potential offenders, but as empowered bystanders who will confront abusive peers. MVP encourages female student-athletes to act as leaders and calls upon women to act as mentors for young girls.

McPherson asked the audience to cite examples of how women are marginalized. Answers arrived from every corner of the Schine Auditorium and he places them on the black-board ... Foul language, sexist jokes, subtle sexist attitudes, verbal put-downs, the glass ceiling.

"This mindset allows violence to happen and can lead to the ultimate crimes of assault, rape and murder," McPherson said, his voice rising. "We — meaning us men — we have to address this with other men.

Women have to challenge other women."

He led the students on an exercise. "Close your eyes and imagine a woman in your life — your mother, your sister, your daughter, your friend — being sexually harassed, assaulted, raped." He paused. "How does it make you feel?"

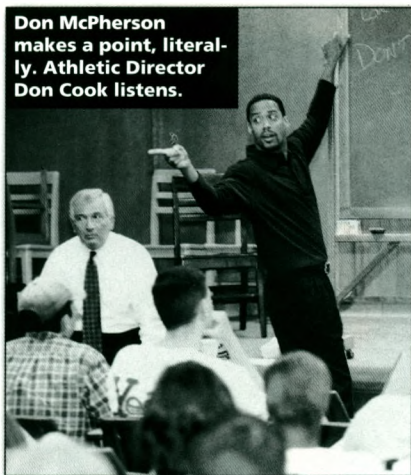
Eyes open and responses pour out.

"Sick," a young woman responded.

"And I would be angry with any person who is sitting there and watching but not preventing it."

"Mad as hell," said a young man.

When the session concluded, McPherson posed a question: "How many here have more sensitivity to the issue of violence against women?" Eighty hands shot up in unison.



Don McPherson makes a point, literally. Athletic Director Don Cook listens.

Winter Home Schedules

Men's Basketball Coach: Dave Bike '69

November		
24/Mon	C.W. Post	8 p.m.
December		
8/Mon	Southern Conn.	8 p.m.
January		
8/Thurs	Bridgeport	8 p.m.
14/Tue	Stony Brook	8 p.m.
24/Sat	New Hampshire C.	4 p.m.
31/Sat	Franklin Pierce	4 p.m.
February		
2/Mon	New Haven	8 p.m.
7/Sat	Albany	4 p.m.
11/Wed	UMass-Lowell	8 p.m.
16/Mon	Bryant	7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball Coach: Ed Swanson '89

December		
4/Thurs	Southern Conn.	7 p.m.
9/Tue	Assumption	6 p.m.
30/Tue	Pace	7 p.m.
January		
8/Thurs	Bridgeport	6 p.m.
14/Wed	Stony Brook	6 p.m.
17/Sat	Albany	2 p.m.
24/Sat	New Hampshire Coll.	2 p.m.
27/Tue	New Haven	6 p.m.
31/Sat	Franklin Pierce	2 p.m.
February		
11/Wed	UMass-Lowell	6 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey Coach: Shaun Hannah

November		
14/Fri	Iona	7:30 p.m.
December		
5/Fri	Quinnipiac	7:30 p.m.
6/Sat	Skidmore	7:30 p.m.
9/Tue	Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
13/Sat	Roger Williams	7:30 p.m.
January		
9/Fri	SUNY-Geneseo	7:30 p.m.
10/Sat	Scranton	7:30 p.m.
16/Fri	Villanova	7:30 p.m.
23/Fri	Wentworth	7:30 p.m.
February		
7/Sat	New Hampshire Coll.	7:30 p.m.
21/Sat	Army	7:30 p.m.
27/Fri	Fairfield	7:30 p.m.
28/Sat	W. New England	7:30 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey Coach: Trina Bourget

November		
20/Thurs	Rochester Tech	8:15 p.m.
22/Sat	Southern Maine	1:15 p.m.
January		
10/Sat	RPI	5 p.m.
17/Sat	Union	7 p.m.
24/Sat	Bowdoin	7 p.m.
28/Wed	Connecticut Coll.	7:15 p.m.
February		
14/Sat	UMass-Amherst	7 p.m.

Fall Standings

	W-L-T
Field Hockey	9-7
Women's Soccer	7-8-1
Women's Volleyball	18-20
Women's Tennis	5-7
Men's Soccer	7-10-2
Football	1-9

What's in a name? Perhaps yours

By James Meeker

From the April 1996 ground-breaking until the official opening of the William

H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center in September, the campus buzzed with anticipation — something akin to what expectant parents experience. As construction and labor gave way to completion, a stunning edifice was born, surpassing even the best of

speculations. Still, many important aspects of the Pitt Center's character remain in the early developmental stage.

Notable in this category are the many naming opportunities that await businesses and caring individuals. James P. Lyddy, Ph.D., vice president for Institutional Advancement, explained why donor recognition, naming and marketing opportunities are a vital part of the Pitt Center.

"We want this facility to be a living, breathing reflection of the generosity and hard work of many people," he says. "Our first priority is to recognize those donors whose contributions to the Special Gifts Campaign made the construction possible. The success of the campaign and the wonderful new friendships that have occurred are a result of strong leadership by President Cernera, dedicated effort on the part of Institutional Advancement staff and, most significantly, the kindness of our contributors.

"Therefore, all Special Gifts Campaign donors will be accorded visible and lasting recognition, and some will have space within the Pitt Center named in their honor. At the same time, we want to welcome new friends to the many opportunities for naming other attractive areas within the Pitt Center."

The athletic training room, the physical therapy clinic and the athletic offices are just some of the naming possibilities. "We know that many corporations and businesses are eager to gain valuable advertising and marketing exposure. The Pitt Center is equipped to provide some very effective vehicles in support of these efforts," Lyddy says.

With Sacred Heart University set to make the move to NCAA Division I in 1999, the Pioneers' athletic program is

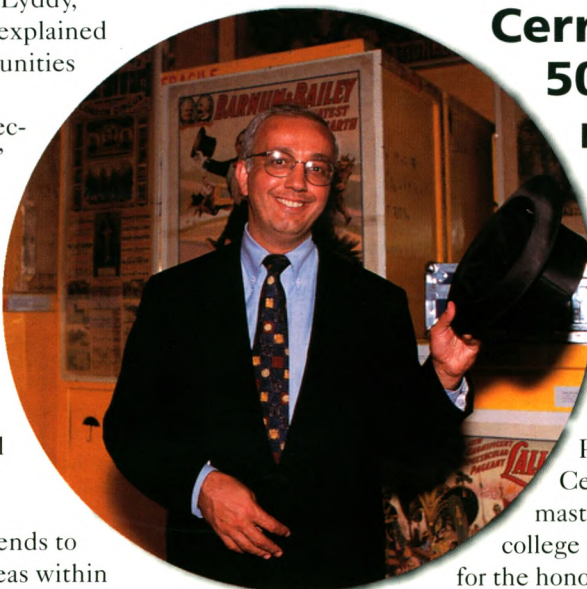


Pitt Center training room awaits naming gift.

primed for additional growth and greater visibility. The Pitt Center Arena alone holds a variety of means by which companies can feature promotions. Among those envisioned are scoreboard and preferred seating sponsorships. "We are open to ideas and suggestions and look forward to working closely with anyone who is interested in the abundant naming and marketing possibilities," says Lyddy.

So, what's in a name? Recognition, especially when it's yours.

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Cernera named 50th Barnum ringmaster

Searching for a dynamic individual to lead its 50th anniversary celebration, the Barnum Festival of Bridgeport turned its attention toward Sacred Heart University and tapped President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., as its ringmaster. He became the first college president to be selected for the honorary position.

Cernera's selection was announced July 23 at the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport. As ringmaster, he will oversee all festival activities and serve as the principal spokesman and master of ceremonies for all events.

The festival, an annual celebration featuring parades, talent contests and other activities, pays tribute to the spirit and legacy of P.T. Barnum, who made his home in Bridgeport. Ringmasters are selected for their outstanding contributions to the community and their professional accomplishments. *D.G.*

CLASS NOTES

'69

John Flynn was promoted to assistant vice president at Ridgefield Bank, which he joined in 1995 as manager of loan and mortgage services. Previously, Flynn worked at Union Trust for 20 years.

Thomas Pantello has joined the Stamford office of People's Bank as vice president of commercial real estate. Prior to People's, he was with American Bank of Connecticut and Great Country Bank. Pantello and his wife, Clare, reside in Trumbull.

'71

Richard Abbate, assistant Republican registrar of voters in Cheshire, has been racing cars since the late 1960s and in 1981 founded his own American Spirit Racing Team. In July, his team finished second in a 24-hour endurance race in Ohio.

'72

William Janski, MBA '82 was appointed corporate credit manager at QAD in Mt. Laurel, N.J. He resides in Medford, N.J.

'73

Joseph Marrone was promoted to director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Bridgeport and is working on his doctorate in educational leadership. He lives in Orange with his wife, Joan DeFilippi Marrone '74, who teaches 6th grade at Race Brook School in Orange. They have two children, Jordan and Christian, both students at Amity Junior High School.

Maryann Rossi Root, director of the Danbury Scott-Fanton Museum & Historical Society, oversaw the museum's 50th anniversary this past May. Root lives in Wilton with her husband, Bruce, and daughter, Maggie.

'74

Betty S. Lynch, MBA '82 has moved to Arizona where she accepted the position of executive director at the Peoria Chamber of Commerce.

Lynch is the former alumni representative on Sacred Heart University's Board of Trustees.

'75

Armando Goncalves of Fairfield was named vice president and area manager of People's Bank Bridgeport East region. Goncalves had been vice president and branch manager at the bank's Bridgeport Center office. He joined People's in 1972, becoming a vice president in 1985. He lives in Fairfield with his wife and two children.

'76

Ronald Sullivan was honored at a testimonial dinner in September following his retirement as chief of the Fairfield Police Department. He served with the department for 36 years, the last six as chief.

'77

Robert A. Lupinacci of Stamford is the founder of Pencraft Communication LLC. The company will provide Stamford-area clients with services in advertising, public relations, marketing and sales collateral materials.

'78

Jane Galgano-Landry and her husband, Mark, became parents of a son, Christopher Ryan, on Sept. 5. Galgano-Landry is the University's human resources manager.

Gary Myers has been named sales manager at American Towns Publishing, *The Magazine for Newcomers*, in Fairfield. He resides in Trumbull with his wife and daughter.

'79

Mary Hoyt was named the 1997 president of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. Hoyt, a certified public accountant and partner in Leask & Leask, a Fairfield accounting firm, had been the chamber's first vice president.

Ann Jevne, a partner and head of the financial planning division of Schwartz & Hofflich LLP in

Norwalk, recently appeared on "Fox on Money," an interview and call-in show on the Fox News Channel. She lives in Westport.

'80

Pamela Smith LaFleur gave birth to twin boys, Andrew and Alexander, on June 13. She is a first grade teacher at McKinley School in Bridgeport. Pamela and her husband, James, live in Bridgeport.

Paul Wohlforth has completed 10 years as a Westport firefighter. He resides in Westport.

'82

Brian J. Piorek married Rebecca M. Gall on June 28 in Greenwich. He is operations controller at Millipore Corp. in Jaffrey, N.H. They live in Temple, N.H.

Timothy J. Russi has been named manager of customer relations at Century Mobile Communications in Monroe, La.

'83

Jerry A. Bazata was promoted to vice president for business development and sales manager/commercial at Peoples Heritage Bank of Maine. In addition, he was named to the Executive Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts of America Pine Tree Council. He resides in Ogunquit, Maine.

Gail Bellucci, MARS was named director of campus ministry at Notre Dame High School in West Haven. She has been a religious studies teacher at the school since 1995. Bellucci lives in North Haven.

'84

Suzanne Ruth Close Findlay and her husband, Mark, of Anchorage, Ala., reaffirmed their marriage vows on Sept. 6 at the Penfield Pavilion in Fairfield. They were married in Anchorage on Aug. 14. Suzanne is employed by the Regal Alaskan Hotel.

Diana Diconzo Maher and her hus-

band, **Matthew Maher '86**, became parents of a son, Shane Ryan, on April 11. Maher is a database administrator at the United Illuminating Co. The family, including Sabrina, 3, lives in Milford.

'85

Fred Palmieri Jr. and Wendy Ralsten '96 were married Nov. 9, 1996 in St. Catherine of Siena Church, Trumbull. Fred is a self-employed real estate appraiser and Wendy is a desktop publisher/office manager in Westport. They live in Trumbull.

'86

Daniel D'Amato and Kate Karl D'Amato '87 became parents of a son, Casey Michael, on July 30. Casey joins sister Jordan and brother Brendan. They live in Cazenovia, N.Y.

Karen Damon Callahan and her husband, Terry, became parents of a daughter, Haley Drew, on May 1. They have three other daughters, Christine, Evelyn and Hannah. They live in Wallingford.

Diana Gentile Lipinski and her husband, Vincent, became parents of a son, Patrick, on Sept. 13. Lipinski is a group insurance administrator with Chesebrough-Pond's, Inc. The family, including Andrew, 3, lives in Trumbull.

Pam London was selected Most Valuable Player of the Triple Crown World Finals, a slow-pitch softball competition, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., on Aug. 21-24. She batted .800 in leading her Connecticut-based team, Big Sky, Montana, to the championship with a perfect 9-0 record. London is co-owner and operator of H.H.H. Cleaning Service in Bridgeport and assistant coach of the Sacred Heart women's softball team.

Matthew Maher, see '84

'87

Kenneth Chirsky and Lisa Cimino '88 were married on July 19 in Grace Lutheran Church, Stratford. Chirsky is manager of product planning at Black & Decker Corp., Shelton and

Cizik team wins Pioneer Open

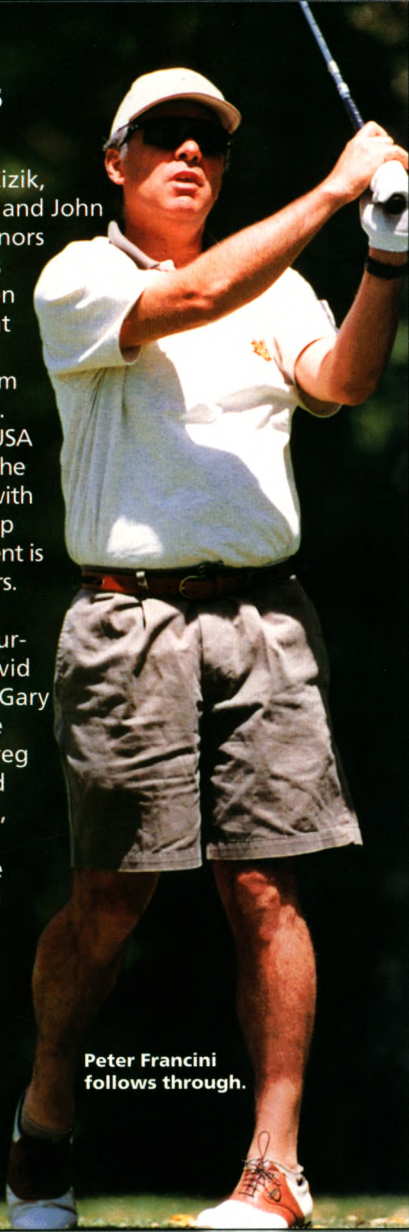
The foursome of John Cizik, Jerry Levitz, Leon Marrano and John Plunkett won low gross honors in Sacred Heart University's eighth annual Pioneer Open Golf Tournament June 16 at Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge. The Cizik team finished with a score of 62.

For the first time, Comp USA served as official sponsor of the tournament in conjunction with the Alumni Association. Comp USA's sponsorship commitment is \$25,000 spread over five years.

Second low gross in the field of 140 went to the foursome of Ray Wojna '76, David Wojna, Joe Perkowski and Gary Timpany with 63, while the team of Steve Courtney, Greg Hutchings, David Loviti and Peter Dobrydniol was third, also with 63.

Al Sawyer produced the longest drive of the day on the 16th hole.

As in the past, the Pioneer Open's proceeds, \$40,000, will provide support for the University scholarship fund. Peter Francini and Robert Grilley '77 served as tournament co-chairmen.



Peter Francini follows through.

Cimino is a senior underwriter at Oxford Health Plans, Milford. The couple resides in Shelton.

Dawn Kelly, MAT was chosen 1998 "Teacher of the Year" in Watertown by her peers and administrators. Kelly, who teaches sixth grade science at Heminway Park School, was cited for her ability "to motivate people to get involved."

Paul Sebben, see '88

'88

Lisa Cimino, see '87

Wendy Chomko Sebben and her husband, Paul Sebben '87, became parents of a daughter, Katie Ann, on Sept. 12. They live in Shelton.

Marsha Willhoit, MAT was named principal of Hampton Elementary School in August, following 11 years as a teacher. She and her husband, Joe, live in Lisbon.

'89

Joseph DeSantis completed three years in China as operations manager of Avon Products Ltd. and has accepted a position in the company's Information Technology Services department as manager of operations support, Asia/Pacific Region, at Avon's world headquarters in New York. DeSantis and his wife, Elaine, reside in Wilton with their son, Matthew.

Kevin Kearney was named controller for Spark Services Inc., a newly acquired division of CUC International Inc., in Stamford. He resides in Redding.

Donald Macrino, MAT is assistant vice principal at Clark Lane Middle School in Waterford. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Waterford with their son, Joseph, and daughters Olivia and Marceline.

Holly Dennis Shea and her hus-

In Memoriam

Robert J. Cafferty '69, a deputy chief in the Bridgeport Police Department, succumbed June 25 in St. Vincent's Medical Center where he was being treated for a heart attack. Cafferty, 69, served 46 years with the Bridgeport police force — one year less than that of his father, Thomas Cafferty, a captain in the department who retired in the late 1960s.

"Robert Cafferty was one of the most dedicated policemen I ever met, including members of other police departments," said Joseph Walsh, a retired superintendent of police. Citing an example of Cafferty's tenacity as an investigator, Walsh recalled how Cafferty went to Puerto Rico to arrest a suspect in a series of burglaries. "He rented a donkey and went into the mountains where he caught the guy," Walsh said.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine, their daughter, a brother and a sister.

Louis DeProfio Sr. '71 of Milford died on Sept. 27 after a long illness. DeProfio, 48, was the director of corporate taxes for the Travelers Group in Greenwich. He is survived by

his wife, Mary Lou, two daughters and a son, his parents and a sister.

Joseph A. Fico '75 died Aug. 24 in St. Joseph's Medical Center in Stamford after a long illness. Fico, 44, owned a National Car Rental franchise in Stamford and Westchester County, N.Y., and was active as a Little League coach and manager for many years. Survivors include his wife, five sons and three daughters.

Fred Luciano '73 of Bridgeport died at St. Vincent Medical Center on Aug. 29. Luciano, 46, was the comptroller of B'Nai Jacob Congregation in Woodbridge and co-owner of the Witt-Luciano & Co., Ltd., accounting services of Fairfield. Survivors include his parents, a sister, sister-in-law and four nephews.

Jeffrey Roberts '84 of New Fairfield, the son of two long-time Sacred Heart University employees, was killed Sept. 12 in a head-on collision on Route 7 in Ridgefield. Roberts, 35, is survived by his wife, Susan, their three children and his parents, Monica Roberts, the University's audio-visual specialist, and Leland Roberts, professor of music.

band, Tim, became parents of their first child, Brady Patrick, on March 4. She is an accountant with Elizabeth Arden Corp. They live in Milford.

'90

Lance Heard, MAT has joined the Epping (N.H.) Middle High School math department. His teaching experience spans middle school to college level.

Jennifer Burns Ignace and her husband, Mark, became parents of a son, Benjamin Donald, on Aug. 21. The family, including Brittany, 2, resides in Ansonia.

Diane Kline was promoted to manager of executive programs administration at Champion International Corp. in Stamford. She lives in Shelton.

Kathleen Robey, MAT co-chaired the annual Harvest Fair at the First

Congregational Church in Kent. She lives in Kent with her husband, Stephen, and son Brian, 3.

Ron Sorrentino was named field office manager of the Bridgeport division of White Oak Corp., a company based in Plainville. He lives in Shelton.

'91

Nicolette Thane Carusone was recently married to Peter Carusone and was promoted to manager of operations analysis for Zotos International, Inc. They reside in Westport.

Beth Eckert, MAT, an elementary school teacher in Fairfield, is looking forward to spending the next academic year teaching English in Colombia through a Fulbright exchange program.

LeeAnne Power, MBA and her hus-

band, Jay, became parents of a daughter, Caroline Lee, on May 29. She is the sister of Brian and Jamie Power. The family lives in Southport.

Scott Schoonmaker, MAT was appointed principal of Old Saybrook High School, where he had been dean of students. He lives in Gales Ferry.

'92

Jennifer DeFelice married Louis Cedrone on Oct. 4, 1996 in St. Joseph's Church, Shelton. She is a senior secretary at People's Bank in Bridgeport. They live in Fairfield.

Jeanine Kollar and Joseph Puma were married May 24 in St. Theresa's Church in Trumbull. They reside in Stratford.

Christopher Pulito married Nancy Roberts on July 12 at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich. Pulito is a middle school teacher in Stratford. They live in Fairfield.

Catherine Swenson, MBA '94 was promoted to convention services manager at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. She lives in West Palm Beach.

Judy Swenton received a master's of science degree in secondary English from Southern Connecticut State University. She is a teacher at Dunbar Elementary School in Bridgeport.

'93

Kim Chiappetta married Michael Del Re Jr. on June 14 in St. Stephen Church, Trumbull. Chiappetta is a recertifying specialist at Physicians Health Services in Shelton.

Leann LaConte, MBA '97 is a senior accountant with Krell Industries of Orange. She lives in Trumbull.

Shannon Reilly Monaco and her husband, Michael Donahue, became parents of a son, Michael David, on Oct. 7, 1996. They live in Milford.

'94

Rev. Cyprian LaPastina, a recently ordained Roman Catholic priest, was named parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Danbury, effective June 6.

Julie Marini married Jerry Kimball on

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Karin Douglas '84



By Don Harrison

She is wearing flight gear, a latter-day Amelia Earhart. She is tall and blonde, athletic in appearance. Two men stand to her left, two others to her right. Another is kneeling, providing instructions. The type above the page one photograph reads "Press Search for Missing Plane."

The six pilots are identified as "flight officers" who participated in more than "100 sorties" in search of a downed single-engine plane in Long Island Sound. The woman in the photo, Karin Douglas '84, nee Kruse, remembers the incident as if it were yesterday, although 30 years have passed since it appeared in the Dec. 18, 1967 edition of the *Bridgeport Post*.

"There were two women on the plane, both beautiful. They were returning home to Bridgeport from Long Island. A tragedy," she said.

Because of her character and determination, Karin Douglas has always risen above the crowd — literally and figuratively. She was trained to fly search-and-rescue missions with the former Flying Sharks squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and, on one occasion, piloted a Cessna 150 to Block Island. "Thirty years ago, I loved to fly. I was stung by the flying bug when I went skiing in Vermont and New Hampshire and had a chance to go up in a glider," she said.

Now a regal 66, Douglas no longer pilots airplanes, but she is charting a course for breast cancer survivors and victims of lymphedema, a painful affliction that occurs after the lymph nodes are removed and limbs become swollen with lymphatic fluids. She is both a victim and survivor.

In July, she was named to the board of directors of the National Lymphedema Network, one of the few non-physicians cho-

Karin Douglas '84 with the bracelet she designed for women who have had breast cancer.

sen. She recently attended her first quarterly board meeting in San Francisco.

Last spring, Douglas helped establish the first Lymphedema Support Group in Connecticut; the group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in Stamford. "There is a young man in our support group who has lymphedema of the arm, but he never had cancer," she said.

Douglas has helped in more tangible ways, too. She developed a wristband for hospitalized breast cancer patients that alerts staff to avoid treatment that could cause lymphedema, and created a steel bracelet for daily wear by women who have had breast cancer.

Yes, she spends most of her time on terra firma now, as wife (to Robert Douglas, a retired machine design engineer), compliance coordinator for ITT Flygt Corp. in Trumbull and lymphedema volunteer extraordinaire.

Beyond the norm, defying convention

It seems that Karin Douglas has always gone beyond the norm, has always defied convention. It's clear that she is a survivor.

As a 13-year-old in May 1945, Karin Kruse was with her family in Berlin when Soviet tanks overran the German capital and the Nazi regime crumbled. Her father, a technician working with the rocket scientist Wernher von Braun, had moved the family back to Germany from Poland to escape the Russian onslaught. "Terrible memories," she says of that period in her life. "I don't like to talk about it."

She learned the fundamentals of engineering through a two-year apprenticeship in Switzerland, a country known for the intoxicating beauty of its mountains but a culture where women were viewed as second-class citizens. "Even in the 1950s women had no voting rights." Divorced from her first husband and seeking greater opportunities, she immigrated to America in the spring of 1963.

Six years later, she married a man described as a "confirmed bachelor," the enterprising suitor who sent her his resume with the note, "Would you employ this man as your husband?" Twenty-eight years later, the marriage of Robert and Karin Douglas endures.

At 49, she enrolled at Sacred Heart University, determined to gather the knowledge and skills that would lead to a better job.

A close friend and Stratford neighbor, Evelyn M. Conley, the widow of the University's first president, William H. Conley, Ph.D., provided much-needed encouragement.

"Mrs. Conley was the first female graduate of the Loyola (Ill.) Law School and had her own law firm in Bridgeport," Douglas said. "She was the one who recommended that I broaden my education and come to Sacred Heart."

Douglas had learned English well enough in her native Germany and Switzerland to succeed in an American classroom. Working days as an electrical designer at the former Air Correction Division of UOP in Norwalk, she was able to breeze through two evening courses a semester and, in 1984, graduated *magna cum laude* with an A.S. degree in legal administration.

Thomas P. Melady, Ph.D., who served as University president during Douglas' student years, remembers her fondly. "She is one of those great stories who have been helped by Sacred Heart University and had a lot to offer," the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican said from his Washington, D.C., office.

Yes, a lot to offer. In 1988, Douglas kept a secret promise by establishing the Evelyn M. Conley Scholarship Fund, which annually provides scholarships to students pursuing majors in the Legal Assistant Program.

"Evelyn was my mentor. I always believed that if the Good Lord gave me a decent job, I would establish a scholarship in the name of Evelyn Conley. I wanted it especially for Continuing Education students who don't have a tuition plan where they work," she said.

Douglas' generosity reached new heights this spring. She contributed \$100,000 more to the Conley Scholarship Fund and, with assistance from the University, created the Karin N. Douglas Charitable Remainder Trust. She is gratified that upon her death, the scholarship and her trust will continue to benefit generations of future Sacred Heart University students.

"My husband and I don't have any children, so assisting these students is very rewarding for us. I know how difficult it is to work and attend school at night," she explained.

What would the late Evelyn Conley say about the scholarship that perpetuates her name and does so much good?

Douglas thought for a moment before responding. "I think she would be very pleased," she said with a soft smile.

June 21 in St. Ann's Church, Milford. Marini is an audit team leader at Oxford Health Plans, Trumbull.

Cheryl Nuzzolo has joined Leask & Leask in Fairfield as a staff accountant. Nuzzolo was a junior accountant at Barron Gannon & Company P.C.

'95

Emmet Hibson Jr., MBA married Kimberly Fasold on Oct. 26, 1996 at the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy-Lauralton Hall, Milford. Hibson is a financial analyst at Sikorsky Aircraft. They live in West Haven.

Donald MacIntyre of Stamford was appointed branch administration manager at U.S. Trust in Greenwich. He joined the Greenwich office in 1996 as an assistant vice president.

Jennifer Madonia is pursuing a master's degree in health science at Beaver College in Philadelphia.

'96

Pam Bellmore, MAT was named "Teacher of the Year" in Old Saybrook, where she is a social studies teacher in the high school. One of her recent projects was coordinating the middle school's participation in the National Geographic Society's Family Geographic Challenge.

Cristina Carvalho married Evaristo Hipolito on Sept. 21, 1996 at St. Teresa's Church in Tarrytown, N.Y. Carvalho is employed in the import department of a German chemical company. They live in Ossining, N.Y.

Shelley Lyford received a one-year grant from the Japanese government to teach English in Japan. Lyford, of Chelsea, Vt., is based in the prefecture of Kagoshima on Japan's southern-most island, Kyushu.

Christine Paulo of Bridgeport has joined Leask & Leask of Fairfield as a staff accountant. She formerly was a junior accountant at MBI in Norwalk.

Wendy Ralsten, see '85

'97

Kyle Diamond, MAT, a graduate assistant trainer at the University the past two years, was hired as head athletic trainer at the University of New Haven.

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