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Reaccreditation team gives nod to SHU

By Michael Champagne
Associate Editor

Sacred Heart's two year task of preparing a self-evaluation report for members of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Learning paid off with big dividends as the team blitzed a path through the campus in their four day study.

The enthusiasm and relief was most evident in a remark by Dr. Angela DiPace Fritz, chair of the self-study review committee, to a colleague when she greeted him with a beleaguered, "We did it."

During the final exit interview, where the reaccreditation committee reported its findings, both praise of Sacred Heart's accomplishments and goals and concerns of its short-comings in

were raised.

The committee's aim was to evaluate Sacred Heart on its adherence to a set of eleven standards for accreditation. Those standards, according to the self-evaluation study, "provide a framework for institutional assessment."

Overall response by the committee towards Sacred Heart was favorable, with specific references to SHU's near extinction in 1988 due to financial morass to its current state of fiscal strength.

As described by one committee member to the amusement of the gathered crowd, the down side of the turnaround was a "get-them-to-come-and-we'll-build-it-later approach" to physical plant upgrading.

Dr. Frank Vellaccio, team

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Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Kristen Wenzel listens to NEASC Reaccreditation team member Bernard Schotz (not shown) yesterday morning. The team revealed a synopsis of its final report to the university community in Schine auditorium.

Photo by Dawn M. Kentosh

Student athletes group together in new council

By Amy Madison
Assistant Sports Editor

A new group has been formed this year, made up of people who share a common interest and will represent one-third of the student population next year. The group is the Student-Athlete Council.

The idea for the council came from SHU Athletic Director Don Cook, who worked with student-athlete councils at Fairfield University and the University of

Hartford. Cook approached the athletic staff to see if they would be interested in creating a council at Sacred Heart. He received positive feedback, so the plan was under way.

Mike Weild, director of Sports Medicine, offered to take on the responsibility of forming the group and being the advisor. He asked the coaches to nominate players from their respective

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University students fight world hunger

By Jean Paul Vellotti
Staff Writer

Do you know the meaning of the purple ribbons that people around campus are wearing? No? Well, they signify the recognition of poverty and hunger around the world.

In an effort to help combat

hunger, a program called Bread for the World is being conducted here at Sacred Heart. The program calls for a letter-writing campaign aimed at The United States Congress, with hopes that legislators will support important bills that would help reduce poverty and hunger.

Major events of the project, which lasts until Friday, included

a day of fasting and the closing of some University services for twenty minutes in order to participate in the program. There will be an interfaith service today at 11:00 A.M..

Stacy Filewicz, graduate assistant and presidential intern,

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Gents' blood-drive nets goal and then some

By Michael Champagne
Associate Editor

A blood-drive sponsored by the SHU Rugby Club on April 14,

drew its goal in donations with a pint-sized overflow to spare.

The goal of Wednesday's drive was 50 pints, but when 62 people flowed in to donate 51 pints of life — 11 respondents were rejected due to recent colds or other potential health problems — the goal was covered with a pint to spare.

"I'm really proud of them," said Assistant Director of Student Activities and Advisor to the Rugby Club Denise Sutphin. "The blood-drive was a big success and we're all happy that it went as smoothly as it did."

According to Kathy Flaherty, the assistant director of the

Bridgeport Regional Office of Connecticut Blood Services, many people harbor one or more fears about donating blood.

"They (the fears) range from the fear of needles, to the pain, to a general fear of a medical procedure," she said. "So many people make more of donating blood, in their minds, that getting them to overcome that fear can sometimes be a problem," she continued.

Fear of blood-letting isn't a problem for the rugby club. "Our motto is to give blood and guts till it hurts," team captain Mike

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Public Safety Officer Ronald Burton was awarded the first "Public Safety Officer of the Quarter" award recently for his outstanding service to the university community. Burton is a full-time officer stationed at the Taft residence halls.

Photo by Darren Arns

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NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by Kathy Bothos and John C. Bowman

Polis sponsors third event

Today at 11 a.m. in S216, Pi Omicron Lambda (Polis) will be sponsoring a roundtable discussion of how Clinton's economic plan will affect you.

Three Sacred Heart professors will be taking part in the discussion: Dr. Nicole Cauvin, who will discuss the social ramifications; Dr. Thomas Corrigan, discussing the economic repercussions; and Dr. Gary L. Rose, who will give the audience a view of the political results. A question and answer session will follow.

Amnesty International on campus

Do you hate it when people's human rights are violated? If so, join Amnesty International, a new organization on campus. Amnesty International works for the releases of men and women obtained for their held beliefs, color, ethnic origin, sex, religion, or language, and other prisoners of conscience, provided that they never used or advocated violence. If you would like to make a difference then come to the meeting on April 22 at 11:00 a.m. in room N. 209.

Global warming series heats up

Sacred Heart University and the American Statistical Association (Connecticut Chapter) present Richard Gunst, Ph.D. on Thursday, April 29, 1993. Gunst will present two programs. The first one is "Assessing the Statistical Debate Over Global Warming" at 4:30 p.m. and the second program, "Spatial Statistical Modeling of Global Temperature Data" at 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments served at 5:30 p.m.. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. These events will take place in the Schine Auditorium at the Sacred Heart University library.

Latin American literature to be discussed

La Hispanidad is sponsoring a unique discussion, "Latin American Literature Today" by Dr. David Lagmanovich, a Fulbright Scholar-in-residence at Brandeis University and professor at the University of Tucuman, Argentina on Thursday, April 22nd, 11:00 a.m. in Room A (music room).

ULC to launch project class in Fall '93

Beginning in the Fall of '93, full-time faculty will have an option to teach their freshman core courses with the support of an academically outstanding student from Project CLASS, (Classroom Learning Assistants: Student to Student) whose major purpose will be to offer first year college students academic assistance within classroom settings in an effort to increase their involvement with their studies, their faculty and their peers.

Approximately thirty academically qualified sophomore-junior students will be recruited, trained and supervised as Classroom Learning Assistants in each of the following disciplines by faculty connected with the University Learning Center as part of a university-wide effort to increase retention, improve the graduation rate of all SHU students and raise the overall academic quality of this institution. These disciplines include: Anatomy/Physiology, History 101, Philosophy 101, Psychology 101, Art 101, Math, Political Science 101, Religious Studies 101, biology, Music 101, and Sociology 101.

Blood: Rugby gives back to school

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Matkovic jokingly said, referring to the punishing game conditions rugby players sometimes must contend with.

Turning serious, Matkovic remarked, "Every club should give

something back to the school for their support and this is what we decided. It benefits both the university and the local community."

"It's interesting that an athletic club (was) the sponsor," said Flaherty. "It's usually an easy out for athletes (to say) 'I have a practice later that day so I can't

donate."

She countered that if you drink a couple of extra glasses of water, the blood is usually replaced in one day.

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NEASC: Sacred Heart in an enviable position

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chair of the evaluation committee, vice-president for academic affairs and dean of the college at the College of the Holy Cross, said the "turnaround, particularly during a period when external factors have not proved encouraging ... puts Sacred Heart in an enviable position."

Later, Dr. Anthony Cerna, whom the committee largely credited for the turnaround, said "It was an excellent report. We should all be very, very pleased."

Cerna acknowledged that the committee "was stronger in their praise than I expected, but (it also) gives us some specific issues to work on."

Some of the praise focused on the University's teaching staff and the dedication towards students they show; the fact that Sacred Heart became less tuition dependent (from 95 percent of its

budget in 1988 to 85 percent today); and for its clarity of vision and purpose in its Mission Statement as adopted by the University shortly after Dr. Cerna's arrival.

Provost of Seton Hall University, Dr. Bernard W. Scholz, whose task it was to examine Sacred Heart's adherence to Standard One, which addresses SHU's mission and purposes remarked, "The University is making a convincing case that it's mission is a compass by which it is charting its course."

Points of concern raised by the reaccreditation committee included women and minorities — though well represented in the student population — were not similarly represented in faculty and administrative positions; that the period covered by the first Five Year Plan was drawing to a close and that a new plan — which would not be a luxury, but a necessity — would need carefully identified priorities; and that stu-

dents and faculty experiencing feelings of powerlessness be included in the process of dialogue as the institution continues to move forward.

One area misidentified by the reaccreditation committee was the existence of a Women's Center. When asked about it later, Dr. Cerna indicated that, "the Women's Center was addressed

in the self-study. It's something that needs to be addressed and needs to continue to be addressed."

Student Government President-Elect James Kraemer, who spoke with the team during their visit said, "Our points that needed to be heard have been heard by the committee, and now it's up to the administration and the student body to collectively meet the

team's recommendations."

Academic Vice-President, Dr. Thomas J. Trebon, who also played a major role in the self-study, summed up the committee's findings by saying, "They quite incredibly captured all the voices at the University and then confirmed and helped us appreciate our strengths."

Council: one focus is community service

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teams. After decisions were made, the Student-Athlete Council held its first meeting in early December.

At the meeting, the group discussed its philosophy and responsibilities. The official purpose of the group is to "act as a liaison between the student-athletes, student support personnel, and the Department of Athletics."

Since December, the Council has been meeting regularly every Thursday at 11 a.m. The Council elected officers in February. They are: Jon Goode, president; Patty Dillon, vice-president; and Gina Curtin, secretary. There are certain criteria for members, such as good standing with the University and Head Coach, willingness to commit, and a representative of a varsity team or support organization (cheerleading, band). Attendance is taken at every meeting, and if members miss too many meetings, new members may be chosen by coaches in their place.

An important part of the meetings is the guest speakers, of whom there have been many. The first speaker was Director of Minority Affairs Alvin Clinkscales. Other speakers have been Cook, Vice-President of Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs James P. Barquinero; Dean of Students Kevin Kelly; Director of Advisement and Retention Mitch Holmes; Student-Faculty Liaison

Dan Pannese; and University President Dr. Anthony Cerna. University Registrar Doug Bohn will be speaking today.

"We wanted representatives from different departments," said Weild. "It works both ways. Each area of the school needs to be sensitive to where the athletes are coming from, and we need to understand what they do."

Goode said, "Now we can understand where they're coming from."

Another important focus of the group is community service. "We want to take social action as well," said Goode. The Council took part in the canned food drive before Christmas along with some other SHU organizations. The majority of cans were collected by the Student-Athlete Council.

Some members of the Council also helped the P.E.A.C.E. project of rebuilding homes. They also plan to sponsor a walk-a-thon early next fall.

"I'm really happy with the way things are going," said Dillon. "Eventually, it will be a powerful and effective council."

The NCAA also has shown more sensitivity to the athlete voice. It plans to create a nationwide student-athlete committee.

With 23 members, the Student-Athlete Council at SHU has and will continue to work hard to represent all athletes. Weild admits, "For a first-year group, we've come a long way."

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Give your special thanks to the following:

Dr. Dipace-Frit, chair of the self-study review committee, who was visible throughout the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' visit. Her tireless attention to the school's welfare is much appreciated.

Also, the Provost office and the University president deserve recognition for turning what, in 1988, was a school on the verge of closing, into the expanding institution we are a part of today.

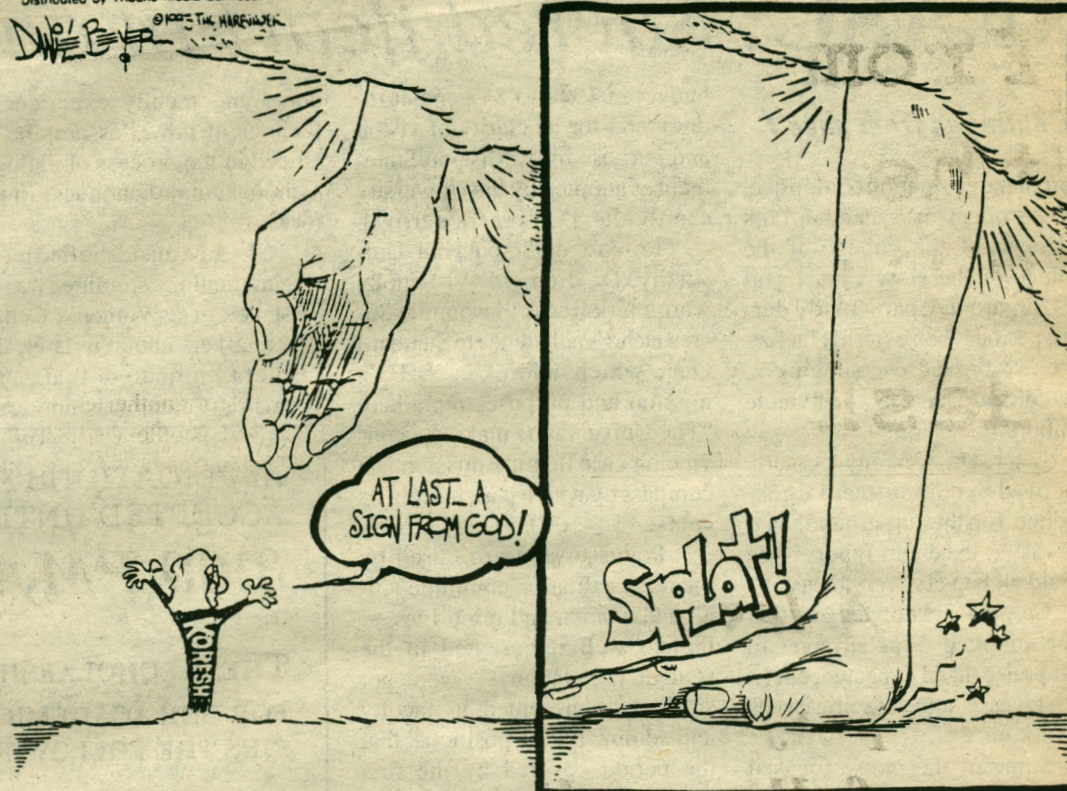
Furthermore, the student deserve to be recognized for truly making the school what it is. Our characters and attitudes are (and should continue to be) reflected in the school's conducting of daily business.

Also, thank you to the people who make up Sacred Heart's single biggest asset: the superb faculty. Without them, we'd be nothing. Well, maybe not nothing, but we wouldn't be in the great position we are.

There are many others too whose names we just don't have the space to print (they're really long names), but everyone -- students, staff, administrators, faculty -- deserves their own small pat on the back for the integral, no matter how minor, part they had in our success this week.

With all this hard work, we are a "SHU-in" for reaccreditation.

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THE ROSS REVIEW

By Todd Ross
Columnist

Hello once again from the "Ross Review." So much to say, so little time left, so I'll give it my best. We have a new President-elect. Our University has undergone the accreditation process. And our Springfest Semi-formal has been moved off campus. WOW!



The talk of the town seems to be that of "angry seniors." I would like to correct that for all those who have fallen victim to this phrase. We are not angry seniors, we are disappointed seniors.

Disappointed. How you may ask? Well, I'll tell you how. Disappointed from the lack of student input, lack of student empathy, decrease in student services. Shall I go on?

The past four years that I have been here, I have seen a tremendous amount of change. Some good, yes. However, I have seen some bad as well. Since 1989, we have lost a Vice President for Student Services whose sole responsibility was that of Student Ser-

vice. We've seen many Directors of Health Services, a few directors of Public Safety, many Directors of Residential Life, and the Dean of Students Office has been completely changed. The list goes on.

Students have consistently lost space. What used to be a game room and lounge for students has been converted to an office. Greek organizations used to have office space, they no longer do.

There are so many other observations that I, as well as other seniors, have made. The lack of space and student services are of the utmost concern.

Do we have something to be angry about? I think so. Are we angry? I don't think so. We are, however, extremely disappointed.

There may be those who are angry and if they are, shouldn't we be asking why? I think so.

The general attitude lately is: if we ignore them long enough, they will go away. If this is the case, I have bad news. It's not only seniors. Freshman (or the politically correct term "first year students"), sophomores, and juniors alike have expressed this "senior anger." It will not fade away on May 22.

In other news, there is a new student government president, Mr. Jim Kraemer. I'm confident that he will provide leadership and the

knowledge needed to be an effective president. For those who did not support his campaign, it may be difficult to be satisfied with the results. If you give him the opportunity, I'm sure he will do an outstanding job.

Many have come up to me to see if I'm upset about leaving, and I honestly have to say that I'm not. These elections were a relief to me. Being Student Government president has taught me a lot -- I have learned to deal with all types of people and have grown in many ways. I am relieved in that I am confident that I represented the students well and feel that I have accomplished many of my goals. I'm not upset because I have confidence that the next student government will continue to represent the students needs.

There has been a lot that has changed. But one thing that hasn't changed is the students' strength. The students here possess a power much greater than ever imagined. We must keep in mind that if we believe in something, we must be courageous enough to stand for what we believe.

True strength comes from strong, positive, fair values. That's where our unity and power lie. Don't forget it.



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From the Editor's desk

A lesson in prejudice... falling a little short

By Chris Nicholson
Editor-In-Chief

My girlfriend works in the residence halls at my college. Along with other Resident Assistants, she took part in an experiment in prejudice.

All the Resident Assistants were divided into two groups: those with blue eyes, and those with eyes of another color. The blue eyed people were given a false agenda for the meeting which was to follow.

The other group was told what the real experiment was, and they were given their instructions for the evening: blue-eyed people were to be treated as inferiors; they were given smaller portions of food and drink, they were asked to sit in the back of the room, they were poked fun at and ridiculed, and if a blue-eyed person objected to this treatment, he or she would be criticized for being too sensitive, because, of

course, of the blue eyes.

Obviously, the blue-eyed people, even though some of them were acute enough to sense the reality of what was happening, were annoyed. And angry.

The lesson was that prejudice is wrong. It makes people feel bad about themselves and angry because they've been judged without being given a chance to be understood. Afterwards, the other-colors still were laughing at the results of their experiment, and even some of the blue-eyes laughed too.

I wasn't at this meeting. My girlfriend told me all about it the next day. She has brown eyes. I have blue. As she told me some of the things her group did to the blue-eyed people, I was angry. It wasn't fair. If I had been treated like that, I too would have been livid.

And as I walked around school with my girlfriend that day, we came upon some people who had been in the experiment. Some were blue-eyed, some not. Everyone still joked about the night before, but I noticed the brown-eyed people joked more. I also noticed that every time a blue-

eyed person was joked with about the experiment, he or she would become visibly, but subtly, bitter; this reaction came from them even after they knew it was just a test.

I was annoyed. Others were annoyed. We all knew it was only a harmless experiment, but why did it still sting?

I believe that the experiment was a great way to teach a lesson about prejudice, but there was one point that everyone overlooked. The other-colors watched the blue-eyes learn their lesson, and they enjoyed watching this so much, that they missed what their half of the lesson should have been: When you treat people differently because of their gender, the color of their skin, or even the color of their eyes, and even if you are just joking or experimenting, and even if they know you are just joking or experimenting, they are still hurt.

These people should have opened their other-color eyes a bit more. The lesson was not just for them. They thought the experiment would show how prejudice makes people angry; what they failed to realize was that it hurts people too.



The Campus Voice

By Darren Arns

Do you have any plans for the summer?

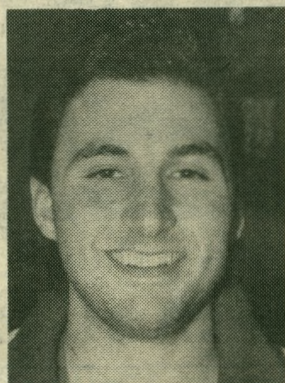


Andrea McGuire
Freshman
Psychology

"I'm going to be a counselor at a summer camp for Parkway Christian Academy."

Shawn Keene
Junior
Business Management

"I'm going to work a lot of jobs to take care of my financial obligations at Sacred Heart."



Tami Peterson
Junior
Psychology

"Going to the Carribean."

Mike Dombrosky
Freshman
Undecided

"Go home and save money for school costs."



OBSERVATIONS FROM A BROAD

By J. Broad
Columnist

Compliments are a double-edged sword, especially to a pessimist. For example: "You look nice today" could easily be translated into "You normally look terrible, but today you merely look bad." I received such an insult/compliment recently, and, amazingly enough, it wasn't a matter of fashion sense.

"J., I read your column on seafood and it was hysterical. It was really funny, like the way you used to write." (<- Irony added).

Now I'm sure that this poor misguided individual meant that as a compliment. She didn't really mean to break two of my ribs while ripping out my still-beating heart and smearing it with marshmallow fluff and tying it to a stake in the hot Texas sunshine while waiting for those Texas fire ants to come and carry it off in little bite-sized morsels while they wonder why I don't write about relationships anymore. She was just trying to be nice.

It is, however, a point well taken. So I have decided, as an extra-special bonus to those faithful readers who are still reading this, my second to last column, to write a relationship column — just for old times' sake (I may even use PMS as an acronym).

In my constant effort to streamline the whole dating process, I've come up with yet another incredibly stupid idea

that just might work. If you followed me on the dating resumes column, the potential son-in-law renovations program column, and the perplexed boyfriend's guide to female emotions column, then you'll love this: I call it **The Relationship Refund System!**

I propose (pun intended) that, if you've spent months or even years of your life in a relationship that ends up going nowhere — or simply falls apart — you should be able to get some sort of trade-in credit toward your next relationship. You should at least be able to get a bigger deduction off of your **Emotional Income Tax**.

The Emotional Income Tax is a system designed to work in tandem with the Relationship Refund System, but it is contrasted with the RRS in that the EIT is mostly designed for people *still in* the emotionally leeching situation, while the RRS is designed more as a **Post-Mortem Satisfaction** arrangement.

The Emotional Income Tax system works like this: for every compromise, annoying habit, or significantly disturbing attribute that you must tolerate in your mate, you are entitled to a deduction of one of those **Things that you only do to keep your mate happy**.

For example, if the man in your life drinks from the milk carton, your deduction might be to drop that "I'll just have a salad" restaurant etiquette and go ahead and order the Alaskan king crab/jumbo shrimp combination platter that comes with rice pilaf picked fresh in the Orient by a distant cousin of Juan Valdez, a carafe of house wine, double dessert portions and a mint-flavored toothpick. And, on the other hand, if the lady in your life insists on watching "Murphy Brown" instead of "Monday Night Football," you may wish to discontinue that

whole bathing facade.

Once you are in a relationship, the pressing need to impress deflates, and one by one, the formalities are dropped. Sighing begets belching, reminding begets nagging and soon the true colors begin to peek through cracks in the relationship's Formica.

This is where the Relationship Refund System kicks in: when your partner has taken deductions to the point where they scarcely resemble the person that you fell deeply in like with in the first place.

"Excuse me. I'm sorry. I picked up this guy here about 6 months ago. He was employed, charming, had good personal hygiene and was 'sensitive.' Well, now he's lost his job and just sits in the house all day belching and leaving little 'presents' on the floor for the laundry fairy to pick up. He used to write me poetry but now all he can manage are dirty limericks about some guy from Nantucket. I'd like to exchange him for something in your Nobel Prize winners section, preferably with blonde hair and blue eyes."

"Yeah, I'd like to trade her in please. Well, when I originally got her, she was quiet and wasn't lookin' for a relationship. Now all she does is wanna know when we're gettin' married — and romantic this and passionate that. I'd like a younger model who won't nag me about my ear hair."

Unlike these stereotypes, some couples have found the secret to a long lasting relationship. There is but one simple rule. Never utter this phrase: "You look nice today, like the way you used to look when we first met."



Letters to the Editor...

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE MISSED

Dear Editor:

On February 26, 1993 Taft Commons lost a valuable Public Safety Officer; his name is Steve Pomills. Steve was an important member of the Taft Commons Staff and will indeed be missed here at Taft.

Many people do not know who I am talking about. Steve started work here at Sacred Heart close to a year ago. The impact he

made on me as well as the residence of Taft was phenomenal over the past year. His intellect and insight of situations in the halls made my job as Residence Director much easier. I cannot begin to describe the dedication he had for this job. It seems to me that people rarely say positive things about other people. I want to break that pattern. Steve was a great Public Safety Officer as well

as a friend to the people here in this building.

Steve, I hope that your future endeavors will bring you the best. On behalf of Taft commons, I want to say thanks, and we will miss you.

Sincerely yours,
Tyrone Barnett
RHD - Taft Commons

BRAVO TO MULTICULTURALISM!!!!!!!

To the Editor:

It's one thing to talk about diversity and multiculturalism; it's another to see it in action!

On Friday night I attended "Night Around the World," a student-organized event which celebrated the cultures, costumes and cuisines of our university community. And, what a splendid event it was!

During the last three years this celebration has become

more representative and professional. This year, several on-campus groups co-ordinated their efforts and invited representatives from UB's international student population to participate. What a glorious living tapestry they wove!

Bravo! Kudos! A "standing O" to all participants!

M. S. Calabrese

STUDENTS NEED OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Dear Editor,

I'm a student here at Sacred Heart and would like to address the issue of holding social events off campus.

Although there may be good reason for holding events on campus, the opportunity for off-campus activities should have the attention of the administration. College is a time of growth and maturity, and with only on-campus events, students feel they are being restricted.

An off-campus location for events will offer more of a variety as well as a bigger turn-out rate. Other colleges would be able to

attend, therefore, creating a bigger atmosphere. The drinking age whether off or on campus is still twenty-one and shouldn't play a factor in deciding on where events should be held.

Students spend the majority of the time on campus and feel a change of scenery can only be beneficial. Students are willing to pay more for what they feel will be a better time. Holding events off campus is an issue that needs just as much attention as other pressing issues.

Beth Hantavis
Andy Riddle

CLAMP-DOWN ON SPECTRUM IS NEEDED

To the Editor:

I personally want to thank the administrators who had the gumption to create a committee to oversee the Spectrum publication.

I was wondering when the University Administration would clamp down on the left wing messages that the *Spectrum* was delivering. When journalism slanders innocent people or thrives on immoral subjects in a Christian institution, it is the responsibility of the administration to set guidelines for the good of the institution

and the young students who are vulnerable to suggestions.

The administration of SHU not only has a commitment to the students, it also carries a responsibility of moral decency which the parents of these students demand. The university has a commitment to the community and this country to educate and to graduate fine, outstanding, morale individuals.

It is time not only for SHU administration to take charge of its responsibility and commitments, it is also time for the stu-

dents to realize their responsibility to themselves, and to their parents who worked very hard and who are very concerned who is teaching and having influence on their children. I have three daughters and I pray that if they have the opportunity to attend a university I can be in peace of mind that the attending Administration will take charge of its responsibility, just as this SHU administration has done.

John Hoffman
SHU Staff

NEEDED: MORE GOOD ATHLETES

To The Editor,

Hey, SHU fans, talk about variety, 11 men's varsity sports!

Over the years, Sacred Heart Has added several sport programs to their athletic list. Recent programs include football, lacrosse, and the new equestrian team. Even though most of the athletic teams have only been around for a few years, they have become very

competitive and successful.

This is a great achievement considering SHU DOES NOT award Athletic Scholarship to athletes plus, SHU's sport programs competes on a NCAA Division II level.

New sports being added this year and next year are bowling, cross-country, and ice hockey are increasing the range of events and

athletic skill at SHU. Because of a larger number of sports, a greater number of athletes are needed. If you can run, jump, throw, shoot, or skate, don't be embarrassed, give one of SHU's varsity sports a try.

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Boyoung Kim
Kevin Vining

COMMUTER/RESIDENT ISSUE NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED

Dear Editor,

The commuter/resident issue is a dilemma. Everyone says that it is necessary to bring the University together by uniting residents and commuters. But nothing is happening.

No one is doing anything, and the school continues to remain divided. We believe the University officials should stop pawing the responsibility of this great task off on the students. These officials must start taking more responsibility if this is something they believe is necessary in order to have a suc-

cessfully functioning University.

The students will continue to try and bring the residents and commuters together, but the school officials must help too.

The administration of SHU prides itself on being one of the fastest growing Catholic Universities in the country. They must stop focusing on the growth for a while and focus on the current students and their common ground but uncommon bond.

Christina Hopley
Diana Vumbaco
Paul Uhrynowski

WOMEN ATHLETES NEED VISIBILITY

Dear Editor,

Women's athletics at Sacred Heart haven't been highly recognized until this year when the girls basketball team had its best record in SHU's history. This year was the first year they were invited to the ECAC tournament. Within the womens athletic department, women's softball has had a constant winning record for the past 10 years.

As the University is expanding, so are the women's sports teams. Last year Sacred Heart introduced women's soccer. This year they have introduced cross country, lacrosse, bowling and an equestrian team. Last week the equestrian team, in its first competition, brought home a total of seven ribbons. Next year SHU is going to start a field hockey team.

All sports teams are improving not only because of the hard work done by the women, but also

the commitment of the coaches. This hard work doesn't pay off unless it has the support of the student body and faculty.

Women sports do not get as much support as the men's teams. Why don't they get much support? The two major reasons for this attitude is that the women's teams are not given as much press in the *Spectrum*. Secondly, students think that women's sports are not as exciting as men's, which in fact they are.

Women's and men's teams should be treated equally on campus. The *Spectrum* and Student Activities should publicize the women's teams like the men's. As the women's teams get the support, records will improve and a new era of winning womens sports teams will dawn on SHU.

Sal Seeley
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THE RETURN OF THE WRITER'S BLOCK

By Michael Champagne
Associate Editor

It's sometimes a difficult process to decide what to write about in a sporadically regular column. This week proved to be no different. For a peek inside the process of column-writing, read on.



Often, when I'm dealt a case of writer's block — hence the name of the column — I can write my way out of it by just starting to type with no particular goal in mind.

I'm not so lucky this time. Usually I have a jumping-off point. A topic which has starched my shorts so they're just a little irritating, but not so bad that I can't sit

and write about it in a level-headed fashion (a trade-mark of my columnistic style, if I may say so myself). So what's out there that I could sink my teeth into?

Let's see, there's the on-(campus) again/off-(campus) again saga of where and whether the Spring Semi-formal will be held and how the IFSC (the Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council — or something like that which is now actually called the Greek Council, for simplicity's sake) which had sponsored the event for something like 130 years withdrew their support of the event when it was suddenly rescheduled on-campus by the not-so-mysterious powers that be, but now that it's re-scheduled off-campus is renewing their sponsorship. Nah. Too confusing.

Or there's the flap about all the open spaces on the Student Government (or the Student Government Association depending on

whether they've been renamed or not by more of the same powers at large). Instead of having candidates run for the positions which are still available, students are just being asked if they want the positions. It's certainly not the fault of

Then there's that fiery topic heating up down in Texas.... Talk about a Texas barbeque.

the SG(A) President-elect Jim Kraemer, so don't get all heavy with him. But then again, that subject's too confusing also. And who cares about politics anyway, right?

Hmm, how about that guy John Hoffman, who keeps writing letters to the *Spectrum*, spewing his moral turpitude about how liber-

als, and Democrats, and believers in freedom of speech, and...well...just about anyone whose values he doesn't share, are why this country is in the shambles it's in. Well, since you're all regular readers of the *Spectrum*, you've seen him burying himself already, so I guess I don't need to bother with that one.

Then there's that fiery topic heating up down in Texas. Did the F.B.I. overstep its bounds by trying to force the Branch Dopeidians out of their beloved Mecca? Nope. Just a bunch of nuts down there. If you ask me, the feds should have rolled through there on Day One. If Koresh wanted to die so badly, why wait six weeks before pulling the plug? Talk about a Texas barbeque.

Maybe I could go through my mailbox to see what I could work with there. Let's see, not much actually. A couple of old, unfinished homework assignments

(very old), a bunch of newspaper clippings on various items (some funny, some serious), a bunch of negatives from my days of photographic dalliances, An Invitation to "Take A Tour" of Andrew Tobias's Managing Your Money (capitals theirs) sent to me a year and a half ago from a local company called Meca Software, Inc., and some bills (I tend to ignore those). Oh, and a list of column topics which never panned out, but I've kept them anyway, just in case.

Well, just what the hell can I write about? I'd better come up with something pretty quick or I'm going to have to just muck my way through the whole damn column, until I hit the end and find out that it's just another tortured case of writer's block.

Ah well, maybe I'll just tell 'em I had done it, but my dog ate it. Think they'd buy that? At least my mailbox is cleaned out now.

Op Editorial

Freedom of Speech. May I...!

Editor's Note: Mr. Olivares wrote this piece before the conclusion of the cult standoff in Waco, Texas.

By Juan Olivares
Guest Writer

During a bloody revolution when chaos and tragedy coincide with each other, a few patriotic individuals under "oath" are entitled to report to the people of Sarajevo that as soon as you step out of the dank basement, Dante's Inferno awaits with open arms.



The *Oslobojenje*, Sarajevo's newspaper (once an award winning newspaper) is the only form of communication that's available to the Serbian people. Fifty staff members of the *Oslobojenje* have already been killed or wounded by sniper's rifles. But why is it that a revolution makes man become so attached to their typewriter, while news coverage is an angry beast called anxiety?

A decade ago, *El Diario de Hoy* (today's paper) was an illustrious obituary of hope on page three to the Salvadorian mothers, that maybe tomorrow their pain and sorrow would come to an end. Opening to page three took a constant flow of adrenaline and fear, and I wonder how far man would carry his ethics to report the stank of death. Sarajevo has opened a vault of pain and suffering to many people who had put the past behind. The Pinochet Dictatorship, in Chile Somoza in Nicaragua, and the Auschwitz Camps in Germany are just some examples of disintegration of humanity.

"The salvation of man is through love and in love" wrote Viktor Frankl. People learn with time to suffer with dignity, because man cannot be caged, let alone be voiced out. Only a few can risk their lives by communicating the truth. While a revolution takes away the lives of innocent people, religion becomes a sacrificial lamb of fundamentalist. Religion has made humanity a criminal and it has paved a deserted road to commit our own suicide in society. David Koresh, are you listening?

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F E A T U R E S

Jim Kraemer, new Student Government prez, wants a better life for the students

By Jean Paul Vellotti
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised in the near future if you see a new face in the Student Government office for countless hours at a time. That's Jim Kraemer, the new Student Government President who is devoted to making life better for the students.

Jim is no stranger to hard work. While attending Chaminade High School in Mineola, N.Y., he attended a college program which replaced traditional high school classes. This program was run in conjunction with Long Island University at the C.W. Post campus. Jim finished high school with 37 college credits, making him a sophomore upon entry to college.

Jim chose Sacred Heart and lived at Parkridge during his sophomore year. Now a junior, Jim is a resident assistant at the Jefferson Hill residence halls. When asked why he became an R.A., Jim replied, "When I came to Sacred Heart, I didn't have to adjust academically, but I did have to adjust socially. I want to help people adapt to college life."

The twenty-year-old Business Management major was previously a Student Government Representative, a member of the Constitutional Review Committee, the Smoking Policy Committee and the Council of Clubs and Organizations.

Currently, Jim is a member of Gamma Chi Zeta, of which he's treasurer, and the Presidential Gold Key Club. Jim states that he would

like to get involved in other organizations, but time is a problem. "Between being an R.A. and Student Government President, time will be hard to find."

As for career goals, Jim stated, "I like helping people; it's something that I want to do with my life. I want to get into law enforcement, specifically the F.B.I."

A native of Freeport, Long Island, Jim likes water sports, especially power boating and fishing. Jim says his largest fish is a 4 1/2 pound fluke.

Interestingly, Joey Buttafuoco's auto body shop is around the corner from his house. And he used to date a girl who knows Amy Fisher!

In all seriousness, Jim credits the needs of students as the motivating factor behind his running for Student Government President. "I saw the need for students to be represented, especially with all the changes being made," said Kraemer.

On the topic of University expansion, Jim feels that it's "great." However, Jim is bothered by bringing in more students with the same amount of facilities currently available. One change that upsets him is the decision to hold classes during the convocation hours.

Similarly, Jim commented that it's also "great" for the University to be expanding its sports program, but worries about sufficient facilities. "I know the Health and Recreation complex will be finished by 1995, but what about today? There's no lacrosse field or softball field. We're lucky to have facilities close by for these



Student Government President-elect Jim Kraemer answers questions at a debate prior to the elections earlier this month.

Photo by Darren Arns

teams to play on," said Kraemer.

Two issues that are generating discussion are the Student Government Constitution and a board to select members of the *Prologue* and the *Spectrum*. On the issue of the S.G. Constitution, Jim said, "There was a need for changes to be made. We gave writing a new one a valiant effort. Dean Kelly made some changes and the input just didn't meet our goals."

As for the board to select members of the *Prologue* and *Spectrum*, Jim said, "It's a common procedure used across the country. As long as there is a diverse representation from the

University, from the academic side, which includes students, and administration, I'm not opposed."

Jim happily reported that he was involved in the compromise that allows the Spring semi-formal to be held off-campus. In return, students are to be supportive of the Last Day of Classes party on Campus.

As for the future, Jim hopes to have three semi-formals off-campus, and the Back to Classes party and Last day of Classes party on-campus. Which leaves an odd number. "I said to the administration, 'Let's start a new tradition, the Homecoming dinner dance' which could be held on campus.

This way, on-campus and off-campus events would equal out" said Kraemer.

Another student need that Jim wants to fulfill is the improvement of student safety. "I would like to see adequate lighting, red security phones (for direct dialing), and increased patrols. But I give Alison Flaum credit. She's done a good job," said Kraemer.

Lastly, Jim wants to see all students working together and ending the differences that separate them, be it resident or commuter, international or local, etc. "Every voice is important," said Kraemer.

To all the people who think the press goes too far sometimes, consider the alternative.

I can't tell you how many people have come up to me about

incomplete decisions are made, events are programmed, and policies are with student input.

My big status traditionally run by the Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council (IFSC) and Student Government, have been cold

on Christmas the entire SpringFest Weekend and its planning are responsibility this year.

This is a fine example on campus for an event of this magnitude. Hillendale Country Club in Trumbull. The total cost of this event was approximately

to rent a tent that is large enough to seat approximately 350 people, rent a dance floor, rent lighting, and rent port will cost approximately

There are several other expenses as well. Maintenance must clean the south parking lot

Because this event is responsible for the catering (estimated at close to \$5,000). This leads to a grand SpringFest semiformal.

This is a fine example on campus for an event of this magnitude.

beautiful gowns live in fantasy land.

The Last Day of Classes Party is a story. In September, over 800 students attended the Back to Classes Party held at SHU

This event has always been run by the Student Life Office in particular. This has even a name: The Country Hoedown!

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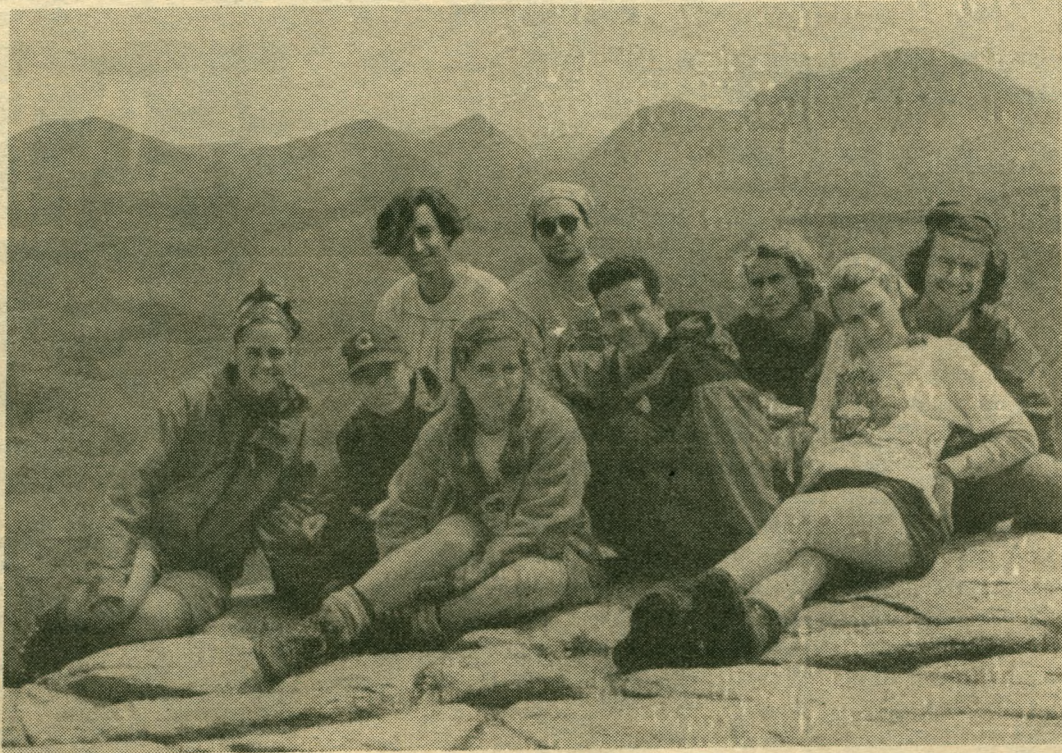
Princeton students to climb McKinley for AIDS

(CPS) "Climb For The Cure," a nine-member team of Princeton University students will climb Mt. McKinley in June to raise a minimum of \$250,000 for AIDS research and education and to call attention to National student Aids Awareness Week. The group is especially concerned with recent statistics that report that AIDS has increased by 62 percent in two years among 13-24 years olds.

The students, headed by Climb For The Cure Founder and Director Alexander S. Freidman, will begin their historic climb in mid-June the climb is expected to last approximately 30 days.

"Mt. McKinley is the tallest peak in North America, and climbing it symbolizes the challenge of conquering AIDS," explained Friedman.

"We are making this climb not only to raise funds for AIDS research and education, but also to let people our age know that AIDS is a serious problem. We want our peers to realize that there are many creative ways to help combat the



Nine Princeton students will climb Mt. McKinley to raise money for AIDS research and to call attention to the alarming increase of AIDS among 13-24 year olds.

problem. Climbing Mt. McKinley is just one of those ways," Freidman continued.

Climb For The Cure has already raised more than \$150,000. Two major contributors include Time Warner, Inc. which contributed \$25,000, and The Equitable Foundation, which also donated \$25,000.

AmFAR (American Foundation for AIDS Research), created in 1985, is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research, education for AIDS prevention, and sound AIDS-related public policy. Since 1985, AmFAR has provided over \$56 million to more than 930 AIDS research teams.

Dr. Mathilde Krim, AmFARS Chairman, said the nine students climbing "represent what is the very best about this country, once again demonstrating the universal and eternal spirit of youth. Their compassion and leadership are admirable."

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Walker's message hits home in ...*Secret of joy*

By Jason Dalrymple
Staff Writer

BOOKS

Alice Walker has written yet another gripping tale of the struggles of the African woman's struggles in modern American society. In *Possessing the Secret of Joy* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95), she builds the characters of Tashi, Adam, and Olivia, found previously in her Pulitzer Prize winning *The Color Purple*, to show the oppression of a woman by both her ancient African tribal rituals and the subjugation of women in American society.

The plot of the story focuses on Tashi and her struggles within her marriage and her own personal feelings of her past. Because she came from an African tribe whose traditions were slowly dwindling due mainly to the British overtaking in Africa in the time of the story, Tashi finds the need to help some of the tribal rituals to survive. Tashi is circumcised (or genitally mutilated) by her tribal "tsunga," an action she sees as justified via the ancient religious beliefs of the tribe. In addition, the tribal society stigmatizes any uncircumcised woman; one example Walker uses is the comparison of the American insult "son of a bitch" to an African insult "son of an uncircumcised woman."

The main conflict of the story results in Tashi's experiences as a married American woman. Be-

cause she has been genitally mutilated, Tashi has difficulties engaging in intercourse, but does eventually give birth to a mentally retarded child (because of the circumcision). To confound problems, she discovers her husband has been having an affair, which has resulted in the birth of another child. The child born to her husband's lover is diametrically opposed to her own son, much like a foil in Elizabethan and Jacobian drama. Tashi realizes that all of these problems came as a result of her circumcision.

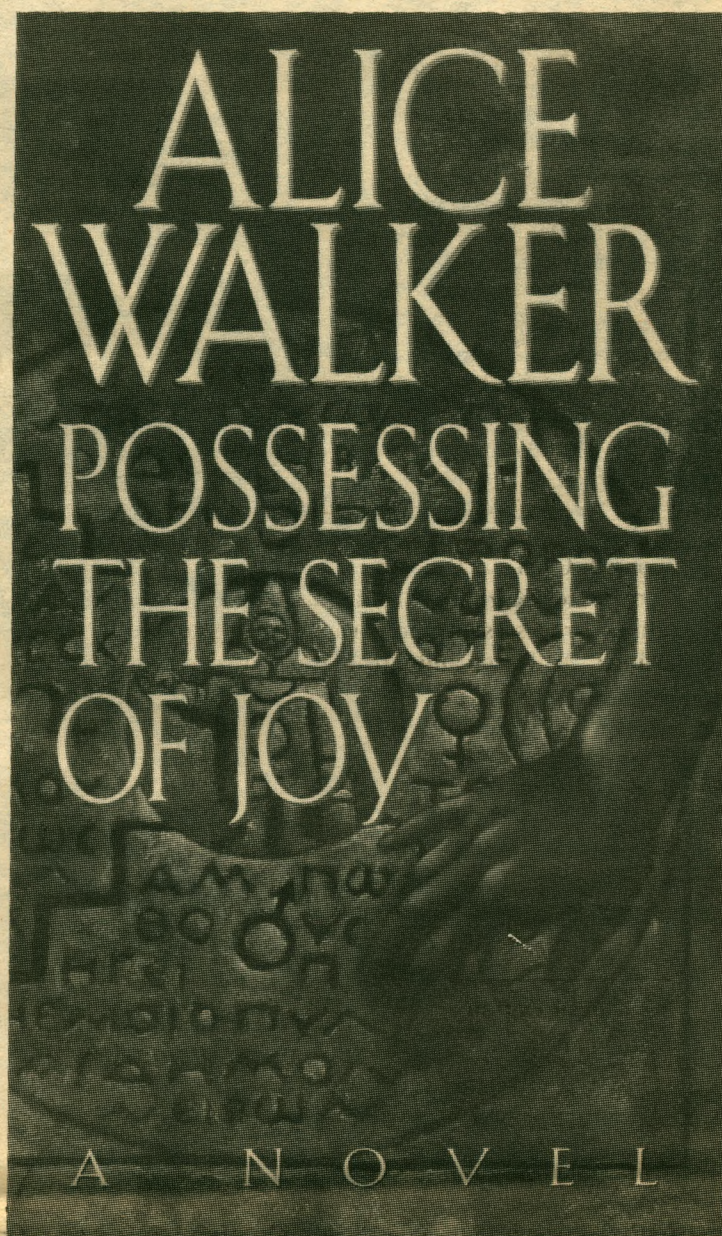
Tashi then turns her frustration on the tribal tsunga, plotting to kill her. Her plans are difficult to unfold, as the tsunga has become prominent in the public eye for her efforts to keep the ancient tribal rituals alive. But Tashi eventually follows through, and is brought to trial in Africa, where the punishment for murder is public execution. In fact, the entire discourse of the novel takes place in the thoughts and memories of Tashi and the other characters while in the courtroom.

Overall, the novel is fraught with symbolism, theme, and imagery reminiscent of *The Color Purple*. However, the themes are more powerful, becoming almost gruesome and saddening at times. This book is not the choice piece to read in an attempt to view society in any kind of favorable light.

Walker uses the characters and their plights to parallel all current stigmas and oppressive vehicles used by American society today. The book expresses a strong statement about how unconsciously, women are oppressed by their culture, be it through religion, legend, or accepted beliefs and traditions.

The general structure of the book contributes to the tone as well. The chapters are labeled by the person who is doing the thinking, and are short and choppy, at most five to six pages. Perhaps the most poignant of the structural techniques is the various permutations used to indicate Tashi's voice. Tashi's chapters are labeled one of five ways: Tashi, Eveleyn (her American name), Tashi-Eveleyn, Eveleyn-Tashi, and the last chapter, Tashi Evelyn Johnson Soul. Each use is indicative of the train of thought of Tashi, whether it is governed by her African descent, her American memories, or mixture of both with one side being more dominant than the other. On the other hand, all other characters are introduced by their first name only.

In general, *Possessing the Secret of Joy* has the potential to bring Alice Walker another Pulitzer Prize. The story is real, and the overall plot, theme, and tone are vividly displayed both in the structural technique of the writing as well as the within the exposition itself. Though the book is not something to pick up for



"light" reading, its lessons are such that they could be understood by men, empathized by women all over the world, and felt by every human being at some point in time, including today.

Lenny Kravitz produces another great new album

Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

MUSIC

Are You Gonna Go My Way, the newest album by soulster Lenny Kravitz is fresh in the record stores. Kravitz, not exactly a new comer has been belting out tunes for years now and each time has changed the way the music industry views his work.

Kravitz, a versatile performer can go from funky to soulful to reggae with songs like "Sugar," "Come On Love Me," and "Eleutheria." The first single, also the album title, "Are You Gonna Go My Way" is heavily played on MTV and was performed by Kravitz himself last week on Saturday Night Live. The song itself starts off the album and sets the pace for it.

The rest of the album takes you on a journey and after a while it's as though Lenny's your guide. The different styles of each of the songs go smoothly from one to the other.

Kravitz was also one of the originators of the seventies revival. Fashion-wise and music-wise! He wore bellbottoms way before Madonna. Besides his own recording career and his ability to

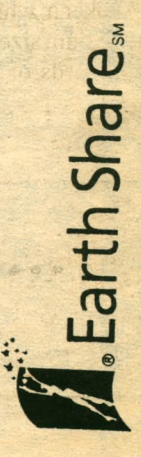
predict fashion trends he has also been active in other people's careers.

He had his hand in Madonna's "Justify My Love," french singer and sometimes Chanel model, Vanessa Paradis' number 1 debut album, and the *Superfly II* soundtrack featuring Curtis Mayfield. Newest collaborations include working on Mick Jagger's solo album and co-wrote a song with Steven Tyler on the latest Aerosmith album.

Kravitz, half Bahamian, and half Jewish grew up in Manhattan's Upper East Side with his parents, actress Roxie Roker from *The Jeffersons*, and Sy Kravitz an NBC producer. Although he had lots of money, he often spent time with some of his mother's relatives in Brooklyn. The difference between the two worlds, I think helped in creating him a an artist that can go from one musical genre to the other.

Are You Gonna Go My Way is probably on of the best album's I've heard in a long time. The album is on Virgin Records and available in stores now.

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Four of the major winners in Sacred Heart's 1993 Student Art Exhibit pose with President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D. From left: Junior Antonio Munoz, who captured first place in 3-D Design; junior Kazumi Suzuki, who won Best in Show and a pair of firsts in Watercolor and Graphics Processes; sophomore Jill Anderson, second place in Foundation Illustration and Drawing I. Anderson and Suzuki were co-recipients of the annual Charles Plohn Art Scholarship as well.
Photo by Donna J. Callighan

A & E BRIEFS

Compiled by Koleen Kaffan

WWPT presents movie

Student run radio station, 90.3 fm will be presenting *The Graduate* starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft on Tuesday the 27 at 8:30pm in the media studies round room. WWPT will ask only for a small donation at the door. The film is the 25th anniversary edition and will be raffled off at the end.

Band to play in Chubby's

Chubby's Lounge will be presenting the band Butch Taylor and The Penetrators on Wednesday from 9pm to 12am. The band, who play blues and psychedelic rock features Butch Taylor, Wendy Simmons-Taylor, (both SHU students) Joe Roberti, and Roger Twerion.

Benny and Joon clever, genuinely funny movie

Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

MOVIES

First things first. I must admit that the 1973 film *Harold and Maude* is one of my absolute favorites, so when I heard that *Benny and Joon* was being compared to it, I had to see it. *Harold and Maude* is the tale of a 19 year old man who spends much of his time mocking suicide to terrify his mother. When he's not doing that, he likes to go to funerals where he meets Maude, an elderly woman about to turn 80 years old. She has more life in her than he ever had and it eventually rubs off on him. From that, a love is formed. I mean love, as in marriage!

In *Benny and Joon* it is the relationship of a mildly retarded girl named Joon, played by Mary Stuart Masterson (*Some Kind Of Wonderful*) who lives with her brother named Benny, played by Aidan Quinn (*Deperately Seeking Susan, Avalon*). Benny was given the job of caring for Joon when their parents died in a car crash. Since that time, Benny didn't have much of a social life; actually he had no social life!

Joon, an avid painter, would sit at home all day and terrorize the nurse that cared for her. When they finally reached the point where no nurse would be willing to work with them, Benny didn't know what to do. During a hand of poker in which the bets included a medium sized green haired troll, 150 yards of wire, and a cousin who has taken up residence with

one one of the men, the two lose and end up taking the unwanted relative home.

Enter more weirdness named Sam, played by Johnny Depp (*Edward Scissorhands, Cry Baby*). This character dresses like an unwashed, disheveled Charlie Chaplin and acts like Buster Keaton. Joon is amazed by his antics of chasing his hat in the park and dancing with rolls at a diner and Sam is intrigued with how normal she is, even if Benny says she isn't. They fall in love. The best part had to have been when they first saw each other. Joon was in the car driving with Benny and she was wearing a crash helmet hugging her knees. She looked up as they passed a tree and there was Sam just sitting in it staring at her as she passed. Their eyes met.

What's so great about this film is it breaks the stereotypes of what it means to be mentally disturbed and that all types of people are capable of having a relationship. At times it seems that Benny is just acting as though Joon will never be capable of change.

Benny and Joon is a clever film that is still genuinely funny even though some of the good parts are seen in the trailers and commercials. Depp has been known for playing characters that are usually strange but this one is his best. His timing is as perfect as Chaplin or Keaton and Sam is such an interesting guy. Depp

takes Sam into the world that Joon is forced into, one of seclusion and confusion.

Masterson is also wonderful in her portrayal, helping to burst the chains that stereotype people with disabilities. *Benny and Joon* is playing in Westport and Orange and I highly recommend it.

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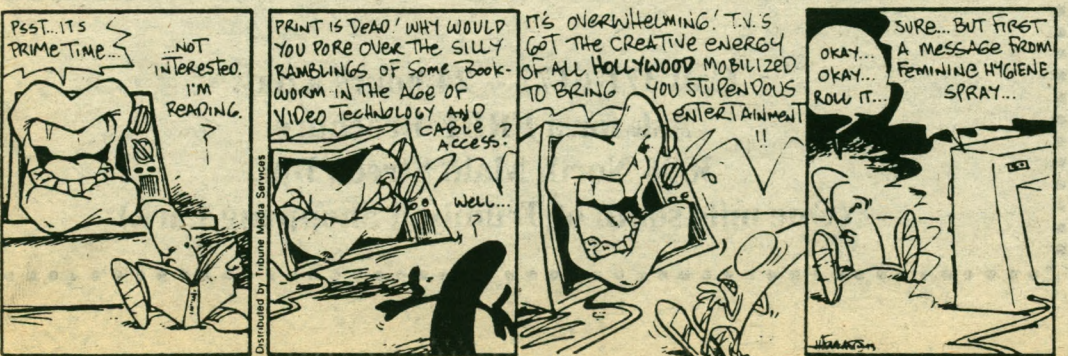
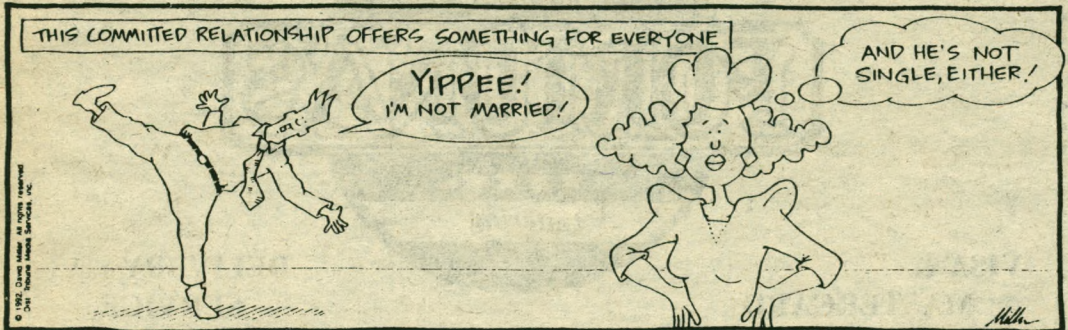
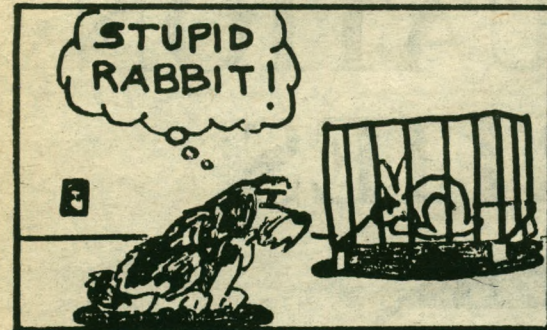
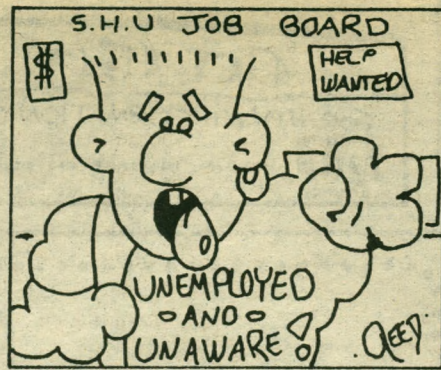
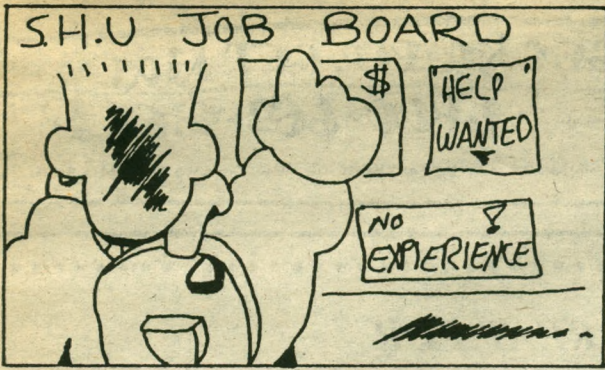
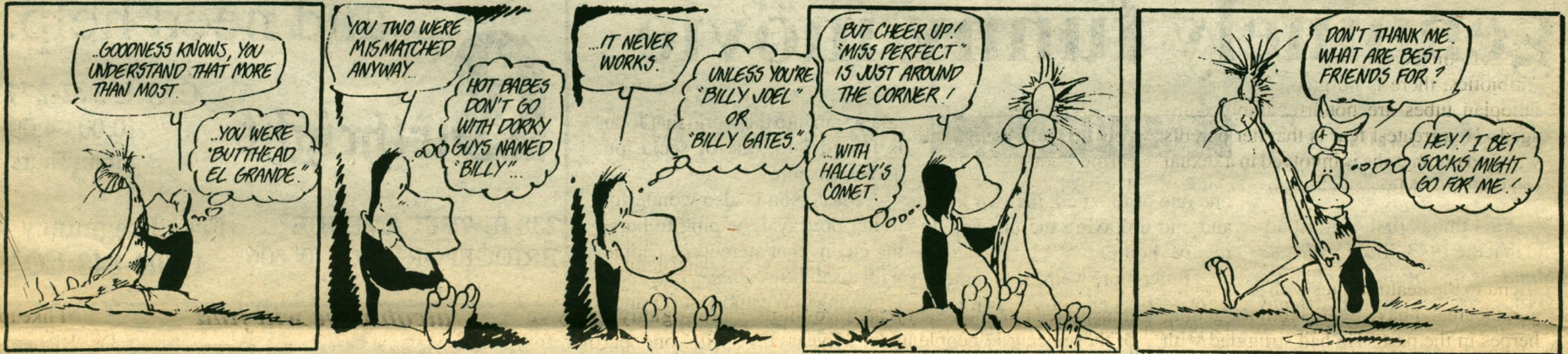
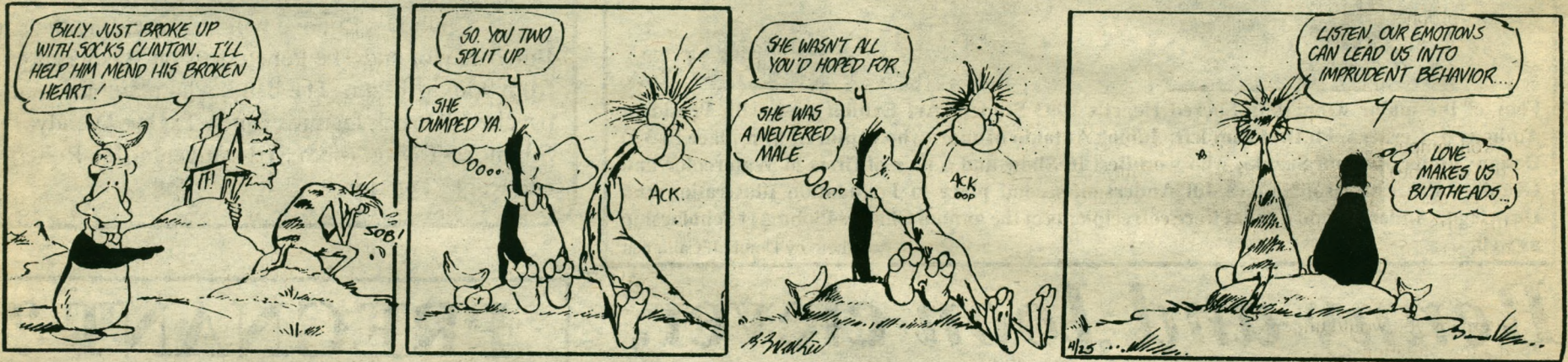
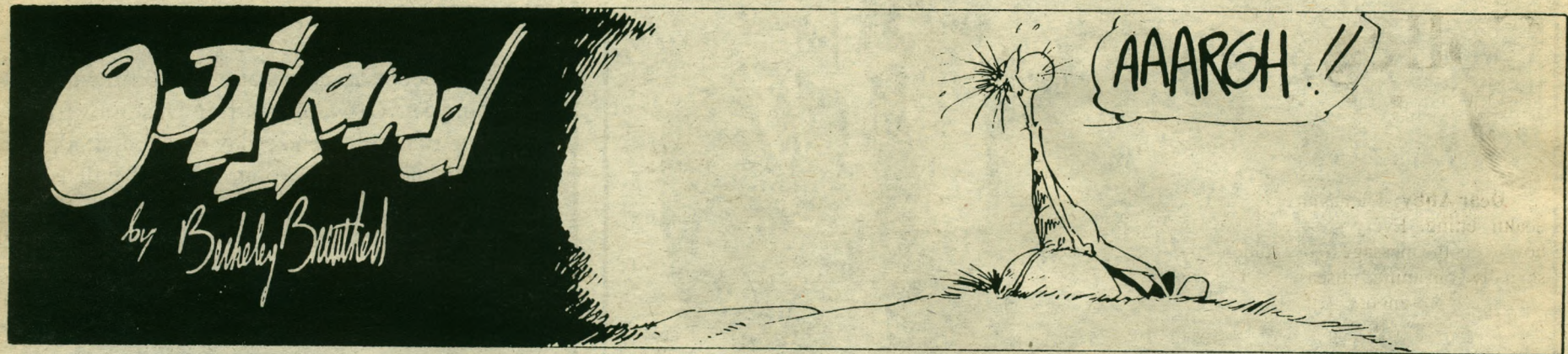


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College setting offers no shield against STD

Dear Abby: I am a nurse in a college health setting. Every year I struggle with how to get the message to our students that sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are very much present on campuses across the nation.

I'm not trying to be a prophet of gloom and doom, nor am I assuming that every student who arrives on campus is (or will be) sexually active during his/her college years. But a healthy sense of vulnerability is good for all of us, regardless of age.



Perhaps you would understand if I related a few situations:

A young woman with a pelvic infection so severe that she must be hospitalized comes to the health center. Even with IV antibiotics, there is no guarantee that her fallopian tubes are not irreparably damaged. Her greatest fear is that her parents will find out that she is involved in a sexual relationship. Mine are that she may never conceive a child or may have tubal pregnancies due to scarring.

A young man brings his newest girlfriend to the health center with sores in the genital area. I have treated him for genital herpes in the past. He had struggled with how to tell her - and now he must. Confidentiality must be honored - I cannot and will not disclose to her that I even know the young man.

A young man calls, frantically asking to be seen immediately. He had just learned that a young female student with whom he had unprotected sex is dead. Rumor is that she developed an AIDS-related opportunistic infection. (It is true.) His HIV is negative, but I don't know that the results of his subsequent testing will be.

A young woman with a previous history of psychological problems loses touch with reality. Her illness involves acting out sexually. Over a 48-hour period,

she has sexual contact with 20 male students.

Two freshman roommates have their first gynecological exam. On the day of the exam, one learns that she is pregnant. Several days later, the other learns that she has HPV (the genital wart virus) on her cervix.

All of these students thought that it could never happen to them. They are ignorant, irresponsible, uncaring or promiscuous. Often the individual has had only one sexual partner - ever. All too often the person who is ordinarily cautious gets into a bad situation because alcohol has reduced his or her inhibitions.

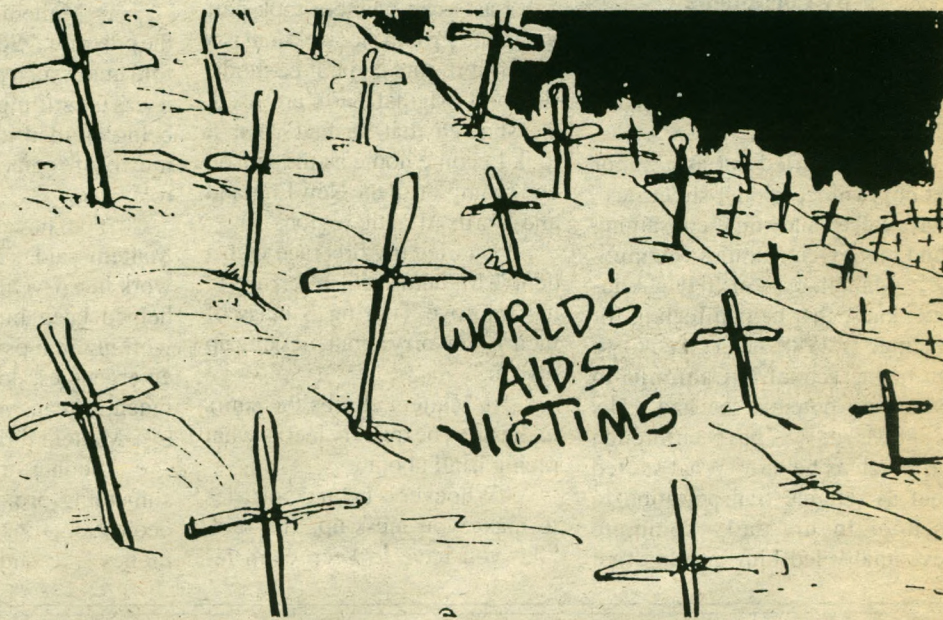
These students do not come from deprived backgrounds. Their parents are doctors, lawyers, nurses, ministers, teachers, social workers, government employees and many (if not a majority) are from two-parent families.

Sorry to be so long-winded, Abby, but these young people are our future. -- College Health Care Worker

Dear Health Care Worker: Thank you for your enlightening letter, and for caring enough to share your experiences. The 1991 Annual Report of the Division of STD/HIV Prevention, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, reveals in part that an estimated 12 million persons in the USA acquire a sexually transmitted infection each year. Two-thirds of those occur in people under 25 years of age. Besides death, some of the more serious complications caused by STDs are infertility, adverse pregnancy outcome, infant death, mental retardation and immune deficiencies.

I'm sure that none of those 12 million thought it could happen to them, but it did. As you said in your letter, "A healthy sense of vulnerability is good for all of us, regardless of age."

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Doctor says warnings about STDs ignored

(CPS) - American college students are turning a deaf ear to warnings about the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), says Dr. Robert Patterson, director of health services at Iowa State University.

Patterson says there has been an alarming increase in certain sexually transmitted diseases among Iowa State students and he believes it reflects a national trend.

He said he blames this rise on the students' sexual habits. "A lot of them say they practice monogamy; they're with one partner for three months and then they move on to another partner."

The *Iowa State Daily* reported recently that the university is combatting the problem of spreading STDs by performing chlamydia tests along with all routine pap smears done at the Health Center. In addition, health officials have met with faculty and administration to discuss ways to improve sexual health education.

According to *American Health* magazine, chlamydia is currently the most preva-

lent STD, with herpes, the big scare of the 80's, taking a back seat. Studies show that 5 percent of female college students could be infected with chlamydia.

"Chlamydia can be asymptomatic. It is the leading cause of sterility in the U.S. today," says Patterson. "And it can cause sterility in men, too." Patterson says students often trust the wrong sexual partner and think they can judge someone's sexual habits by the way they look.

"I like to quote Dr. Richard Keeling, director of Health Services at the University of Virginia," says Patterson. "He says under the influence of alcohol we will find ourselves in bed with someone, who, when sober, we wouldn't have lunch with."

There are more cases, the magazine reports, of chlamydia each year — 4 million — than any other STD. "If people are getting chlamydia, they can also get AIDS," said one school official quoted in the *Daily* article.

"Under the influence of alcohol we will find ourselves in bed with someone, who, when sober, we wouldn't have lunch with."

Letters: SHU bands together to lobby for poverty relief

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helped organize the event. "Part of my job is to keep in touch with the external community. We contacted Ellen Jenkins, a representative of Bread for the World, last October and discussed the program. A representative came to the school, and we decided to participate in the program."

Interestingly, Bread for the World was founded in part by University President Dr. Anthony Cernera. "In 1970, I was a junior at Fordham College in the Bronx and with friends, started a soup kitchen," recalls Cernera. "We had 250 people a day come to a storefront we rented for \$125 a week. Working that close, I realized that direct relief work was important, but there was a need to deal with systematic problems."

The good thing about Bread for the World, according to Cernera is that "All U.S. citizens can

use their citizenship to tell the President (of the United States) that they want a public policy that deals with hunger issues."

Many student organizations including Student Government, the *Spectrum*, the Irish Club, presidential interns, graduate assistants, Ujamma and others are participating in the event. In addition, students, faculty and administrators are taking part.

To help fasting students, Seilers Food Services provided juices and shut down for 20 minutes on Tuesday. Mary Ann Haller, manager of Seilers said, "We're doing it because we are a food service company, and no one should go hungry."

Filewicz said many professors were taking Bread for the World into their classrooms. Dr. Marian Calabrese, communication studies, is one such professor. "I'm not requiring my students to participate, but the opportunity is

there," said Calabrese. "I'm setting aside 15 minute in class. If they feel philosophically attune, they're welcome to it."

Bread for the World, which is the only organization that focuses exclusively on domestic and international hunger issues, received nothing but positive remarks from around the University community.

Pete Hogan, vice-president of the Irish Club, stated that the project is a "worthy cause. We need to get involved in causes like this. They make aware the fact that hunger is happening, not only abroad, but here in the U.S."

Paul Madonna, vice-president of finance and administration, said, "I'm supportive and pleased that the University is supporting Bread for the World. The complement goes to the students."

Michael Bozzone, dean of freshmen, expressed, "I think it's the kind of effort people need to participate in."

Spencer Ellis, senior and student faster, said, "This is the most important program that the school has participated in quite some time."

English professor Dr. David Curtis, who wrote a letter, asked, "Who could be against such a program? We're talking about world hunger. There's really no point in building bombs."

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Mike Maitem: racing is his middle name

By Lori Bogue
Sports Editor

Mike Maitem's middle name should be "racing."

What started out as a minor hobby, an occasional street race, has evolved into a time-consuming and money-consuming venture.

Maitem, a 1991 SHU graduate, knew that he had feeling for racing. In 1988, he decided to go to racing school in California to seek any potential he had. His 1988 Mazda RX7 has been through as much as he has. What started out as reliable transportation to school in his daily commute eventually led him into his first

real race.

Last year, Maitem took part in the showroom stock, which is a race where cars can not be modified and original parts are used. He showed that he had what it took to come home as the season end champion of the New England and North Atlantic regions.

"I started my first race with a dent," Maitem said, referring to his Improve Touring S class of racing. "I worry about messing up my car."

As Maitem climbs the stairs to the pros, he quickly learns what racing is all about.

"Whoever is behind you tries to make you mess up," he said, "but you have to keep calm re-

gardless of what's going on."

As Maitem puts it, "Ignore the pressure." Some people would fold under such pressure, whether it was the stifling fire-proof suit or being cramed into the car made mostly of engine and wrapped in a role cage.

"You have to be healthy," Maitem said. He adds that his work in a psychiatric hospital has helped keep him healthy. "By working in a psychiatric hospital emergencies don't faze you as much. It keeps you level-headed."

Maitem thrives on pressure. "Sooner or later, I will race something pro. It's a matter of dedication, time, and a handful of money," he said.



SHU graduate Mike Maitem, with his 1988 Mazda RX7.

Photo by Donna Newlan

Rugby loses, but enjoys some sun

By Thomas A.J. Mackie
Sports Writer

The sun shone as the gentlemen ruggers took the field in Saturday's match, but it wasn't long before their sky was darkened by the storm cloud of Nichols College.

"We played hard, we played tough, but these guys just got lucky," said team captain Mike Matkovic after the loss. When the clouds parted, the score was 8-0, leaving the guys with a 3-2 season to work with.

The playing conditions could be blamed for the upset. "Both teams wore black, and we were in

a thick black mud," said hooker Mike Rodriguez referring to the swampy field. "It looked like death!"

Nichols scored a tri early in the first half for five points, then successfully booted for an extra three. The SHU crew managed to hold Nichols back during the whole second half.

The most exciting play of the game saw Mark Manchester break away down the sideline, only to be tackled inches from a tri. An unnamed Nichols player was heard to say, "That guy was fast, I never even saw him!"

Saturday also saw the debut of sophomore reserve Joe Wells. "We had an injured player and we

needed Joe; he did a heck of a job!" added Matkovic on Wells' first game. When asked how he enjoyed his first outing, Wells commented, "Those mutts aren't so tough!"

The club takes on Wesleyan University on their home field today at 4:00. "We've been practicing hard all week. So long as Wesleyans field is in better shape (than Nichols), it should be a good match," said Matkovic.

After the game on Thursday, the club gets the weekend off to gear up for it's next match. Tentatively scheduled to play Southern Connecticut State University, the date has yet to be set.

DRUGS DON'T WORK

Softball: bats are exploding

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Cavaliere went 2-for-4 including an RBI double.

Coach Luckie and Assitant Coach Pam London have been talking a lot about getting the job done. Some may think a victory is a victory, right? Well, maybe. But the Pioneers have been finishing their victories out, meaning less physical and mental errors, and beating teams like Lowell with a vengeance: 15-1.

Solinsky and Tracy McKillop

smashed triples while Palmer and Agosti had doubles.

"We have a totally positive and more aggressive attitude," Agosti said. It's this attitude that's gotten the Pioneers where they are today.

"We're playing solid defense and the bats have exploded," Luckie said.

As the Pioneers sit atop the NECC look for them to continue to work at clinching a regional playoff slot, in what will be the Final stand for the seniors of 1993.

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PROGNOSTICATIONS FROM A PIONEER

By The Prognosticator
Sports Columnist

I couldn't believe my ears. I banged on my radio a few times, just to make sure it wasn't on the blink. I pinched myself to make sure I wasn't just dreaming it. After weeks of time-and-time again proclaiming **Steve Young** the starting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, Head Coach **George Siefert** yesterday names **Joe Montana**, arguably the game's finest quarterback in his day, the starting quarterback over last season's MVP.

Don't get me wrong, Montana is probably capable of coming close to his form before the injury, but Young earned the job rightfully. It's more than obvious that this mandate isn't really coming from Coach Siefert, but from the team owner after last weekend's meeting.

As the NBA season draws to a close (finally) it's looking more and more like the Phoenix Suns are the team to beat. The Chicago Bulls, or more likely the New York Knicks, will give them a tough time, but **Sir Charles Barkley** and company should win it in six.

To reaffirm the saying

"never judge a book by its cover," we take a look at **Isiah Thomas** of the Detroit Pistons. Sure, Isiah is all smiles, but the incident with the Knicks' **Doc Rivers** just reaffirms that he fits in with the Detroit "Bad Boy" image. A cheap-shot specialist.

To say that the NY Islanders-Washington series is meaningless would be an understatement. **NOBODY** will stop the Pittsburgh Penguins from once again claiming the Stanley Cup. Any team that hands them a defeat deserves a lot of credit.

Now that the baseball season is two weeks old, it's time to sort out the early pretenders/contenders. Pretender number one: The Boston Red Sox. Sure, **Roger Clemens** and **Frank Viola** give them a domineering 1-2 pounce, but after that? Yuch! And just one injury to the likes of **Andre Dawson**, **Ivan Calderon** or **Mike Greenwell**, all injury prone players, will spell doom. Contender number one: The Philadelphia Phillies. With a lineup that includes the likes of **John Kruk**, **Darren Daulton**, **Dave Hollins** and **Len Dykstra**, plus the underrated **Mickey Morandini** and **Mariono Duncon**, and a rotation headed by **Terry Mulholland** and **Curt Schilling** (no, no relation to Sacred Heart's **Scott Schilling**),

the Phillies just could win a weak NL Least.

The Sacred Heart softball team is on the verge of returning (once again) to the NCAA Regionals. If they win three out of their last four league games, they are in. **April Ertl** has been incredible for Sacred Heart. Not only is she one of the league's best pitchers, but also one of its top batters. Speedy **Michelle Palmer** continues to frustrate many a team with her uncanny ability to reach base. If there was a medal of valor, bravery, guts, courage, etc., it would go to **Maria Cavaliere**. Heck, she probably shouldn't even be playing, yet here she is batting over .300 with power. Incredible.

Incredible is a word to describe both our men's and women's lacrosse teams. Especially the women. Here is a team with players that have barely played the game before, and they are 3-2. Goalkeeper **Renee Melchiona** as well as attackers **Becky Van Ort** and **Jen Fallon** have been forces on offense.

For the men, **Matt Krepil** and **Henry Olzsewski** have dominated on offense, scoring 28 and 34 points respectively.

Lax: the Pioneers become a tight fist

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This game meant a lot to the Pioneers for two reasons, 1) because the Pioneers lost a heart-breaker last year at the buzzer, and 2) third place is a lot better than fourth.

From the first whistle to the last whistle, the Pioneers dominated the Yellow Jackets. **Jim Sheridan** had a career high with five goals and assists. **Henry Olzsewski** had two goals and five assists, **Shannon Pons** and **Matt Krepile** had two goals and two assists apiece, **Steve Birmingham** had two goals, **Dan Katzbeck** had one goal and an assist, and **John Anzalone** and **Paul Foden** had a goal apiece.

With a switch in the line-up, injured reserve goalie **Kevin Carr** was called on the scene to make 13 saves on the day until he was slashed and sent off the field. The call was made and the Iron Horse trotted into position and shut the A.I.C. Yellow Jackets down to no goals and only aggravation.

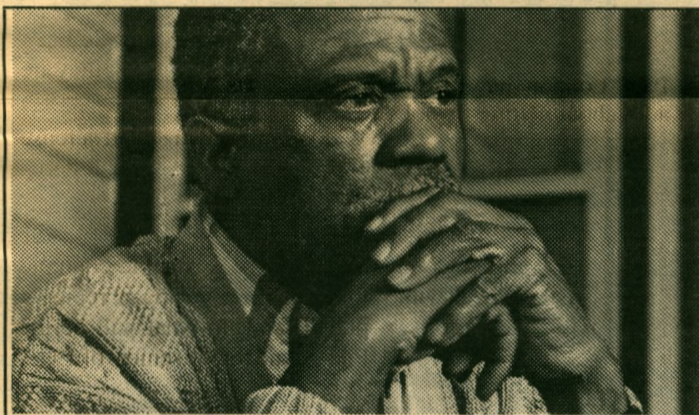
The Pioneers as a whole became a tight fist during the game and only excelled from there, capturing third place. With **Kerry Fleet** on the face-offs and **Tim Leary**, **Rich Cercone** and **Kevin Mckegney**, the team held it's 16-2 lead. The Pioneer Bulldozer Defense was led by mud-covered **Doug Steele**, **Rob Carpenter**, **Darrin Fluery**, **Mark Casertano** and man-down specialist **Mark Capone**.

Women: school's newest athletes worked hard to grasp game of lacrosse

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with a 15-2 win over Manhattanville College. **Greene** added three more goals to her total while **Gina Curtin** (three), **Van Ort** (two), **Fallon** (two), **Mazzucco** (one), **Meredith Conlon** (one) and **Claudia Carmona** (one) all contributed by scoring additional goals. Again, goalie **Melchiona** was solid in goal, turning away 10

shots. "These athletes should be commended on their pride and determination," said Coach **Robin Schwartz**. "The girls have worked very hard to grasp the concepts of this game and have established a strong foundation for the program's future. Never have I worked with a group of athletes who want to learn so much and who give 150% each time they walk on the field."



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April Ertl lights up lady sluggers

By Lori Bogue
Sports Editor

For those of you who have heard of the Lady Pioneers' latest rampage, but haven't seen any of it—please wake up.

The Pioneers have turned what looked to be a pretty dismal season into one that has flourished as bright and optimistic as the latest weather.

Some say that such things are worth the wait. And they really are if you are dressed in red and white, wear #8 and control the game from the mound. Yes, it's April Ertl.

After this fearless right-hander chucked a no-hitter against Assumption College, she earned the cheer "April For President." Her record stands at 13-2 with four games left. In Sunday's bout against Lowell, Ertl went 6-7 in the double header and pitched a 3-



Tag... You're out! Pioneer softball player Elaine Agosti makes a tag-out at first base in Tuesday's doubleheader win over Southern Connecticut State University, 1-0, 14-6. The wins guaranteed the team at least a tie in the NECC.

Photo by Dawn M. Kentosh

hitter in the opener. Ertl has impressed coach Bippy Luckie with her bats so much that she earned the cleanup spot, and rightfully so, when she has, on several occasions, gotten in the winning RBI or hit that deadly double.

"When we hit, things happen," said first baseman Elaine Agosti. In the game against Lowell, the Pioneers combined for 32 hits in the nightcap. A big change from the Pioneers who, a month ago, couldn't put together any clutch hitting.

On Saturday's 8-2 victory against New Hampshire College (game two), speedster Michelle Palmer went 3-for-4 with two triples, while Maria Cavaliere sent a long ball.

Lisa Difulvio tagged a fifth inning triple while Sarah Solinsky went 3-for-4 (1 RBI) and a triple.

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Baseball regains confidence, Muthersbaugh hurls no-hitter

By Kelly Cavinaugh
Guest Writer

After dropping two crucial games to conference foe University of New Haven last Monday, the Pioneers came back strong behind the pitching of junior Heath Greenlee and senior Bryan Muthersbaugh to sweep the Owls of Southern Connecticut University on Saturday in New Haven by the scores of 8-4 and 2-0 in a league doubleheader.

The two wins pushed the Pioneers to .500 play in the con-

ference with a 3-3 record. In a conference like the NECC, the three losses may hurt the Pioneers in the hunt for their second consecutive league championship. "It's still early in the season. There are a lot of games to be played before we can talk about who is going to win the league," said pitcher Jon Goode.

Although it is fairly early, three losses will have a big effect on conference standings. One of the losses in the conference was against Keene State University. This loss will stand out because on paper, the Pioneers should have

won this hands down.

Making another mark in his magnificent baseball career, Muthersbaugh pitched his first ever no-hitter of his career.

In a 2-0 victory over Southern Connecticut, he breezed by the Owls, wrapping up the series and improving his pitching record to 3-1. "I had great defense. To pitch a no-hitter, you need a team effort, and that is what I got," said Muthersbaugh.

Defensive plays by shortstop Scott Schilling and left fielder Makiem Miller sent shockwaves through the team.



A Pioneer hurler whizzes a pitch towards the strike zone in a recent game. The baseball team, who had their best start in the school's history, have dropped to 3-3 in the NECC.

Photo by Darren Arns

Men's lacrosse finishes strong

By Iron Horse
Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team got a taste of upstate New York last weekend, as they entered their first tournament ever in Elmira, New York. Elmira Soaring Eagles hosted two NECC teams and New York rival and perennial power Keuka College.

The playing conditions were very poor due to the heavy rainfall that Elmira had received through the week. The Pioneers had to face the Keuka Warriors

in this mud drenched showdown like the Sioux had to play the Shawnee Injun Tribe in the game of speed and skill. The Pioneers lost a tough one to the warriors, however, but they still had a chance to place third in the tournament.

Making it to the consolations for third and fourth place, the Pioneers entered the beat-up battlefield with a lot of heart and character as they had to compete against the stinging A.I.C. Yellow Jackets.

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Women's lacrosse improves to 3-2

By C. R. S.
Guest Writer

This past week, the women's lacrosse team improved their record to 3-2 overall with a 3-game winning streak.

The Lady Pioneers started the week by beating Smith College (JV) 14-4. Leading the attack with six goals was Jen Fallon, while Becky Van Ort had three goals and Jen Greene had two goals and four assists. Jen Schultz provided strong defensive support, while netting two goals herself.

On Wednesday, March 14, the pioneers were tested by

neighboring Fairfield University but stayed poised and controlled as they came away with a 10-9 win. Scoring for SHU was Van Ort with five goals, Greene and Schultz with two goals, and Fallon found the net with only three seconds left to play to put the Lady Pioneers ahead 10-9. Excellent defense was played by goalie Renee Melchiona, who turned away 12 shots. Providing support on the defensive unit were Gail Mazzucco, Tara Fisher, and Liz Chernis.

The Pioneers ended the week

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