

# High phone bills are upsetting many

By Elizabeth Hyer  
Co-News Editor

Many residential students are finding it very difficult to use their long distance service without maxing out their phone bills before the month is over.

"I try to limit my phone use so my parents aren't stuck with huge bills every month," said Diana Grandeo, a junior from Deer Park, N.Y. "Sometimes the phone is unavoidable and a thirty-minute phone call can cost a small fortune."

Telecommunications, which provides residential students with long distance access codes to call out, do not deny the high rates, but stress that students are getting a deal because they do not pay for

local calls and are not charged a monthly service fee.

"We charge between 20 - 27 cents a minute to 30 - 37 cents a minute depending on when and where you call," said Mary Gray, coordinator for Telecommunications. "Students can call any phone company and get a calling card, but depending on who you call the rates may be the same or even higher."

Because Sacred Heart students are restricted from contacting outside phone companies to install new phone connections, students need to be aware of the amount of time that is spent on the phone.

"I always watch how much time I am on the phone," said Michelle Papagni, a junior from

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Photo by Kerrie Darress

Sophomore Joe Hauge shows his displeasure with Sacred Heart University's phone service.

# Warrens make their return to Sacred Heart

By Gina Norelli  
Editor-In-Chief

As promised, Ed and Lorraine Warren, world famous ghost hunters and seekers of the supernatural, are returning to the University to give a free lecture on Tuesday February 24, at 8 p.m.

Unanticipated technical problems at the Pitt Center last Halloween night made the Warrens' lecture barely audible or visible to the 1,100 people who attended.

Tuesday's lecture, which will be held in the University Theater, will serve as an opportunity for those who attended on Hallow-

een to hear about the Warrens' experiences with ghosts, demons, haunted cemeteries, possessions and current Poltergeist cases.

"It was such a disaster last time and such a let down," said Mrs. Warren. "You can't do public speaking in a building like that and it was such a fruitless situation and was no-win all the way," she said.

Mrs. Warren recalled how students were left in the cold rain for over an hour as the basketball team finished practice and S.E.T. tried to fix the projector.

Mike Dutton, president of the Student Events Team (S.E.T.) said, "Most people are ticked off about what happened on Halloween. I hope they realize that it isn't in any

part the fault of the S.E.T."

Mrs. Warren said, "We told them we wouldn't let them down this time, and you kids were let down. We felt bad for the money that the school spent on the rentals of the reverse screen and video projector. Nobody that night was

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really to blame for anything though."

Will the fact that Halloween has passed make the Warren's lecture less spooky?

"For us, it's Halloween twelve months a year. We are involved in so many fascinating chases right now, one worse than the next. Unless people have really experienced this, it's impossible to believe it's real," said Mrs. Warren.

Mrs. Warren said that the time we are entering into, Lent, is when the worst Poltergeist cases are reported (along with cases during Advent).

"I can't imagine cases getting any worse than the Poltergeist cases we are working on now," she said.

Ed Warren is director of the New England Society for Psychic Research, and Lorraine is a gifted psychic.

Together, they have investigated over 3,000 cases of supernatural phenomenon, including 42 exorcisms. The Warrens teach classes on the paranormal and demonology, and have written nine books and a nationally syndicated column.

The lecture will be open to Sacred Heart University students only, since the Theater holds a capacity of 800 people.

*Editor's Note: Information from News articles in the October 30 Spectrum and the November 6 issues were used for portions of this article.*

# Shuttles hit with fines

By Wayne Kosminoff  
Associate Editor

The Sacred Heart University shuttle service, run by Student Life, has recently tallied \$160 worth of violations.

The fees were issued on Tuesday by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when a routine inspection indicated the vans were improperly registered.

According to Debbie Genca, an administrative assistant at the DMV, the shuttles need a combo or service bus registration; they have a passenger registration.

"Last week, Mr. Carlton Csiki, of the Commercial Safety

Division, informed us that the shuttle vans at Sacred Heart University were improperly registered," said Genca.

"We called the school and made an appointment to check the vehicles. Apparently they were under compliance that everything was properly registered," she added.

According to the DMV, the University is expected to have this problem corrected by next week. This morning they issued Sacred Heart a warning and infractions saying they were going come back within the next two weeks to determine if everything is properly registered.

During the inspection, Rob-

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Photo by Kerrie Darress

Junior Nicole Bishop gets into one of Student Life's improperly registered SHU shuttles.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### *New book on Vatican II edited by Dr. Cernera*

Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, has recently edited a new book examining the changes in the Catholic Church initiated by the Second Vatican Council.

*Vatican II: The Continuing Agenda* is a 12-chapter book in which each chapter features an essay by a respected scholar on different aspects of Vatican II.

"Every major council in the history of the Catholic Church has required time to be received and implemented into the life of the Church. As one who teaches a course on the Church to both graduate and undergraduate students, I am reminded regularly that many committed and active young Catholics were born after the Council ended," said Cernera in the prologue.

The book is published by Sacred Heart University Press and can be ordered through the University.

### *Chelsea Clinton still believes in her father*

Chelsea Clinton is standing by her father, President Bill Clinton, who faces allegation that he had an affair with a former White House intern.

So says Rev. Jesse Jackson, who recently spoke over the phone about the situation.

"She's so sweet, strong and mature beyond her years. She is aware of what's happening and confronting it, and she wants to offer support for her father and mother," he said.

"The very strong ties she has with (her mother) Hillary (Rodham Clinton) and the affection for her father are just touching" added Jackson, saying Chelsea "totally believes" her father.

"(Chelsea) has grown up in a household of public struggle and confrontation. It's not the first time she's seen her father's name in the negative," Jackson said.

Clinton is currently a first-year student at Stanford University.

*Information provided by the College Press Service.*

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

## Shuttle: improperly registered

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ert Wargo, an inspector, found the shuttle was not equipped with various items. The items needed are fire extinguishers, a first-aid kit and orange triangular reflectors.

Also, the inspection revealed that three of the 18 drivers were not properly licensed themselves. The drivers needed a public service licence. Currently, the drivers are in the process of obtaining the correct licensing. They were sent home that morning.

"The state has given us two weeks to become compliant with the proper registration of the vehicles," said Kim Sousa-Peoples,

## Phones: Students frustrated over high prices for phone calls made from SHU phone system

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Worcester, Mass. "After my last phone bill, I decided it was time to get a calling card. The rates are cheaper and I am sure my bill will be cheaper too."

According to Gray, Telecommunications is looking to source

assistant Dean of Students. "As of this morning, we've already made arrangements with our service provider to bring the vans in."

One shuttle driver said that this problem was brought to Student Life's attention before, but nothing was done.

"I told them earlier this year that they had to do something about the registration. If this were a business, they would be out of business," said the City of Bridgeport and SHU shuttle driver who wishes to remain anonymous.

Genca wanted to make it clear that they don't want to shut down the shuttle, they only want to make sure it's safe for students to ride in.

out next semester. By doing this they will be looking towards other phone companies to provide long distance and basic phone service. This will help to cut long distance prices and telecommunications will not be involved in any way with students problems or complaints regarding the phone systems.

## Cernera ringmastering circus

By Amy Finkle and  
Kristen Jelormine

1998 marks the 50th anniversary of the Barnum Festival in Bridgeport, the home of Barnum Museum. The museum was built in 1893 and depicts the life and work of the famous circus leader, P. T. Barnum. The festival, held in honor of Barnum, benefits various community organizations.

Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, was chosen by the festival's committee to be the ringmaster for the festivities.

Included in his duties is the overseeing of all festival activities and acting as spokesman for all events.

Cernera is the first college president to hold this honorary position.

"The committee was looking for an individual who makes significant achievements in his or

her work or personal life," said Dean Golembeski, director of Public Relations at Sacred Heart. "They chose Dr. Cernera out of many nominations."

"This year's festival will require people coming together to do good things for the community and bring the community together," said Cernera.

Cernera was also quoted on the Barnum Festival website as saying, "The festival brings together many volunteers from different walks of life and from surrounding communities to celebrate Bridgeport, its diverse cultures and the memory of P. T. Barnum. And while the festival provides hours of good family fun, it's most important to remember that it helps raise funds that support the important and good work of numerous civic organizations."

Cernera announced the new logo for the 50th anniversary festival to be: "Serving Together for the Future."

The highlight of the festival

will be eight performances by the Carson and Barnes Five Ring Wild Animal Circus, which according to the Barnum Festival website, is the "biggest bigtop on Earth."

According to the website, the circus, held on June 25, 26, 27, and 28, will put on two shows a day on the grounds of Sacred Heart University, with Cernera as the ringmaster.

Included in the show will be acrobats, jugglers, and clowns, comprised of 100 artists from numerous countries around the world.

The animal tamers will work with a variety of animals, including 20 Asian elephants and over 100 exotic, as well as domestic animals, including hippopotamus, giraffes, tigers, and lions.

Families will be able to view these animals free of charge on the morning the circus arrives.

*Amy Finkle is a Staff Writer and Kristen Jelormine is a Contributing Writer.*



Contributed Photo

Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, gets ready for the Barnum Festival.

## New housing selection implemented

By Amanda Massey  
Contributing Writer

The Residential Life and Housing Services Office has proposed a new housing selection system that will be in effect from February to the beginning of April.

In the past, some students felt that the housing selection process was unfair to sophomores and juniors.

"Housing selection is a crazy time," said Jen Brown, a sophomore from New Haven. "Last year, there were enough J-Hill apartments to accommodate us, but somehow different groups of students kept complaining to get ahead of us in line. Thankfully we got the last J-Hill apartment."

The new housing program is based on expanded occupancy and credit hours.

"Last year we had a real problem trying to get into J-Hill with seven juniors," said Dave Fesko, a junior from Springfield, Mass. "All the sophomores with eight or

nine people were getting all the apartments ahead of us. We had to talk to the President to complain about the situation."

The new housing selection process will avoid last year's problem of long lines and last minute decisions. The process this year will include having students apply for the housing they desire and they will be notified strictly by the telephone.

"The students apply for the apartment they desire to live in. They can either be denied or accepted," said Jim Giudice, one of the designers of the new program and Residence Hall Director of J-Hill. "The students will be notified by phone calls. This system will help avoid the chaos and long lines that form outside of Residential Life."

A recent housing survey said that Jefferson Hill was the most desired place to live among next year's sophomores, followed by Parkridge, Avalon and Taft Commons.

"It's hard to say what area fills up first," said Giudice. "It

changes every year. It depends where the majority of seniors and juniors want to live."

Most students will know where they are going to live next year before Easter Break.

The new housing selection process that is going to be used this semester is on a trial basis.

"This selection process can be a success, only if students act responsibly," said Giudice. "This means they need to keep reapplying, checking the bulletin board, and getting their applications in on time."

General information about the new housing process was handed out to students and parents on Feb. 13.

Informational meetings will be Feb. 23 at 10:15 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Additional meetings may be held in all areas of campus from Feb. 24-26. Housing applications will be available then.

"These dates are tentative," said Giudice. "We will be keeping students updated on any changes."

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# Art parents discuss issues

By Brian Corasaniti  
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Several parents of art majors met with Sacred Heart University administrators to discuss the concerns students had over the quality of the conditions in the Art Department last Sunday.

After an informal tour of the Art Department, the students and parents talked with Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of Finance and Administration and Dr. Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, about their concerns.

Art students voiced their displeasure that of the 3.6 million in the budget for the Art, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Departments, and how only \$450,000 was allocated to the Art Department.

Paolini pointed to the recent development of the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy programs as a reason why so much money was given to them.

"The University has made a commitment to the Health Sciences as a new area. If the University is to grow, which is part of the plan, it will need to (give money to the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy programs)," she said.

"You would think that departments and majors that have

been here longer would get more precedence," said Kathrine Hippeli, president of the Art Club and a junior from Milford.

"The proportion argument is very difficult to logically use," added Madonna.

Another major concern brought up was height of the ceilings in the Art Department. Presently, the ceilings throughout the Art Department are 6 foot, 10 inches high.

"Because of the ceiling, the top of the easels had to be sawed off," said Hippeli.

Hippeli also mentioned that a Life Drawing class had to be moved to the Administration Building because the human models hit their heads on the ceilings when they would step up on the podium.

Another concern was the fact that the windows in the Art Department were sealed, preventing fumes from escaping.

Although not against fire code, many parents and students were concerned about the breathability of the air.

"This is terrible," said one parent in reference to the air quality. "These fumes will intoxicate, and people will get sick," said another.

Madonna said that if any fire codes were violated, the students would be evacuated until the situation was fixed.

"We have no space on this

campus that violates any code at any degree," he said.

"On a short term basis, I do not see this as a problem. On a long term basis, I think it has a cumulative bad effect," said Jack DeGraffenried, advisor to the Art Club, in reference to the air quality.

Another concern brought up was the quality of the Art Department's computer lab.

At the beginning of the school year, the computer lab in the Art Department had two duplex outlets for 12 computers.

To make do, they used power strips which caused several power outages.

The situation was eventually remedied by an electrician, but upset many parents and students.

"We made a mistake. How much apology do you want for something we corrected," said Madonna.

Madonna went on to say that the University has no immediate plans to move the Art Department to a more suitable location or to keep them in their present location.

"The bottom line is money. It always is... There is no commitment to the Art Department. There is no commitment against the Art Department," said Madonna.

"There are all kinds of possible thoughts. We are living in some ambiguity," said Paolini.

# Registration problems addressed

By Jon De Benedictis  
Contributing Writer

Many Sacred Heart students are concerned over the number of classes available for registration and the amount of time it takes to register.

With the money being funded for special projects throughout campus, some students feel that they are experiencing more problems than ever registering for classes.

"For my first four semesters at Sacred Heart, it seemed as though there was clearly more sections of classes offered for all

majors, especially media studies. Now, I've noticed that there are some classes that offer so few sections, or some classes that just aren't offered at all," said Frank Todaro, a junior media studies major from Queens, N.Y.

But the feeling is different in the Registrar's Office. Jean Gasso, a clerk in the Registrar's Office feels that a vast improvement has been made.

"The entire process is running much smoother than it used to. Students aren't standing in line as much as usual and there seems to be less hassles with registration as we come to each semester," she said.

Gasso insists that the Regis-

trar's Office is working as hard as they can to accommodate the needs of students and that each student should have more faith in the system.

"If classes fill up fast, and there are still large numbers of students who need to enroll in the class, more sections will be opened to accommodate the students," she said.

Gasso's advice to the students is to not be disheartened if a class is closed and to take advantage of add/drop because classes will frequently re-open.

Registration information for next semester will be mailed to students in April. Gasso suggests that it is never too early to prepare.

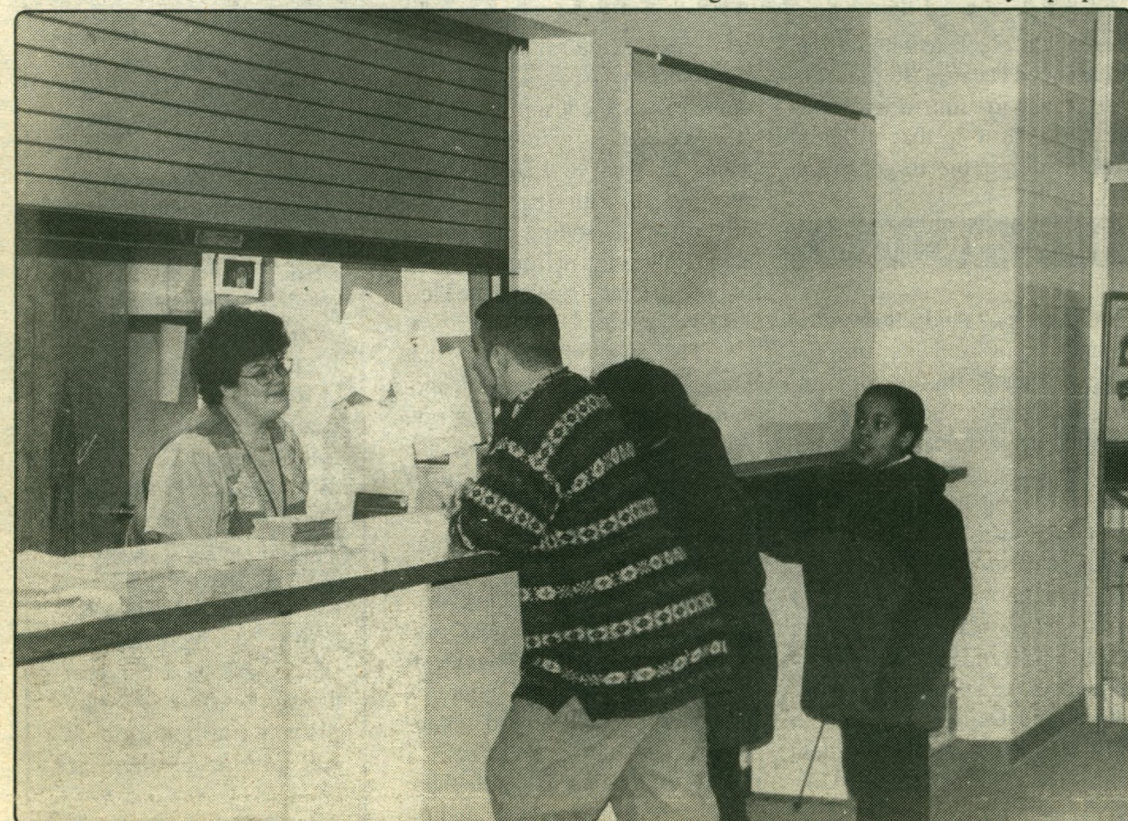


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Senior Joey Avino stands outside of the Registrars Office hoping to get the classes of his dreams.

## PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

### Public Safety Releases from Feb. 8 to Feb. 14

**Feb. 8: 1:11 a.m.-** West Hall resident called to report loud noises in the hallway.

**2:40 a.m.-** Officer and RA observed an alcohol violation in South Hall; alcohol was confiscated.

**4:23 a.m.-** Officer observed a student breaking into the trunk of their vehicle because they had lost the key to the trunk; ownership of the vehicle was verified.

**12:54 p.m.-** West Hall fire alarm received; no smoke or fire.

**1:10 p.m.-** Taft Res. Life requested room search assistance.

**7:02 p.m.-** Parkridge students reported a description of a suspicious vehicle seen driving around the area; Officers were notified.

**8:58 p.m.-** Parkridge Officer observed a rear door of a townhouse wide open; resident of the townhouse stated the door was open because it was too hot in the apartment.

**Feb. 9: 1:21 a.m.-** A vehicle occupied by three males rammed the rear of a Public Safety vehicle while the Officer was patrolling in the area of the Pitt Center. The vehicle then fled campus by driving over the lawn into the Jewish Home parking lot. Fairfield Police were notified and found the vehicle, which was reported stolen from Trumbull, on Jefferson St. The three male occupants fled the scene. Public Safety Officers checked vehicles on campus; no vehicles were broken into.

**1:33 p.m.-** West Hall fire alarm received. Responding Officers found smoke in the building; Fairfield Fire Department notified and responded. A Sixth floor resident had a candle burning; he fell asleep, and when he awoke, the candle had begun melting on top of the TV. The resident attempted to move the candle from the TV when he dropped it, causing the rug to burn.

**Feb. 11: 12:01 a.m.-** Officer observed a marijuana violation in South Hall; Res. Life staff responded.

**1:43 a.m.-** South Hall fire alarm received. Fairfield Fire Department notified and responded.

**9:18 a.m.-** Staff member reported damage to a mechanical room door in J-Hill Apartment; does not appear access was gained.

**11:08 a.m.-** West Hall resident reported theft from their room.

**2:40 p.m.-** West Hall residents reported receiving harassing phone calls.

**3:52 p.m.-** Faculty member reported a student was feeling ill in the Science Wing; officers responded; treatment and/or transportation declined.

**6:42 p.m.-** Avalon Gates student reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

**Feb. 12: 5:54 p.m.-** Commuter student reported the driver of a van she cut off on the Merritt Parkway made a rude gesture to her and then followed her onto campus. Public Safety was notified, spoke with the man, and he left campus.

**10:35 p.m.-** West Hall fire alarm received; Fairfield Fire Department responded; caused by someone lighting papers on a cork board on fire.

**Feb. 13: 12:50 a.m.-** Officer observed a fight in the cafeteria; the students who were fighting were University of Bridgeport students, who were sent on their way.

**1:25 a.m.-** South Hall Res. Life staff reported the smell of marijuana in the bldg.; Officer responded to assist.

**3:19 a.m.-** University of Bridgeport security called the Public Safety Office to report three SHU students were involved in an accident at U.B. which resulted in property damage. The students were escorted off the property and given trespass warnings.

**11:14 p.m.-** Officer assisted Res. Life staff at Parkridge with an alcohol violation.

**Feb. 14: 1:41 a.m.-** Ill West Hall resident was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

**3:33 a.m.-** West Hall NESS Officer requested assistance with visitors who would not leave the building; visitors complied with Officers' request.

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## EDITORIALS

### Understanding is one of life's keys

Over the past six weeks of school, the Spectrum has covered numerous topics, ranging anywhere from drugs and alcohol to price changes in Flik dining services.

Yet, one topic the Spectrum feels quite strongly on is learning how to cooperate with one another. We feel that if two or more individuals can't get along and work out their differences, then problems may arise in the future, especially in a work setting; the main reason why we are going to school in the first place.

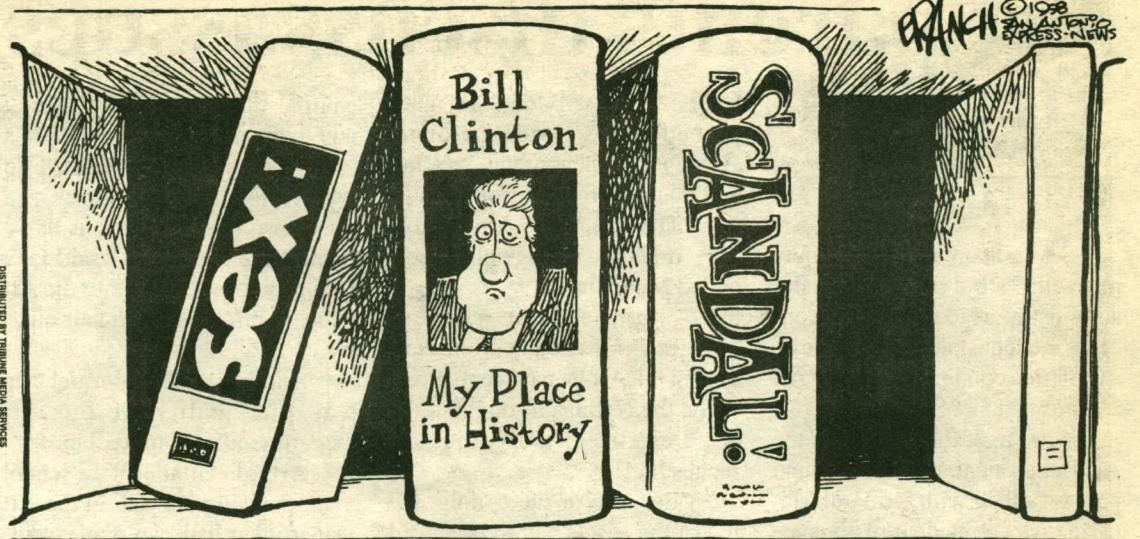
Cooperation and learning to adjust to others needs at school is vital. One reason is for example: You graduate and now you are sharing an apartment with a stranger. But you are having problems because you don't want to conform based on your own needs. The Spectrum believes that if you are going to survive in the land of life, learn to communicate and compromise. Don't stoop to childish levels of talking behind people's backs and making things worse. How about trying to understand first?

### New housing selection implemented

Housing selection had been proven to be an unnerving and stressful time. Many complaints and parental phone calls have flooded the Office of Residential Life and Housing Services during past selection times. Because of this Residential Life and their housing committee have devised a new plan with the hopes of improving this frustrating situation.

With the new selection process to go into effect this month, it is important to realize there is no guarantee that you will be placed in the residence hall that you most desire to live in. Although there are enough beds for each student, we believe that problems will still arise. The one good thing that will definitely come out of this is the end to the long lines that students have been used to in the past.

A word to the wise: attend the informational sessions, fill out housing application forms correctly, and make alternate living plans, because as many have come to realize, Sacred Heart is not always the most smoothly run university and problems with this new system are bound to occur.



## Explore the Outpost for a fun night

The sun sets and life on the ranch slows down, the ranchers settle in after the hectic duties are done. Every Wednesday through Saturday after 9 p.m. the Sacred Heart University dining hall makes a transformation from a place of trays and food, to a place of fun and frolic. Whimsical cow print tablecloths and festive chili pepper lights welcome visitors into the Western themed "Outpost Pub".

The Pub is staffed by Sacred Heart University work study students as a service of the Student Union. The staff works hard to serve their loyal customers and guests from the campus and community. The pub offers many choices for customers: a variety of beer and wine coolers at reasonable prices, soda at no charge (or a very low price) and often snacks. Our menu is complimented by great campus programs which are sponsored by clubs and organizations. Most nights events are free for students and open to the public. Any given night, entertainment ranges from Greek Rush Parties to bands to carnival photos and



BY KIM TIMPANY

karaoke or just hangin' out! The Outpost Pub staff is proud of our image of being a safe place to hang out with the option to have a drink. Our staff is trained well and has great support. We have two student managers overseeing the staff of six. We have begun implementing a program called TIPS-Training for Intervention Procedures, which teaches servers to monitor

customers on campus, not for the reasons other bars do to sell more drinks (i.e. Jell-O shots, buckets of beers, \$.10 shots).

We make sure customers are having fun in a safe and healthy manner.

We make it a practice to serve one beer, per person, per visit. Another good thing about our pub is that students are encouraged to stay close to home.

There is no concern that drunk drivers come back to campus and there is a shuttle to get you back and forth to your residence halls.

We keep taxi listings for anyone who may be commuting. Also, we watch all customers cutting off anyone who is risking drinking too much. As a campus service, we are vested in the health and well being of the Sacred Heart University students, something you cannot guarantee at an off-campus bar.

We regularly add flavors to our menu and cater to requests from loyal customers.

The addition of snacks and soda were a request by one of our favorite customers. Come by and tell us what you would like to see at "The Outpost".

We hope you can join us because we always look forward to a good crowd, having a good time, in a great pub.

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## Outpost bar (and it is a bar), just like the rest

A column came to our office earlier this week praising "The Outpost Pub" calling it "a great place to hang out." (See above).

It is this person's opinion, however it is not as great as proclaimed.

In the wake of the problems surrounding the Deja-Vu club and with the two Sacred Heart students in a partnership with the club, this glorified column is indeed a sham.

The column's main purpose was to stress the safety of "The Outpost" in comparison to off-campus bars. I find it hard to believe that with all that has gone on in the last two months concerning off-campus bars, in particular Deja-Vu, that this column was just a little reminder of what

goes on at SHU after hours. It was rather an attempt to glorify the one on campus activity that generates some sort of attendance. By the way, they attend because they serve alcohol.

When students go out, they like to have fun. What they don't like is having some underage bartender at "The Outpost" telling them when they've had too much.

The opening of the letter describes the Outpost as FLIK transformed. To say that the dining hall is transformed however is pushing it. I'm sorry but "whimsical cow print tablecloths and festive chili pepper lights" don't erase the fact that the setting of "The Outpost" is still a cafeteria.

And what is the deal with the "beer garden?" An area of "The Outpost" is roped off and beer is served in its perimeter. I'm sure most students like to be trapped like cattle, away from those who cannot drink.

The letter claimed that driv-

ers wouldn't have to worry about a ride home because shuttles provide transportation to and from the site. How is that different from loading a bus to get to and

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from Deja-Vu? And who is going to drive home students from the Outpost after the shuttle stops running at 10 p.m.? The students are going to drive themselves home.

Students are provided with truly safe transportation to and from Deja Vu, though. Some have argued that this is different and you know what, maybe I agree. The situation is different because Sacred Heart University does not make a penny from those who attend Deja-Vu. The club most definitely steals business from "The Outpost" and the University is bitter.

The Outpost advertises the fact that alcohol is served to those

who can provide valid identification. Such is the case with ads that come to the Spectrum.

We not only state that entrants must have I.D. but now include text in the Deja-Vu advertisements stating that the ad stands independent from the views of both the Spectrum and the University.

The only difference is that Deja-Vu advertises its drink specials and the Outpost does not. Anymore, that is. It used to in last year's Spectrum. The first 50 or 100 beers were advertised as free. Now does *this* encourage binge drinking?

I personally don't have anything against "The Outpost" and could really care less about Deja-Vu. I do care however about this publication and how hard our advertisers work to get ads.

We edit ads and handle them in a professional manner and do not deserve the recent headache over such advertisements.

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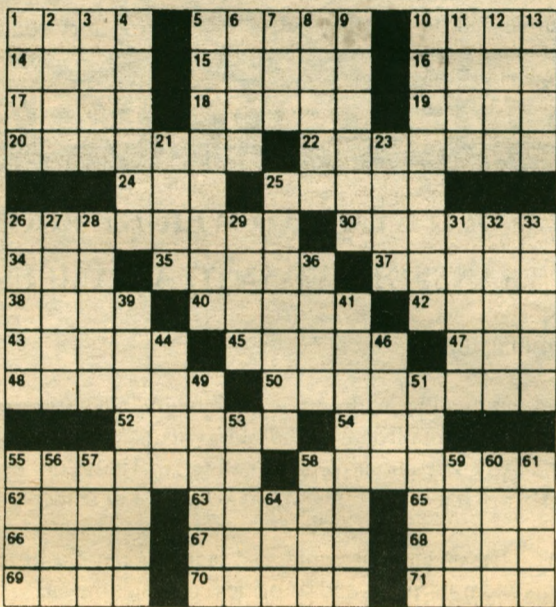
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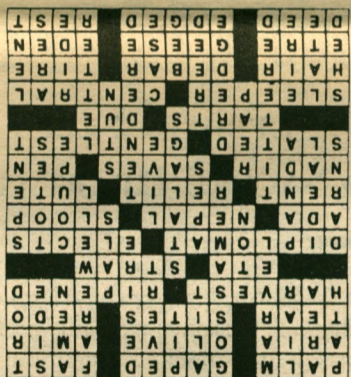
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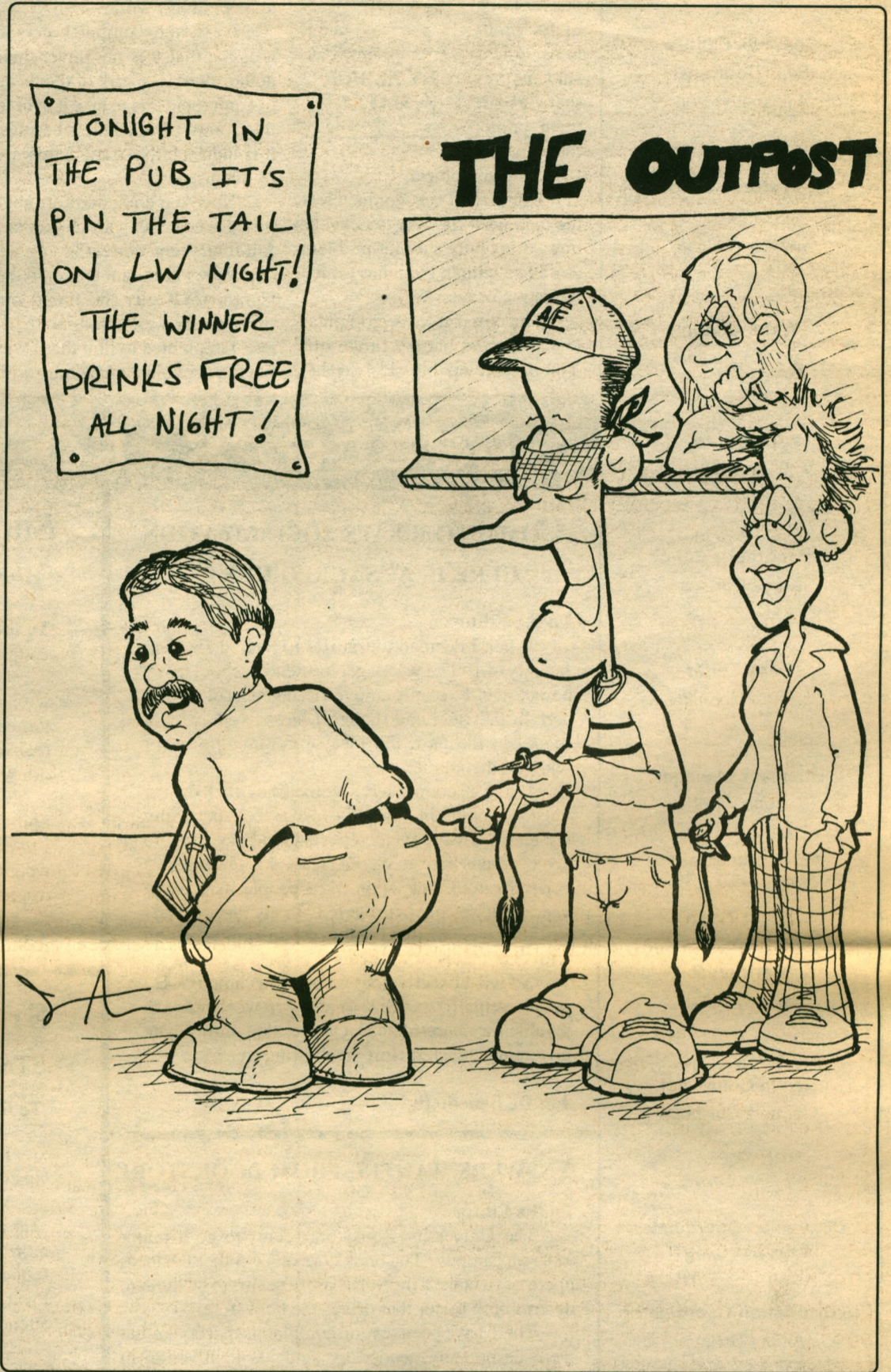


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# The SHU Voices

Compiled by Kerrie Darress

## How do you relieve stress?



**Melinda Nicoletti**  
Bristol senior  
"I take a personal day and sit on my couch."



**Carl Sturino**  
New Fairfield junior  
"I go to the gym and lift."



**Karen Fallon**  
Billerica, Mass. first-year student  
"I listen to music."



**Mike Russo**  
Fairfield senior  
"I take my dogs to the park."

# False promises were made for school computers

Why does this university give accolades to those who either complain or have their parents complain about their problems? Sacred Heart does nothing to fix problems unless students protest about them or get their parents to call up and object.



BY AMBER SCHAPER

I have had my computer at the help desk for over two weeks now. It's really a minor problem that I had with it, but it has turned into a major one.

The clip inside the computer that holds the battery broke off. You figure, no big deal, right?

This became a big deal.

When I brought it down to the help desk, and told the technician of my problem, he replied that the battery usually does not work correctly unless it is making the connection, and that without the clip working, the battery itself probably wouldn't work.

Next, the computer person tells me that it is not under their authority to take care of the piece of equipment and to take it over to the Comp. USA window because it is their job to fix any hardware problems.

Now, our computers are supposed to be under warranty for our full four years, correct?

When I brought it over to the Comp. USA guy, he found out other things were wrong with it.

I explained to him that I was having trouble connecting with

the internet, and he found out that I had a faulty modem. He took it out and showed me the bend in it's structure.

He assured me that he was on top of it, and that he would get me a new one. He was never to be seen again.

I have since found out that the school has decided to make null and void the agreement made to us when we first purchased the computers- that they would pay to correct any problems with our machines until we graduate.

After the first year, they only pay for those things which are faulty merchandise, and not the things which we could have broken ourselves.

Comp U.S.A. said that if I want a new battery, which indeed I need, since mine has split in two upon hitting the floor after the

faulty clip broke, it will cost me over \$150.

This is outrageous!

First of all, the computer was purchased by me at a cost of close to \$3,000, only because I was told I had to buy it in order to go to this school.

Secondly, one of the one of the stipulations upon which I bought the machine, was that the school covered all expenses of its upkeep for four years.

I do not know how this university expects us to grow and mature if we are constantly taught that the only way to get some action is to whine like a child, or have our parents fight our battles.

I feel that action should be taken to better this university before there are so many complaints that one gets sick of hearing all the derogatory comments.

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## Letters to the editor

### COMMUTER SAYS SOCIALIZATION HERE IS A "SACRED HURT"

To the Editor:

When I decided to transfer to Sacred Heart in January of 1997, I was eager to attend a school in my hometown. I've truly enjoyed living most of my life here in Fairfield and though I have lived away at school in the past, the idea of commuting never really bothered me.

Being a commuter, I sometimes feel on the outside looking in. I have a very active social life, but I have always wondered what kind of social life is on campus here at Sacred Heart. I hate to make a generalization, but I don't see people here being very outgoing and extroverted. In my three semesters here, it is rare that I will strike up a conversation with classmates or strangers.

So what exactly goes on here on campus? Do people actually socialize here? Are weekends enjoyable for the residents? Or does that unfortunate nickname, "Sacred Hurt" really ring true?

Jon De Benedictis

### ANSWERS WANTED FROM BOOKSTORE

To the Editor:

The University Bookstore seems to be a major issue on campus. The bookstore or any other business operates to make a profit but profit seems to be the sole determining factor that drives the bookstore.

There have been several complaints that books that were desperately needed by students to function in assigned subject areas could not be had.

Speaking from personal experience, the word from the bookstore officials was "we don't know when this book will come in."

One must naturally question why a specific number of books in the different disciplines are not made available for students when the university administration has a list of students enrolled for different courses.

It is grossly unfair for books to be returned to the bookstore and a minimal sum given for these refunds.

These returned books or used books are sold for much more than what was given for returns.

What is the rationale behind this and when will things take a positive turn? Answers are needed.

Terrel Scott



### SHOULD OLD GYM AND WEIGHT ROOM HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A CAMPUS BAR?

To the Editor:

I found out that the mailroom is now the old weight room. What was wrong with the old mailroom? The old gym and weight room should be turned into a bar. The pub now is the cafeteria. That is not even close to a real bar. Also, a bar on campus would keep a lot of students from driving drunk.

Putting a bar on campus could also make money for different groups. Sports teams and fraternities and sororities could use the bar to make money. I'm not an alcoholic, I just feel that this is a good use for the old gym and weight room. It is also something that will benefit the students and even the teachers as well.

Adam P. Lagnese

### STUDENT OPPOSES FEB. 12 LETTER THAT STATED SACRED HEART IS LOSING CHARM

To the Editor:

Last week, the Spectrum ran an editorial saying that Sacred Heart is "losing its charm." I disagree with the Spectrum's opinion.

What exactly does the Spectrum mean by charm? Was the school charming when it was just a small commuter school? Does the addition of more facilities, academic programs and students take away from the school? I don't think so. In my opinion, the addition of residence halls, the Pitt Center and classrooms has made the school even more desirable to attend.

The reason that I chose to attend Sacred Heart was because of the pioneering attitude held by the administration. True, the school does appear to be suffering some growing pains, but that is to be expected. I think this is an exciting time to be at Sacred Heart and I think in ten years I'll be even more proud to say that I went here.

Matt Duda

### WAS ARTICLE ABOUT KAPPA PHI POORLY WRITTEN?

To the Editor:

I am responding to an article that was written in the Spectrum about Kappa Phi and the Greek Life Judicial Board. The article was very poorly written. Information was inaccurate and poorly researched. I am an active member of Kappa Phi, a board member for the Greek Life Judicial Board and also I am currently a contributing writer to the Spectrum. I take a lot of pride in all these activities and to see them represented poorly in an article makes my blood boil.

First and foremost, Gail-Sue Capone is spelled with one P. Every

reporter should check the spelling of the name of the person they are interviewing. Gail is also the current President of Kappa Phi, not Wendi Plescia. Ed Page is the Chairperson of the Greek Life Judicial board, not the President of Greek Council. The reporter should also make sure they are correct on the person's position. For future reference a reporter should always get information correct. That is what reporters do. This is obviously not always the case for the SHU Spectrum.

Amanda Massey

Editor's Note: The article that this student refers to appeared on the front page News Feb. 5 issue.

## SUBMIT A LETTER

# FEATURES

## Student reaches above and beyond

By Wayne Kosminoff  
Associate Editor

She wakes up each morning just as any ordinary student or average citizen would. But friends say Melissa Morrison, 18, isn't typical at all.

This first-year Sacred Heart University occupational therapy student from Waterbury, proclaims, "I love people." That is why besides attending school and working 20 to 53 hours a week at an inventory specialist store in Waterbury, Morrison is noted as a volunteer specialist.

Her volunteer work began with an e-mail and a request from first-year business student Brian Polovoy, an 18-year-old martial artist who is confined to a wheelchair because of a quadriplegic disability.

Polovoy's letter traveled across the University's network to approximately 2,800 students asking for help with certain activities such as washing his laundry, cleaning his room, and typing papers.

Polovoy said he was willing to pay the individuals for their services. Morrison was the only student who responded to his needs. She refused any payments.

"I enjoy helping Brian. He's a great and caring person. Brian also offers to help me. We have a great friendship," said Morrison.

In addition to assisting Polovoy with activities that may

be difficult, Morrison is also active in two other areas.

She works with mentally ill patients in a program called Hope is Here, and she helps bilingual children in the sixth and seventh grades with math and social studies at John Winthrop Elementary School in Bridgeport.

Both programs were a result of a Service Learning program for her English 011 class. Morrison says that she only had to do one activity, but she wanted to do two.

The two programs ended last semester, yet she continues to take on the responsibility.

"In the Hope is Here program, a social club for the mentally ill, I thought Melissa was extraordinarily sensitive and helpful with people's problems," said Dr. Ralph Corrigan, an English professor and her Service Learning educator here at Sacred Heart. "I knew she was very well liked by the clients she worked with."

***"The bonds I established with them were really strong. When the program ended and I had to leave, I missed them, and realized I couldn't leave."***



Photo by Amber Schaper

Above, Melissa Morrison, first year student at SHU, excels in community service.

An anonymous student here at SHU said, "Melissa seems to be something like a fairy tale. You don't find people this devoted to community service these days."

"I love doing it. I didn't have to carry on the Service Learning for the second semester, but I really wanted to," said Morrison. "The children are just great, it's wonderful to see how they need and depend on you."

Mazie Muniz, site coordinator for the John Winthrop Elementary School said, "She is very good. Melissa works extremely well with children. The children like her very much; she has a good

repertoire."

In Hope is Here, Morrison said she can relate to the patients because she has a mentally ill uncle. The program allows her to teach them to dance, play bingo, or even play touch football. She also enjoys talking to the patients and listening to what they have to say.

Morrison says that she likes the fact that every person has something different on their mind, and a different perspective.

"The bonds I established with them were really strong. When the program ended and I had to leave, I missed them, and real-

ized I couldn't leave," she added.

Friend and roommate Meghan Moran, a first-year student from Wappingers Falls, N.Y., said of Morrison, "She is a great and caring person. Melissa always tries to help out others like Brian. She is consistently active in community service."

Morrison's best friend is Nicole Russell, a Sacred Heart first-year student.

She says, "I've known her since the seventh grade. She's a very good-hearted person and she loves to help everybody she can. If I had to describe her in a few words, I would say, a true friend."

## Lightning almost never strikes twice

By Keysha Whitaker  
Co-Features Editor

Cassandra hated waiting. She hated not knowing. She hated wondering.

Each time she walked into the clinic, she fought to maintain her sanity. She often wondered how she could have been so stupid.

*Lightning never strikes twice,* Cassandra thought sarcastically. *Yeah, right.*

It began to rain as Cassandra glanced at a booklet on the table, STDs and You.

*This is so dumb,* she thought. *Why am I here?*

"Cassandra Phillips?" A nurse poked her head around the door. "Come on in, honey."

Cassandra hated the nurse. She hated the nurse's short, stubby fingers as she took her blood pressure.

"How are you feeling, sugar?" "Fine."

"Are you eating well?"

"Yeah, I guess."

"Good." The nurse began her duties and Cassandra's mind

wandered.

She knew all about AIDS, the myths, the facts, the statistics. As long as you knew what you were doing, you were safe, she had told herself.

Then why was she here? If she knew so much, then why could her life be ripped from her hands at any moment?

Cassandra's mother had AIDS. She had contracted HIV after Cassandra was born. Cassandra was only eight, but she remembered the coughing, the pain, the tears, the slow death.

At the time, Cassandra didn't know what AIDS was and she couldn't understand why the doctors her mother saw so often couldn't cure her.

Now, ten years later, Cassandra knew what AIDS was, and why the doctors couldn't cure her mother.

*And why they won't be able to cure me,* she thought.

But it wasn't her mother's fault she was sitting in the clinic.

Sometimes, she wished it was. Then she would have someone else to blame.

Cassandra was the reason she

was sitting in the clinic.

Richard had proposed to her. They both had been accepted to a prestigious college, and couldn't wait to start their life together. They knew they had made mistakes in the past, but said they wouldn't make them again.

The nurse left the room.

The rain began to come down harder, and she watched it cascade down the window.

What if last week's test came back positive?

What if it didn't?

Ever since Richard, her life was full of what ifs.

What if Richard's ex-girlfriend had never called?

Why should they believe her? Cassandra knew the girl had been with plenty of other guys after Richard.

Why should the fact that she now had HIV have anything to do with them?

But it did. It had everything to do with them.

The doctor walked in the room. His thick, brown, curly hair glistened in the fluorescent lights. His voice rumbled as he greeted Cassandra.

Cassandra noticed his Club Med tan, and his Jack LaLane physique. She despised him for being healthy. She feared she might soon be fighting the battle of her life just to stay healthy.

She blinked back a tear. *Why me? Why do I have to be a statistic?*

Ever since she came to grips with the possibility of having HIV, she hated everyone, the doctors, the nurses, the girl behind the desk, the booklets she never paid attention to.

But most of all, she hated herself.

She hated herself for being like the rest of the crowd.

There had been absolutely no reason for her to have sex with Richard. Their relationship had been progressing wonderfully without giving into animal instincts.

Cassandra had fallen into the "it's my life" mentality. She had acted and didn't consider the consequences ever applying to her. Besides, her mother had AIDS, and lightning never struck twice.

"Cassandra, you are a very healthy girl. If you continue a

good diet, you will stay healthy for a long time . . ." the doctor began.

*No, no!* Cassandra's mind raced.

The rain pounded on the window sill.

*If I continue . . . ?*

She was afraid to think of what he meant, even though deep down, she knew.

"... HIV is only the virus that causes AIDS . . . you don't have to worry, people have been living with HIV for many years," the doctor continued.

Cassandra heard fragments. "Living with HIV?" It was the dumbest thing she had ever heard.

Cassandra didn't want to live with HIV. She didn't want to die with AIDS either.

Cassandra looked out the window.

Thunder cracked, and in the distance, she swore she saw a flash of lightning.

*Editor's note: This story is a product of the author's imagination. Any resemblance to persons living or dead is purely coincidental.*

# West Hall third floor defines community

By Matt Duda  
Contributing Writer

It's 2 a.m., Tuesday morning, and all is quiet on the campus of Sacred Heart University.

In preparation for a busy day, all resident students have retired to their rooms to sleep or finish up studying. Not a person can be seen in the dorm hallways.

Except, that is, in West Hall. Step off the elevator on one floor, and you'll swear that it's a Friday night. The television blasts, laughter and conversation fill the room, food is scattered, and pranks are played.

Welcome to the third floor.

Since the first week of school, third floor residents have constantly socialized with each

other in the lounge.

Everyone knows everyone and everybody is a friend.

"I didn't expect to hang out with people on my floor," replied third floor resident Erica Forrest. "During the first week, everyone started hanging out with each other, everybody clicked."

Forrest's roommate, Nicole Madzar, thinks that part of the reason she likes Sacred Heart so much is because of the third floor. "I came to school with a real negative attitude," she said. "After moving in here, it changes my attitude."

West Hall Resident Director Dupre Benning loves how the third floor gets along. "It's terrific the way that the men and women interact," he said. "They had an instant community from the first day."

What impresses Benning



Photo by Amber Schaper

Third floor residents from left, Mary Elliott, Jonathan DesRosier, Carlin Guaneri, and Jeff Jacobs.

most is the amount of spirit on the floor.

He cites the third floor as the deciding factor in West Hall's victory in this year's Winter Olympics.

"So many people from the third floor participated," he said. "When we really needed people at the end, they came through."

There are some drawbacks to having such a friendly, close-

knit floor.

The third floor has many more quiet hour violations than any other.

"When you have so many outgoing people on one floor, you're bound to have some problems," stated Benning.

Still, nothing beats stepping off the elevator after a rough day and being welcomed by four or five friends. Or having fun hang-

ing out with the gang when there is nothing else to do.

Third floor residents can always count on finding a friend in the lounge to talk with.

That's what Benning thinks makes the floor so unique.

"I don't think in my time at Sacred Heart, there will be another floor like the third floor this year," he commented.

## Author reflects on his book

By Terrel P. Scott  
Contributing Writer

"I started writing a murder mystery novel in 1994 and saw a forensic term in a three-line citation," said David Pesci, the author of "Amistad."

The citation was part of an 1841 U.S. Supreme Court trial in Connecticut, where Africans were defended by former president John Quincy Adams.

"While at the University of Connecticut Library doing research, I was amazed that the event was not in the history books," said Pesci.

Pesci attended a speaking engagement and book signing held recently at Sacred Heart University.

The book signing was part of the International Center's schedule of events in recognition of Black History Month.

The need to tell the story

became the motivation for writing "Amistad."

"I thought that this was something that everyone should hear," said Pesci. "At least everyone in Connecticut."

Regarding his book, Pesci said, "It is a piece of history. It is also an important part of shared history. I wanted to write something historically accurate and yet accessible."

Amistad, as a historical event, went through three court trials, thus, "accuracy in writing was important," said Pesci.

Pesci said he enjoyed writing "Amistad" even though it was difficult at times.

Speaking in the 1830's is different from now, as was the concern to get the flavor without pushing anything down the readers' throat, Pesci replied.

"Amistad takes the form of a fly on the wall perspective," Pesci stated. "It brings the reader into a series of events rather than

telling the story through one perspective."

Pesci spent the summer of 1994 researching his book. The book was completed in approximately one year, after working around the clock on three rewrites.

The writer thinks the response to his book has been tremendous.

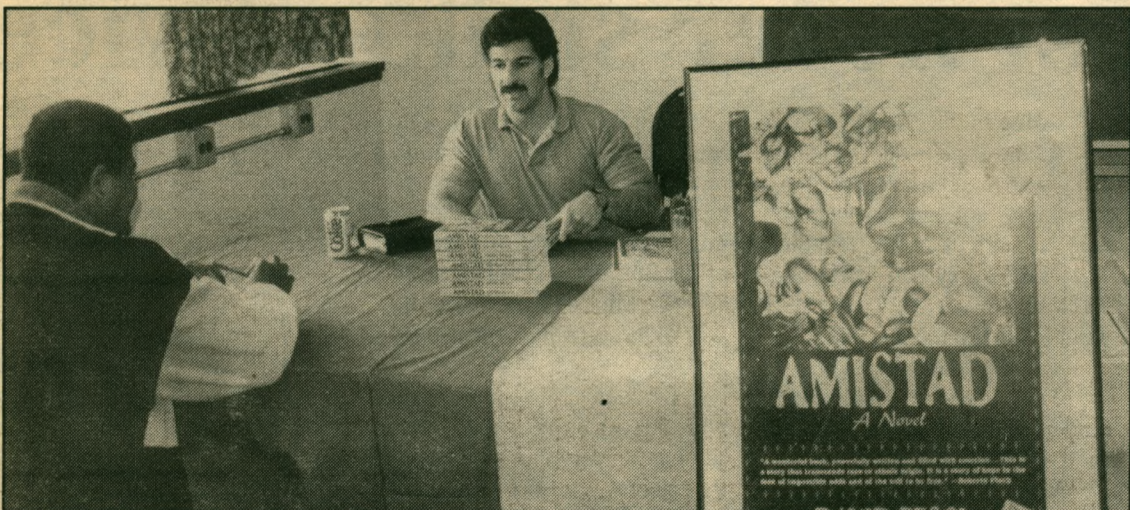
Since November, 60,000 paperback copies have been sold. Initially, he only hoped for at least 3,000 copies to be sold.

Pesci expressed that he must admit that Steven Spielberg's production, "Amistad," did generate much attention towards his book.

Pesci does not believe Spielberg took anything from his book to make the movie.

"It was incredible to see this book that I was so emotionally involved with in movie form."

A good number of students attended the signing and were pleased to meet such a great author.



The proud author, David Pesci, autographs his book at his recent book signing. Contributed Photo

## Middle East Coffeehouse tonight

By Amber Schaper  
Co-Features Editor

Tonight, at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge, there will be a Middle Eastern Coffeehouse.

Local caterers will be providing the entrees, which will include Baklava, an authentic pastry.

Grace Lim, the assistant director of Student Life for International Programs, commented that tonight's performance would not only be one individual and not just one show.

"The students will enjoy dif-

ferent aspects of this part of the world," she added.

The presentation will feature lessons on folk dancing, cooking demonstrations, and tapes of the area's music, along with the history of the countries represented.

The event was coordinated with St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, which has a large population of Middle Easterners. Many of the members decided to put on a show at Sacred Heart to let everyone know who they are, and the history of where they are from. The church, located on Park Avenue, sponsors the Middle

Eastern Festival every year.

"They decided to donate their time and their resources to put this event on," Lim stated.

"I think that this event is important because we are neighbors, the church is right down the street," stated Lim. "Americans have mostly negative images of the Middle East, because of what they see on television and in the news. I think that this is a good opportunity to let the students see that Middle Easterners are not bad people. It helps the students get used to the fact that these students are around."

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

### Physical Therapy information session

At 6 p.m. tonight, the Physical Therapy department will hold an information session in room SC 231.

### Middle Eastern Coffeehouse

Tonight, from 7-8 p.m. in the faculty lounge, the International Center will hold a coffeehouse with the flavor of the Middle East.

### Eating Disorders Awareness Week

This week the Counseling Center is sponsoring Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Some of the items featured this week will include a screening on Monday at 2 p.m. in the Pitt Center, and another on the same day from 4:30 to 5 p.m. in South and West Halls. Friday will also feature a screening, at noon in the Dining Hall. Tuesday has also been designated "Setting Yourself Free Day" in which students have the opportunity to let go of one negative behavior.

### Open the doors to a career in nursing

The Nursing Department is having an open house for all students interested in the nursing profession. Students are invited to meet with nursing faculty in SC 208 on Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:30- 9:30 a.m., to learn about the nursing major at Sacred Heart University. Coffee and donuts will be provided. If you have any questions, please call 371- 7844.

-Compiled by Amber Schaper

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## SHU students prepare to "Inherit the Wind"

By Justin M. Venech  
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 9 and 10, auditions were held for the Department of Communication Studies' spring production of "Inherit the Wind," a play based on the famous Scopes Monkey Trial.

The turnout was much larger than any past show done by the Department. Close to ninety people came to audition between Sacred Heart students and members of the local community.

"Originally, I opened the rehearsals up to the community because I didn't think we could cast

the show with all Sacred Heart students," said director Rick McKinnon. "However, we had well over fifty students audition, so I was very happy to cast an entirely student show."

There will be many familiar faces in the production including

Chris Gensur, Erin Lozano, Dwayne Davis, Frank Todaro, Jessica Bahamonde, Kate



The cast of last semester's "Night of One Act Plays"

Mackesy, Jason Mazaik and many others, also no strangers to the stage. Many students who started

in this fall's production of one act plays will appear in the show as well. They include Dave Bertoldi, Janna Short, Jeff Hoose and many more.

However, there will also be many newcomers to the Sacred Heart stage such as Joe Avino,

Peter Hahn, Gary Baril, Sheryle Moore, Joe McGuigan and many others.

"I've always wanted to do this and since this is my last year, I figured I'd give it a shot," said senior Joe McGuigan of his debut. "Auditions were great, and exciting once I got over the butterflies."

There were over fifty students cast in the show and casting wasn't easy, according to McKinnon. "It is going to be a challenging play for those who have been cast — the casting decisions were hard as usual," he said.

"Inherit the Wind" will open in mid-April and run for two weekends. For ticket information, contact the Theater box office at 374-2777.

## Lisa Loeb lights a "Firecracker"

By Tara S. Deenihan  
A&E Editor

We all know Lisa Loeb, that chick in the one-long-shot, no-cut video from "Reality Bites," with those nifty tortoise shell glasses, and the singles ("Stay," "Do You Sleep?," "I Do") that take hold of your brain and stick longer than "MmmBop."

She's come a long way from her unsigned "Reality Bites" days. Her second major label release, "Firecracker," shows a simultaneous progression and constancy of style.

The first single, "I Do," is more upbeat than most fans of Loeb may be used to, but most of



Lisa Loeb

File photo

Fans may remember the track "How" from the "Twister" soundtrack.

Loeb's overall sound hasn't changed; her soft voice at times hides under background music, at others drowns it out in crescendo.

For fans of an acoustic sound who tire of typical Lillith Fair material, Lisa Loeb may just fill the bill. Her subject matter covers a more confident range than many modern artists,

and doesn't dwell on being a female. Instead she emphasizes feelings anyone could have on a level anyone can relate to.

"Firecracker," on Geffen Records, is available at area music stores.

the album is typical Lisa, with mostly acoustic guitar and singular vocals. "Falling in Love," and "Furious Rose," are more of the Lisa Loeb of "Stay," while "Let's Forget About It," and "Wishing Heart" show a brighter side.

## Scagnetti vs. Jiker in Outpost

By Matt Flood  
Contributing Writer

This Saturday night it's Connecticut's foremost Ska-core giants Sgt. Scagnetti and those nutty Skate-punk Canadians, Jiker, rocking out in the Outpost to cure those mid-semester blahs...and collect some non-perishable food items for St. Charles Food Pantry in Bridgeport.

Sgt. Scagnetti recently announced their spot on the east coast leg of the Airwalk Sno-core festival with Primus and Blink 182, and has a forthcoming album. They will be returning to SHU by popular demand after winning fans from last semester's performance with Spring Heeled Jack.

Jiker has been winning fans all over

New England with their fusion of punk, ska and snotty skateboarding mentality, and infamous for their insane onstage antics (including smashing a toilet at the SHU Habitat Benefit show). Jiker will attempt to one-up the competition by sheer stage presence and ridiculous stunts.

Also featured on the bill Saturday night are the runners-up from the 1996 SHU Battle of the Bands, The Lucid Trio (formerly known as Sound & Fury) and the

Spanish tainted punk band, Now Who's Laughing? So come on down to see the show, bring a canned good and your ID if you're 21.

On Feb. 25 the Band Committee dishes up another duo of bands for your listening enjoyment. The Everlasting Fruit Bros., a Boston based funk-rock band similar to throwing Fishbone, Blackstreet, The 2 Skinny J's and a 60's folk group into blender. They employ both male and female vocalists, a modern rarity and are one of the most innovative bands on the east coast. With them is UConn's own 8 Days Without Cable. Both bands appear Feb. 25 at 10p.m. in the Outpost (right after the return of the Warriors).



Jiker will perform Saturday night in the Outpost.

## "Fires" screened at SHU

By Nicholas Pascucci  
Contributing Writer

Yesterday, "Fires in the Mirror" was shown in the Mahogany Room as part of Black History Month.

The film, directed by Jessica L. Andrews, received rave reviews.

"Fires in the Mirror," a 90-minute film, is based on a true story which occurred in Brooklyn, N.Y. at Crown Heights in 1993. This film revolved around an incident where a riot took place. The riot started when a Rabbi ran over a Haitian boy.

Cheryl Rogers, a black performer from N.Y., said, "If a black woman can put herself in the shoes of a Lubavitcher Rabbi and really understand and express his point of view, then simply by the

example on stage, you see that everyone has the ability to do it."

During the film, a group of African-Americans killed a Jewish rabbinical student. That event led to other situations.

Lauren Kempton, assistant professor of education, sponsored the film.

Many students today do not tune in to the news, and if they do not know about civil rights, they cannot make judgments about what is right or wrong in our society, according to Kempton.

Actress Anna Deavere Smith plays 30 characters in this film including Al Sharpton, the mayor of New York City, a Jewish mugger and 27 other characters.

"The more we meet and talk with people who are unlike us, the more racial healing America would have," said Kempton.

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Teach me creativity  
I want to know your ways.  
Kindness and sincerity  
Without which I decay.  
Love and hate I want to feel  
secure and pure in heart.  
Be my outlet, not my shield  
In despair I fall apart.

By Kevin Horgan

# In the Spotlight



**Meghan Warnock**  
*Women's Track*

The junior multi-event athlete from Exeter, N.H., became the CTC Champion in high jump event and placed fourth in the triple jump with an ECAC meet qualifying and indoor seasonal best leap of 32' 11 1/2."



**Calvin Dymond**  
*Men's Track*

The sophomore walk-on from Woodbourne, N.Y., posted solid performances at the CTC championship meet in the shot put and weight throw. His distance of 41'1" in the weight is a personal best throw as was his 42' 6 3/4" hurl in the shot was a new school record.

## Track: Men second in CTC

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accept the trophy on behalf of my teammates."

Sophomore, Brian "Ace" Williams finished second in the 5,000 meters (16:09.45) breaking the school record and qualifying for the ECAC meet. Williams also finished third in the 3,000 meters and anchored the second place DMR.

Gregg Kyrytschenko earned

a third in the 1,000 meters in record time (2:39.65) and qualified for the ECAC meet. He also anchored the third place 4x800 relay.

Junior Morrise Harbour posted a school record and second place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 44' 11 1/2."

Freshman Mike Benedetto, finished third in the high jump at 6' 2" and sophomore Calvin Diamond threw a school record in the shot put (42' 6 3/4") to take sixth.



The Pioneer Ice Hockey team had a rough week last week as it fell to both Bentley College (10-3) and Quinnipiac College (9-1) last Thursday and Saturday nights on the road. The losses dropped the Pioneers' record to 11-11 overall. Sacred Heart will join Quinnipiac and Fairfield University in the ECAC playoffs. The team has only three games remaining this season and will host Division I Army Saturday night at the Milford Ice Pavilion. SHU defeated Army last season and will face-off 7:30 p.m.

### Intramural Floor Hockey Standings

Has Beens (4-1)	The Wu's (1-1)
Beth (4-1)	Cheifs I (1-2-1)
Mandingos (3-0-1)	6 Pack (2-2)
Son's of Gorel (3-1)	Cheifs II (1-3)
Rolling Rocks (2-1)	Hurricanes (0-3-1)
Gallardo (2-1-1)	Club Sylvan (0-3)

### SHU Records

(M) Basketball	15-12
	9-7 NECC
(W) Basketball	19-7
	13-3 NECC
(M) Hockey	11-11
(W) Hockey	10-7
(M) Volleyball	7-5

# Icewomen up streak to six

By Julie Ann Nevero  
*Sports Editor*

The Sacred Heart University women's ice hockey team won its sixth straight game last Saturday night downing UMass Amherst, 9-2, at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

The Lady Pioneers now stand at 10-7 overall on the season with just two games remaining.

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Sophomore Lauren Wiggins notched a hat trick and added three assists.

Teammate Sarah Hanna also

netted three goals and had two assists.

Hanna currently leads the team in scoring with 45 points (23 goals, 22 assists) while Wiggins follows closely behind her with 40 points (23 goals, 17 assists).

The Lady Pioneers faced Trinity College yesterday and will visit UMass Amherst in their final contest of the season next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## Hoops: Lady Pioneers finish at second in NECC

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Ravens in her highest point total of the season with 21. Sophomore Heather Yablonski had 17 points and led in rebounds with 7 and junior Jen Rimkus added 10 points.

Yablonski finished a solid season of play as the team's leading point scorer and rebounder. In Bridgeport's game, she had her fifth double-double of the season with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Individual conference lead-

ers from SHU included Yablonski and junior Angela Perkins as numbers one and two in field goal percentage. Junior captain Jessica Bresnahan and Toole are the number three and four three point shooters in the NECC and Rimkus holds the number two spot in free throw percentage.

The poll also lists Sacred Heart as the number one offensive team in the conference scoring an average 71.9 points per game, number one in both field goal and free throw percentage.

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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

February 20-26

Saturday	Tuesday
(M) Hockey vs. Army, 7:30 p.m.	(M) Volleyball vs. Mt. St. Vincent's College, 7 p.m.
(M&W) Track NECC meet @ SCSU, 11 a.m.	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	(M)Volleyball vs. Concordia College, 7 p.m.
(M) Volleyball @ River/Daniel Webster/Wentworth, TBA	(W) Hockey @ Amherst College, 7 p.m.

# SHU Scoreboard

\* Bold scores indicate victories

## Men's Basketball

SHU, **67**      UMass Lowell, 72  
 SHU, 55      Bridgeport, 67

## Women's Basketball

SHU, 71      Maryland, 66  
 SHU, 73      UMass Lowell, 55  
 SHU, 72      Bridgeport, 69

## Men's Hockey

SHU, 3      Bentley, 10  
 SHU, 1      Quinnipiac, 9

## Women's Hockey

SHU, 9      UMass Amherst, 2

## Men's Volleyball

SHU, 3      Lehman, 1  
 SHU, 3      Ramapo, 0

# Spikers rise above .500 mark

By Julie Ann Nevero  
 Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's volleyball team defeated Lehman College (3-1) and former Metro Conference rival Ramapo College (3-0) last Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Pitt Center, moving them above the .500 mark at 7-5.

"With us moving into the new conference and gaining better recruits," said coach Scott Carter, "we pretty much are easily handling our old Metro Conference opponents."

According to Carter, Ramapo has let its program go in the last couple of years and doesn't play with the same intensity that used to dominate Sacred Heart.

The team is faced with plenty of new foes, however, in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. Concordia, Springfield and Roger Williams are all nationally ranked and among the new competition that the Pioneers must face.

"I've said before that it's not

Sophomore setter Brian Cotte had 36 assists on the night. After twelve matches, Drew leads the pack in kills with 100 while Cotte leads in digs with 63 total.

The team will face Roger Williams University in the Pitt Center tonight at 7 p.m. and will try to avenge a prior loss at the Vassar College tournament.

The Pioneers came out strong against RWU in its first meeting, leading 13-11 in the first game, but ended up losing the game 17-15 and then the match.

"It's mentally draining for us to fight to get an advantage like that and lose. The first game means a lot," said Carter.

"If we don't hold up, we have to stay focused and poised and step out on the court knowing we can win the match."

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

that these teams are unbeatable," said Carter. "We're sticking with them and then falling off at the end."

Well this wasn't the case with Ramapo, as sophomore outside hitter Brian Drew dominated the floor, posting 11 kills in the match.

Junior Tom Czaplinski and fifth-year student Kevin Yee each had eight.

# Athletes address gambling issue

By Adam Lagnese  
 Contributing Writer

Some people think gambling does not exist at Sacred Heart. They are wrong.

"Gambling definitely happens here," said Gary Reho, director of the Pitt Center. "Gambling today is almost part of society with the legalization of casinos."

Gambling happens among all types of students, including student-athletes. According to Don Cook, director of athletics for Sacred Heart, about five years ago, Tom French, the senior-supervisory resident agent for the FBI, came on campus and talked to the students about gambling.

French talked about the po-

tential negative effects gambling can produce. Examples of that are divorce, bankruptcy, prison terms and even death. For students, it is seen as a bad habit. For student-athletes, it's more than that. It is against NCAA regulations to gamble.

A pamphlet on sports wagering states the policy of the NCAA. According to the pamphlet, "the NCAA believes that sports competition should be appreciated for the inherent benefits related to participation of student-athletes, coaches, and institutions in fair contests, not the amount of money wagered on the outcome of the competition. Therefore, the NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering."

The NCAA is against gambling because it can ruin competition in games and it can lead to bad consequences. Most gambling students never think about the consequences of losing, just the excitement of winning. That's why the NCAA has such a strict policy on the subject.

"Student-athletes are exposed to and subject to the opportunity to gamble more than other students," said Cook.

Sacred Heart follows the same strict policy as the NCAA. Gambling is forbidden for student-athletes, as well as all other students.

"The school's policy follows that of the NCAA," said Scott Carter, head coach of men's and women's volleyball teams. "If students are caught, they are ineligible. I don't want it on my team, but we do have an unwritten team policy that because of the NCAA's rules, it must not be done."

Some students agree with Reho, Cook and Carter in saying that there is no place for gambling in sports. They feel it ruins the

competition of the game.

"It happens, definitely," said Garfield Thomas, a junior soccer player from Hartford. "But, there is no place for it. Student-athletes are tempted because they play sports and know more than other students. I think gambling should be done in casinos, not on sports."

Other students feel that gambling is a lot of fun. It adds more excitement to a game.

"Everywhere I go, people are betting on games," said John Armstrong, a senior football player from Mansfield, Mass. "As a student, if you have \$20 and want to go out with \$40, gambling is the quickest way to earn it. If you win, you'll have a great night, if you lose, then you're out \$20."

Some students feel that gambling isn't a problem.

"Gambling in general is not too big a problem," said Armstrong, "it's your money. I've called in on football games before."

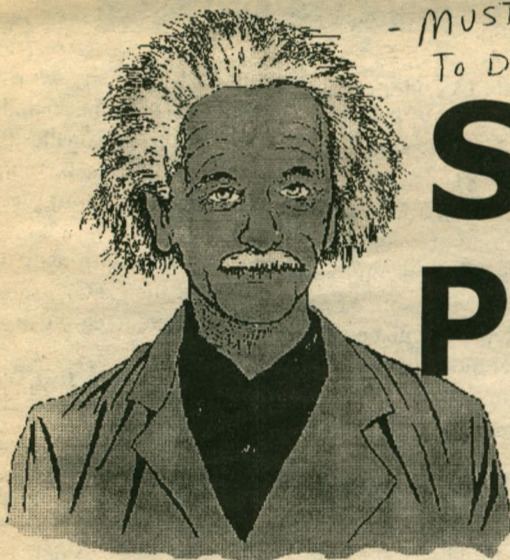
Other students like the idea of gambling and see it as something they should be allowed to do.

"If a student is of age, he should be allowed to gamble," said T.J. Howard, a senior lacrosse player from West Corning, N.Y., "including student-athletes. Yes it is against NCAA rules, but I know student-athletes still do it. I'm in favor of it."

Whatever the case, many believe that athletes will do gamble and will continue to do so.

"It's okay for student-athletes to gamble," said Chris Spaterella, a sophomore lacrosse player from Garden City, N.Y. "This is a free country and some laws are made to be broken. Student-athletes will always do it (gamble) and I am very much in favor of it."

*Fact of the week: Monday's issue of the New York Times featured a front page story about gambling at Columbia University. Former student William Basso and current student Joseph Della Pietra are facing charges for promoting gambling after their arrests on Feb. 5.*



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## Sports in Brief

### Ski trip to Mt. Snow on Saturday

A ski trip to Mt. Snow will be taken on Saturday. The cost is \$35 dollars per person, which includes ride and lift tickets. The event is sponsored by the Outing Club and S.E.T. Call for details.

-- Compiled by Julie Ann Nevero

Men's lacrosse season underway

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# Sacred Heart University Pioneers SPORTS

Athletes and staff speak out about gambling

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## Lady Pioneers fall to Pierce, lose NECC title

By Julie Ann Nevero  
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart women's basketball team lost the showdown for the NECC title to Franklin Pierce College (77-67) Monday night in Rindge, N.H., thus making the Ravens the conference champions. The Lady Pioneers entered the game in second place behind the Ravens and needed a win to share the title, but the loss kept them in second at 19-7 overall and 14-3 in the NECC.

A title would've been the first for the program in school history and a win would've allowed the team to tie its school record set two years ago for most wins in a season at 20. Still the women are enjoying their highest

finish in the NECC.

The team had a solid week of play last week defeating conference foes UMass Lowell (72-55) and Bridgeport (72-69). The Lady Pioneers were tied for second with Lowell entering last Wednesday night's game and avenged a 74-63 loss to the Riverhawks earlier this season.

### WOMEN'S HOOPS

At the Lowell game, the team's lone senior, captain Chrissie Perkins, was honored for her hard work and success in the women's basketball program. Perkins achieved a milestone last season surpassing the 1,000 point mark and ended her college career with 1,308 points.

Sophomore guard Katie Toole led in scoring against the

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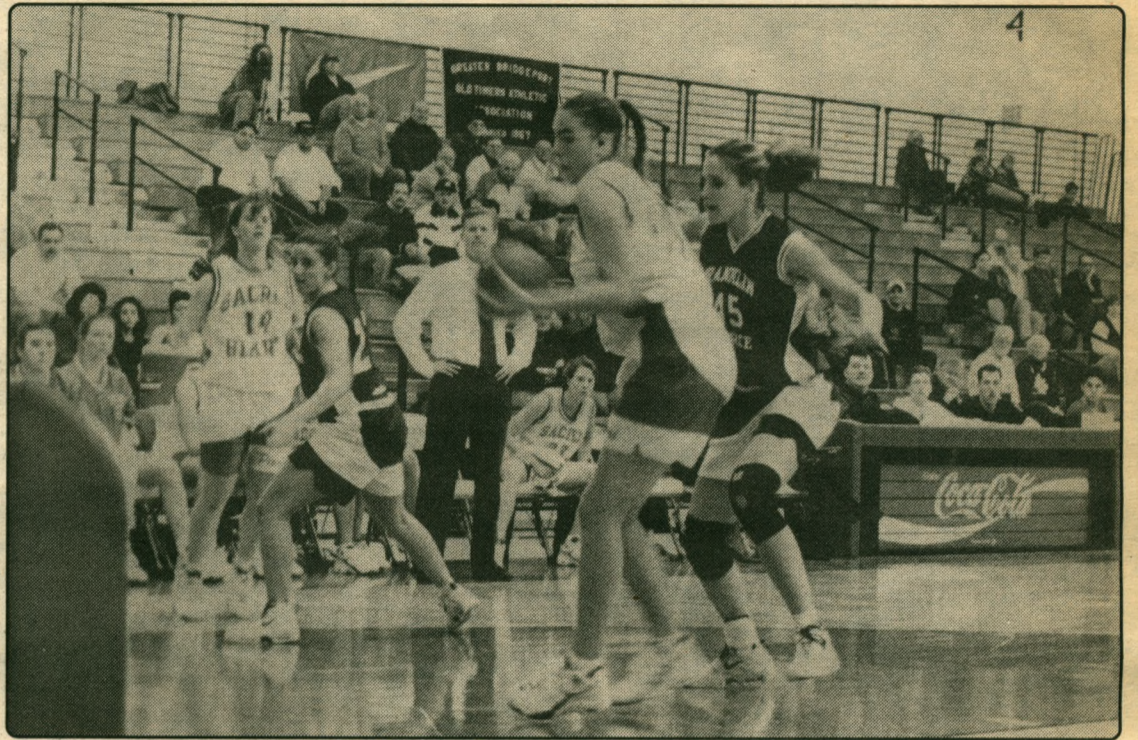


Photo by Kerrie Darress

Sophomore Heather Yablonski makes a move inside the paint against a Franklin Pierce defender.

## Runners finish second at CTC Championships

Women repeat performance, men excel past last season's eighth place overall finish

By Emily Greenough  
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's track and field team repeated its second place performance from last year, earning 110 points at the annual Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Championship at Southern Connecticut State University this past weekend.

Senior Monique Belisle won the shot put for the fourth year in a row, beating her own school record with a distance of 43' 1 1/4" surpassing the qualifying standards for the NCAA Division II indoor championships.

"It looks like Monique is going to go out in style this year," said Coach Christian Morrison. "Not many athletes win a conference championship four years in a row. She ranks as one of the best

shot-putters in the Northeast right now."

Junior Meghan Warnock won the high jump, breaking her own record, and came in fourth in the triple jump 32' 11 1/2." Warnock's leap qualified her for the ECAC meet.

### WOMEN'S TRACK

Freshman Heather Stockton completed a tough triple of distance runs, taking first in the 3,000 meter event (10:40.99), second (also breaking the school record) in the mile run (5:16.34), and anchored the second place 4x800 meter relay team.

Other top performances included sophomore Michelle Wesolowski, fifth in the 1,000 meter run, and senior Stephanie

Smith, sixth in the 3,000 meters. Smith (sixth) and freshman Danielle Revell (fourth) also placed in the 5,000 meter event and the DMR took third.

Freshman Michele Shawah and sophomore Beth Stedman took third and fourth in the 55 meter hurdles and freshman Sarah Keenan was second in the high jump and third in the triple jump. Freshman Brandi Blevins obtained her indoor track personal record in both the shot put (second place) and the weight throw (fourth), and freshman Andrea Klanko took fifth in the shot put and third in the weight throw.

"You have to be happy when so many athletes step forward and have personal best performances in a big meet," said Morrison. "It will be interesting to see how we do in the NECC meet this weekend."

### Special to the Spectrum

The Sacred Heart men's track team posted a second place finish out of 15 teams in the CTC championship last weekend at SCSU.

The team racked up 104 points in the meet disposing of Division I foes like St. Peter's and Sienna and Division II rivals like Stonybrook, New Haven and C.W. Post. The Pioneers lost only to perennial track powerhouse SCSU.

"If you told me we would finish in second a year ago I wouldn't have believed you," said coach Christian Morrison. "Each year we've improved just a little, but this year we took a huge jump."

Sophomore Nick Dmytrow

and senior captain Sean Ballou led the way, as both became SHU's first ever individual CTC champions.

Dmytrow recorded a school record and first place finish in the 3,000 meter race walk. Senior Neil McClure and sophomore Ed Mahoney followed closely finishing second and fourth respectively.

Ballou easily won the 400 meter event in 51.26 and added a third place finish in the 200 meters in record time (23.62) and also ran first leg on the third place 4x400 relay.

"We're no longer the doormats (of the CTC)," said Ballou. "It was a great feeling to go up and

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### MEN'S TRACK

## Pioneer men end season with homecourt win

By Matt Duda  
Staff Writer

Junior John Randazzo's three-point shooting sparked a 12-2 second half run that helped Sacred Heart down Bryant 83-67 last Monday at the Pitt Center.

The win allowed the Pioneers to secure their first .500 season since 1994-95 as they went 1-1 last week with a win against Bridgeport on Saturday and a loss against UMass Lowell last Wednesday.

Randazzo finished with 24 points on 7-9 shooting from three-point range.

Randazzo provided offensive leadership in place of Louis Frye, who was held to just three points in the last regular season game.

"They (Bryant) must have been frustrated. They slow down

Frye but then Randazzo starts hitting threes," said coach Dave Bike.

Junior forward Dave Fesko followed Randazzo with 21 points. Michael Forde had 12, and senior co-captain Brian Alexander finished with 11 points on 4-4 shooting from the field.

The win ends SHU's regular season with a 15-12 record, the

### MEN'S HOOPS

first winning season in three years. Bike remains unsure if the Pioneers will participate in any post season games.

Sacred Heart won eight of its last ten games of the season and finished sixth in the NECC. On Feb. 11, SHU dropped a home contest 72-67 to UMass Lowell,

but rebounded to defeat Bridgeport, 67-55, last Saturday.

Frye finished as the team leader in scoring (18.4 ppg) and blocked shots (50).

He finished fourth and second in the NECC in both those categories.

The addition of Michael Forde to the team proved to be a success. Forde finished as Pioneer's assist leader with 94 and second in scoring with 15.3 points per game.

Fesko led the team in rebounding, averaging 6.9 per game, good for ninth in the NECC.

Fesko was also fourth in the league in field goal percentage, hitting 50.5 percent of his shots.

As a team, Sacred Heart finished first in the league in scoring offense with 77.8 points per game, and second in field goal percentage at 46.4 percent.

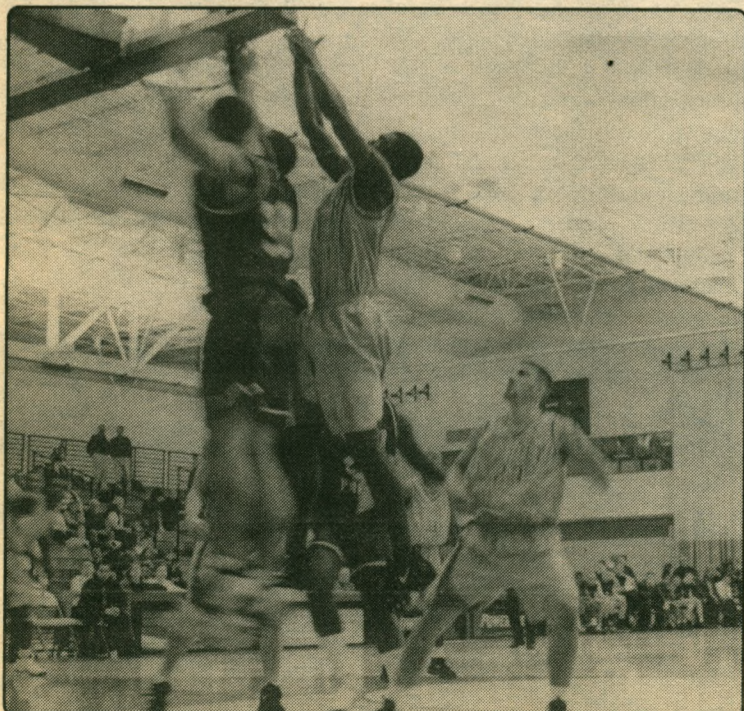


Photo by Kerrie Darress

Freshman Andrew Hunter goes up for a rebound in the Pitt Center.