



SG elections wrap up tonight

By Leann Doyle
Staff Writer

At two o'clock on Wednesday in the cafeteria, students had the opportunity to meet and vote for the candidates running for Student Government. Yes, it's election time again, and as with any election, the population is divided between those who voted and those who did not. Also on the ballot this year are Final Four picks, allowing students to vote for their favorite administrator, graduate assistant, faculty, and staff member.

"Voter turnout has increased over the past few years. Last year 414 people voted. Our goal, of course, is to exceed that number," said

Assistant Dean of Students Denise Tiberio.

"There are a few more contentions in each class, which should bring more voters. This year, students can also vote for the Final Four at the student elections," Tiberio said.

Current Student Government President Jason Slattery, who is graduating this year, has mixed feelings about leaving.

"In a way it sucks to leave. I wish I ran earlier. I had a good time," said Slattery.

Slattery also cited differences in this year's campaign. "There was less time for candidates to campaign this year, when last year I remember cam-

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(Left and Right) Joseph Ehrenkranz, director of the Center for Christian Jewish Understanding and Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, visited with Pope John Paul II in Israel recently.

Candlelight vigil attracts over 200 participants

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

Lambda Sigma Phi held their annual theme week April 3-9, once again honoring rape awareness and violence prevention.

Lambda decided to stray from celebrating their cause during the traditional theme week. "April is National Rape

Awareness week so we decided to hold our theme week then instead," said Jason Gamsby, freshman from North Haven and fellow Lambda brother.

The main event of the week long celebration ended with the candlelight vigil. The Lambda brothers worked with Sister Anne Louise Nadeau and the ALIVE group in sponsoring the event.

"We received a lot of com-

pliments on the vigil. It was really emotional for everyone there even the guys in the fraternity," added Gamsby.

This was the first year that the rape and violence ceremony took place along side a bon fire.

"The fire fed from the air which symbolizes how we feed from each other," said Nadeau.

About 200 students attended the vigil. With their white candles symbolizing peace the

students stood in a circle listening to personal stories about rape and abuse. The vigil that lasted over an hour ended with the song "Sorry" by Tracy Chapman.

"We are looking forward to doing the same thing next year, with the hopes of making the event even better," added Gamsby.

Other events that Lambda sponsored over the course of the

week included "Slant," monologue plays about rape and abuse performed by the SHU Players which took place on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday's events included "Precautions," an informational speaker from the Milford Crisis Center on how to avoid becoming a victim.

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Vice-Prez suspended amid charges

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Vice President of Student Government for Student Senate Gabe Goodine was suspended from the university April 7 as a result of allegations that he violated Sacred Heart University's conduct code.

Dean of Students Larry Wielk and Assistant Dean of Students Denise Tiberio confirmed Goodine's suspension in separate interviews conducted earlier this week.

The nature of the allegations remains undisclosed.



Gabe Goodine

Goodine, a 21-year-old junior from Madison, Maine, cannot step onto campus or compete with SHU's tennis team until a judicial hearing is held.

However, Goodine's status as Student Government Vice President has not changed. He also continues his campaign for the Student Government presidency.

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Stamford mayor new SHU professor

Special to the Spectrum

You can now call him Professor Malloy. Sacred Heart University announced that Daniel Malloy, mayor of Stamford, will teach a class on American State and Local Government during the University's Summer term, which starts May 25.

"Mayor Malloy does the University and our students a great honor by sharing with us his considerable experiences in public life," said Stephen Brown, dean of the University College. "This is an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in politics and public policy to learn directly from the mayor of a large and pros-

perous city. This is yet another example of the innovative ways we educate adult learners in Stamford."

"I am indeed excited to join the distinguished faculty of Sacred Heart University for its summer program on American State and Local Government," said Malloy.

"As you may know, when I am not with my family, and not at work for the citizens of Stamford, I am in the classroom teaching and sharing my personal political experiences and knowledge. Whether it be college level, high school or elementary, I am thrilled to share with those seeking a higher education or desiring to learn more about our state and

local governments. I am grateful to Sacred Heart University for inviting me to participate in its exceptional educational curriculum, and look forward to a rewarding experience in return," added Malloy.

Malloy's class, American State and Local Government, will meet Mondays from 5:30 to 10 p.m., from May 22 to July 11. Tuition is charged for the course, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, or for more information, call Pam Yardis at 323-4959.

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News Briefs

Forum on global equities coming tonight

Sacred Heart University's Economics/Finance Department will sponsor a forum on Emerging Trends in the Global Equities Markets. It will be on April 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Pitt Center Board Room. The event is open to the public and free of charge.

Speakers will be Donald Catapano, vice-president of NASDAQ, who will speak about new ways of trading stocks, Thomas Corrigan, who will provide a historical perspective for investing in global market and John Gerlach, who will discuss how to value Internet stocks.

Friday last day to pick up work study checks

This Friday, April 14th, will be the last day to pick up paychecks before Easter Break. Any checks that are not picked up by Friday will be mailed home. There will be no paychecks during Easter week. The next scheduled payroll will be April 28th.

Second Annual Take Back the Night Tonight

Take Back the Night, the annual rally designed to alert the community to the problem of violence against women, provide survivors an opportunity to speak out and unite individuals who wish to work with others to make our community safer. The evening will include a march around the Sacred Heart campus, poetry, and an open microphone for survivors.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. tonight on the patio outside of Flik. All are welcome to attend.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

Student web pages growing

TMS Campus

Just about every day, Nathan Marting slips out of his dorm room and into a bondi blue virtual living room he's created for himself on the Internet.

Marting's home page (<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~nmarting/homepage.html>) is one of thousands on Iowa State University's campus servers. Its centerpiece is Marting's resume, but there are also family photographs and bios and all sorts of information concerning the Chicago Bulls, the Weather Channel and Garnavillo High.

"Sure, it goes in all directions, and some guy in Italy may not care too much about my family," said Marting, a junior. "But I enjoy doing it, and I'll keep it up as long as I can."

Contrary to new wives' tales, not everyone is out to raise money or hell on the Internet. For every Amazon.com trying to solicit business, there are literally millions of personal home pages that would like just a minute or two of your time. Many — if not most — are maintained by college students.

Not interested in the life and times of Nathan Marting?

That's fine.

There are more than 10,000 personal student Web sites on Iowa State's servers alone, ranging from Jose's "Page of Love" (<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~offspring/homepage.html>), which is more about music than love, to Dana's "Wonderful World of Mystery" — which isn't so mysterious because most of the links are related to her work in architecture class.

School administrators have greeted students' rights to do more than surf the Internet on campus with excitement and extreme caution. That because students are posting controversial pages all the time and, more recently, clogging campus computer networks by trading and posting massive collections of pirated music, software, games and movies. But the availability of student Web pages, in the eyes of students anyway, is to colleges and universities what air conditioning is to cars: a nice bonus in the past, an essential today.

"My older brother goes to DePaul [University, in Chicago], and they gave him his own Web account when he enrolled," says Marjorie Tomko, a sophomore at Columbia College in Chicago.

"I was expecting the same thing when I came to Columbia, or at least an e-mail address. I was shocked to find out that they offered neither."

Natalie Hamilla, whose site, "Natalie's '80s Page," (<http://www.personal.psu.edu/users/n/x/nxh158/>) is one of more than 26,000 student home pages residing on Penn State University's servers, said that even the simplest home pages make for good practice — and that students need this practice.

"Everyone is looking for people who can do this stuff," says Hamilla.

"I don't care what you wanna do with your life. This is the way it's going, and this is the best way to learn how to do it."

This new necessity is what most motivates schools, beyond all the risks, to include personal pages for their students.

"Just like schools want the best books and materials and the best instructors, this is just another way to get ahead," said John Zimmer, an administrator for Northwestern University's student pages directory, "Pubweb," which encourages students to experiment "on a modest scale," as noted on the site's main page.

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Malloy: Stamford mayor teaching at SHU

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to academics and community service, SHU has had a presence in Stamford since 1986. In September 1999, the University's Stamford Campus began its second year in the corporate setting of River Bend

Park. With more than 25,000 feet of operating space, the Stamford Campus is the largest of the University's five branch campuses.

At its Stamford Campus, SHU offers undergraduate and graduate programs geared to the adult learner, including its accelerated undergraduate degree

program, which is offered in a seven-an-one-half-week format over the course of five terms a year.

In addition to the MAT program, an accelerated MBA, a traditional MBA and a master of science in computer an information science are offered at the University's Stamford campus.

Elections: Results to be posted this evening

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campaigning until 4 a.m. all week. The longer a campaign gets, the more tension there is," he said.

There are also only two Presidential candidates this year, while last year there were three.

Juniors Gabe Goodine, from Madison, Maine, and Vimala George of Trumbull, the contenders for President, are no strangers to the Student Government.

Goodine was Student Government Vice President this past year and George has been a member of the Student Government for two years, serving as Vice President of Greek Life for the past year and a half.

If elected, Goodine said, "I plan to more actively reach out to the average students and educate them of what we can do for them."

George said that she has had fun with the campaign and cites Student Government President as something she's always wanted to do.

"I was just waiting for the opportunity when I felt ready to handle the position and I feel that time is now," said George.

Running for Vice President of the Senate this year are Gill Lefort II, from Harrisville, R.I. and Dana Mohrman, from Hicksville, N.Y.

Lefort has served as Senator for three years and has seen Student Government change during his time on the board.

"My goal, if I am elected, is to help Student Government make more improvements and take one more step in a positive direction," Lefort said.

Dana Mohrman who served as Senator for the class of 2002 and was co-chair on the Freshman Committee, also hopes to make this step.

"In a way it sucks to leave. I wish I ran earlier. I had a good time," Jason Slattery, Student Government president.

"I want to continue making a positive impact on the school and give one hundred percent of all my efforts to the students," said Mohrman.

"I want to serve the student body and make students aware of the impact they can have on the school," Mohrman said.

Tom Pesce of Ridgefield currently serves as President of the Class of 2003 and is running unopposed for re-election.

"This year was a foundation year. We focused on community and this year, we hope to build on that," Pesce said.

"We will start to lean toward fundraising for future events. To build better communication with students, I would also like to have a weekly show on Channel 6

that lets students know what the Student Government is doing and what is going on in the school," Pesce added.

Students running for all positions have expressed leadership, involvement, and serving as a voice for the students as some of their goals if elected.

"If I am elected, I will let the students know that the Student Government officers are there to work for them, to listen to them, and take action," vowed Kathleen Haughey, a freshman from Morganville, N.J. running for Secretary of the Class of 2003.

Jonathan Wojcio, from Clark, N.J., is one of seven students running for the Class of 2003 senate.

"My main inspiration is to improve life for Sacred Heart's Class of 2003 by listening to what they say," Wojcio said.

Most of the students running also have strong backgrounds in Student Government at either the college or high school level and have participated in community service.

Joseph Malm of Warwick, R.I. also running for the Class of 2003 Senate, is a Circle K Treasurer, a member of the College Republicans, and helped establish a tutoring program at Bridgeport's Hallen Elementary School.

The election results will be posted at 8 p.m. tonight.

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from March 27 to April 2

April 3: 1:57 p.m.- East Hall, ninth floor fire alarm activated by resident using a blow-dryer. Simplex Monitoring Systems notified the Bridgeport Fire Department and they responded.

7:01 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported while parking in the North Parking Lot, she hit another vehicle. Public Safety responded and investigated.

April 4: 12:02 p.m.- Staff member reported there was a suspicious male in the Faculty Lounge in the Main Academic Building. Public Safety responded and investigated.

2:59 p.m.- Staff member reported the theft of her wallet from her pocketbook, which was left unattended in a Flik Office. Public Safety responded and investigated.

Goodine: Student leader awaits judicial hearing

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"The campaign is going ahead," Goodine said. "I'd like to think that the people who would vote for me are sensible enough not to rely heavily on rumors or hearsay," Goodine said. "I'm at the mercy of hearsay."

Goodine said he knows what the formal charges against him are, but he does not know the statements driving the complaints, nor does he know the identity of his accusers.

Goodine worked as a Resident Assistant from August 1998 until December 1999. Goodine said he stepped down from that position for, "a combination of reasons," but said that these charges played no role in his decision to do so.

Wielk said that the university is still gathering facts about the alleged incidents. "Public Safety is conducting an investigation and they'll turn their findings over to us," Wielk said.

Tiberio, who serves as Student Government's faculty advisor and as a judicial officer, could not reveal specifics about the case, only to say that the accusations levied against Goodine originated, "from individuals."

Wielk said that the decision to suspend Goodine even though no trial has been held is not an uncommon practice at SHU. "It depends on the nature of the allegation," Wielk said. "I'd say this is the fifth time in the past three weeks it's (suspension of a student before trial) happened."

Wielk said that the power to suspend a student before trial is

reserved by policies established in SHU's Student Handbook.

The handbook gives the Dean of Students authority to suspend a student, "...to preserve the benefit and welfare of the University community and the individual student(s)..."

Now, Goodine awaits word on a time and date for his judicial hearing. Goodine has the option of arguing his case before a judicial board comprised of faculty members and students.

He also may elect to try the case before Wielk, who would act as the sole judge--or hearing officer--of the situation. In either case, Goodine will be presented with all incidents reports logged against him and be allowed to give his side of the story.

Goodine may appoint a faculty member or student to provide counsel or representation. Unlike a municipal court of law, the accused does not have the option of questioning his or her accusers.

The accuser is only required to attend the trial if the judicial board or hearing officer requires his or her presence.

Should the judicial board find Goodine guilty of the charges and stripped of his Student Government duties, Student Senate Advisor Amy Ham would fulfill his obligations to that governing body.

"We (Tiberio, and Director of Student Activities Al Precourt) decided it would be easier for me to take over instead of other senators," said Ham.

Student Senate has one more official meeting this academic year at 2 p.m. on April 26.

Vigil: Awareness successful

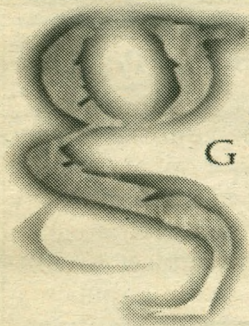
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Thursday night a self-defense class was administered in the Pitt Center. Lastly Wednesday the Lambda brothers staged a mock arrest and trial involving a rape crime. The trial involved professors whom acted as lawyers and students who staged as the jury.

"I am glad I joined the Lambda fraternity here at SHU. We represent a good cause along

with the SHU community itself, which aims to help people," said Gamsby.

The brothers of Lambda Sigma Phi could not have done it without the help of a few people including the Counseling Center, the ALIVE group, Public Safety, Buildings and Grounds, Al Precourt and Fred Sailor. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the events and helped support our great cause," said Andrew Gentzow, president of Lambda Sigma Phi.



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Editorials

Hey Ganim, why don't you teach here too

If you enter the classrooms of Sacred Heart University, you are likely to run across a professor with a remarkable life story. We have professors here who are world renown experts on the works of Alfred Hitchcock (Sid Gottlieb), publishers of books on martial arts (Ralph Corrigan) and the list goes on.

We can now add Mayor Dannel Malloy of Stamford to our impressive roster of professors. The opportunity to take a class on American State and Local Government with a mayor of a prosperous city like Stamford is, to put it bluntly, really cool.

Students, especially those interested in politics, have a wonderful chance to learn about how our local government in Fairfield County operates from a man who knows it well. A small school like SHU is very fortunate to have this opportunity and we hope that the students here take full advantage of this class if they can.

Hopefully the hiring of Malloy is only the start of new hires from high profile faculty with excellent experience in their field. Maybe in the future we can get our old buddy "Fightin'" Joe Ganim to teach a class on zoning regulations.

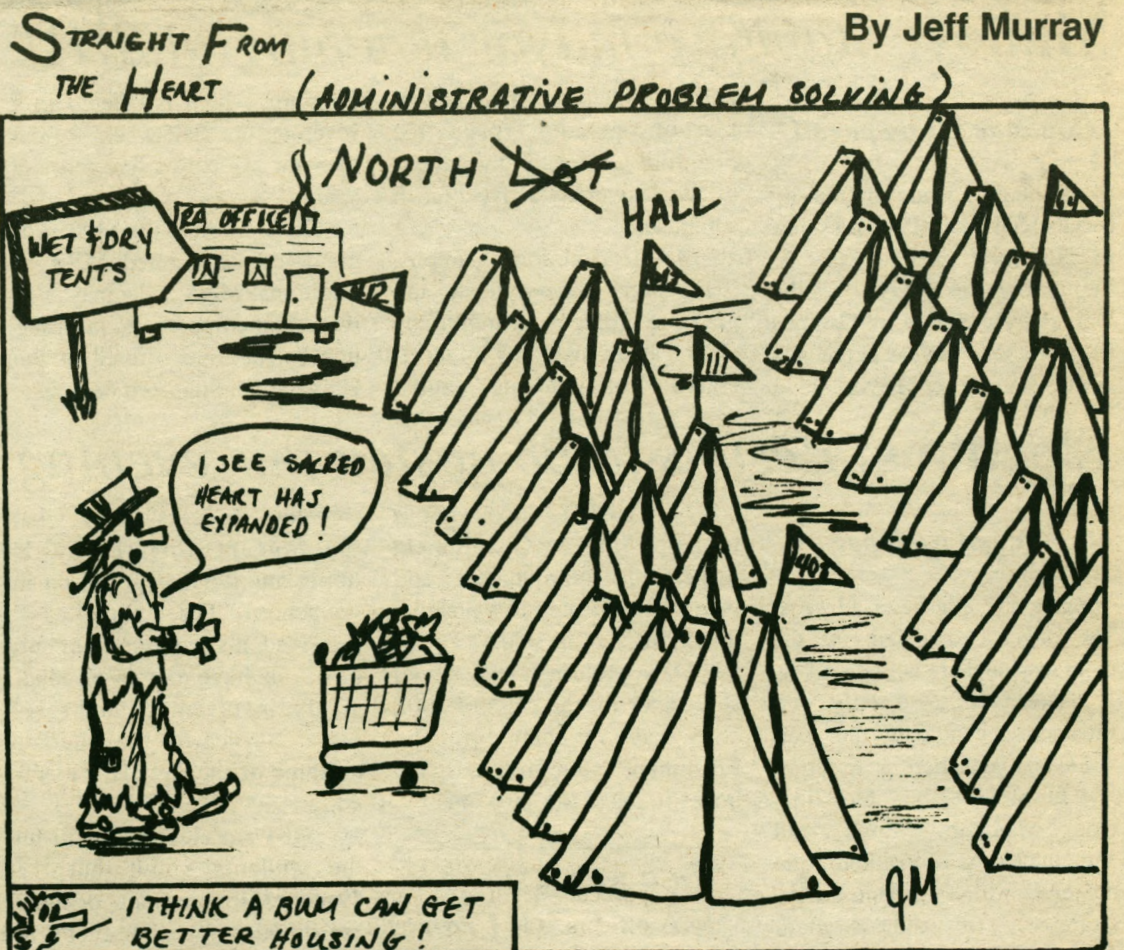
Science clubs should get the credit they deserve

One of the things we have been guilty of this year is our tendency to give overloads of attention to departments that we happen to major in, such as Media Studies and English. Certainly these are departments worthy of attention (and added funding may we add), but credit should be given to other academic areas that fall outside our scope as journalism people.

Several SHU students who are a part of the departments of biology, chemistry, math and psychology gave presentations at the Eastern Colleges Science Awards and there were even winners among them.

We'd like to extend a hearty congratulations to them for excellence in their respective fields and continued success in future competitions. These are departments that we don't have a great deal of hands on contact with, except mainly through friends, but we appreciate their dedication and hard work in these challenging fields.

Although we may not know the quadratic formula from the quad on campus, we respect their academic excellence and hope they continue on a path of success their fields will undoubtedly lead them to.



By Jeff Murray

The SHU Voices

Compiled by Megan Flood and Jennifer Simeonidis

Do you know who this (picture of Sacred Heart University President Anthony Cernera) is?



Victor Sanchez
Junior
Stamford

"Yes, Dr. Cernera, the president of SHU."



Rosemary Pasquarello
Freshman
Lynbrook, N.Y.

"No."



Debbie Ventunelli
Senior
Lindenhurst N.Y.

"Yes, Dr. Anthony Cernera."

Candlelight Vigil touching experience for all involved

Rape is a personal tragedy. One, which as too many know to be true, is a long hard road to travel down.



By Kelly Smith

This struggle I myself have had to deal with first hand and am all too familiar with. Four years ago when this tribulation became a part of my life I never thought I would ever be able to talk about it with others.

The candle light vigil that was held last Sunday night changed my perspective. Standing in union with about 200 fellow students who were not there to judge or demean but rather just to support and comfort really touched my heart.

I was not planning on

attending the vigil until my news editor assigned me the task of covering the event for the spectrum. Sunday evening I headed down to south lot with some friends, none of who knew my background or who could possibly sense my hesitation. As the crowd of students arrived the cold temperatures and raw weather seemed to fade.

The vigil began with a prayer from the Lambda Sigma Phi fraternity. As we all gathered around the bon fire arm-in-arm we shared a single flame and lit each other's candles. One by one rape victims, stronger than myself, shared their tragedies. After each personal story everyone raised his or her single candles into the air to symbolize healing and support.

It was quite a feeling. As I looked around the circle of our SHU community set in the blackness of the night, I could

see the faces dimly lit showing signs of remorse, regret, sorrow, and encouragement.

Each body holding tight in it's fist a single white candle symbolizing peace.

As I numbly listened to the stories, that hit home all too real, I became in tune with everything around me. The crackling fire and sniffles noses greeted my ears while rising smoke, flickering candles, and sparks grabbed the attention of my eyes.

Over all that the shrill of a bell that the Lambda Sigma Phi brothers rang every 60 seconds persisted representing how every 60 seconds a women is violated.

The atmosphere is what really appealed to me. I was almost disappointed that I was not able to feel the warmth and acceptance the speakers were.

These strangers were sharing something very private and

yet it seemed to make them feel good. To get it off their chest and receive acceptance. Walking away from the fire that night seemed difficult, it was like a parallel universe, which I fit into and did not want to leave. I understood where these people were coming from and although they did not know me I knew they would accept me.

I am a survivor, this is true, but being a part of this event touched that memory which I had buried. It helps to know others have gone through this type of tragedy but mostly it hurts.

Burying a problem does not solve it. Thanks to the Lambda Sigma Phi brothers I realize we all need a little help sometimes. It might be received through the sharing of personal stories at a vigil or just simply through a hug. Way to go Lambda Sigma Phi.

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Lazy East Hall cops jeopardize students' safety

I can speak from personal experience when I say that the police officers stationed outside of East Hall for safety purposes are more often a harm than help. As far as I know, they are parked out there to assist people in safely crossing the street, as well as to direct cars going into and coming out of the driveway for East Hall.

The problem with this is that on numerous occasions, the officers are sitting in their car, and sometimes even remain in there when you are crossing, thus defeating the purpose of us paying them (a ridiculous amount of money) to be there. Often, I feel as if they don't want to be there, like it's a chore for them to have to get out of their cruisers and assist us in walking across the street.

This weekend I was involved in an accident which took place outside of East Hall. As I was coming up the hill on Park Ave., preparing to make a left turn into the driveway, I saw no cars coming, except for down the road quite a ways. As

I went to make the turn, and I was half way in the drive, another car smashed into mine, completely totaling both vehicles. Where was the cop during all this? He was sitting in his car, (probably reading the newspaper, since I saw it on his dash after the incident took place) parked past the drive, obviously in a spot that had obstructed my view of the other car.

I spoke with numerous students after my accident, who expressed similar concerns about driving into East Hall, when the cop is parked past the driveway, as it's very difficult to see. It seems that when Fairfield cops are on duty, they usually go past SHU up Park Ave. toward East Hall, and therefore, park before the driveway, thus making it easy for people pulling into the drive to see oncoming traffic. This is where they all should be parked. When it comes to Bridgeport officers, they are usually coming the opposite way, towards SHU on Park Ave. and park in the bad spot, as I have

mentioned. We all know how much of a hassle it is to turn the car around and park the other way.

I know my accident isn't the only one that has occurred outside of East Hall, as I have witnessed two others myself. I'm sure there have been more, though I think mine might have been the worst one, damage wise. And now, I'm going to be punished (insurance, ticket, no vehicle-which was four months away from being paid off completely, after working since I was 15 to pay for it), because some cop was too lazy to get out of his car and direct traffic, or at least park his car in a safe spot.

What am I to do, sue the city of Bridgeport? I see how much good that has done, since we still don't have a light outside of East. Isn't that the purpose of paying these cops to be out there, to prevent accidents like this from happening? When do we draw the line? Are we going to wait until someone gets

killed in one of these accidents before something gets done around here?

Don't get me wrong, if I was one of those cops, I would probably be resentful of what I was doing, as I am sure they did not become cops to help people cross the street all day long. Nonetheless, they need to do what they are paid to do, and do it well, at all times.

So to the cops who are parked in the right space, standing outside, directing traffic and assisting people crossing the street, basically PROTECTING and SERVING, I want to thank you for doing your jobs. To those of you who sit in your car all day, doing whatever it is you are doing, ignoring people who need your help, and especially the officer who sat in his car and pretty much caused my accident to happen, thanks for NOTHING.

Amy Zanolungo
Sophomore

Letter unfairly attacked student's reputation

Dear Editor,

A letter written by Danielle DeName (4/6/00) unjustly attacks Alexis Harrison's integrity and character. I believe everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, but was it really necessary to denounce Ms. Harrison's integrity and character?

Ms. Harrison's social life is irrelevant to this matter on the school's policy on alcohol con-

sumption on campus. I am a resident student...The policy angers me, and I don't agree with it, but I would never go as far as assaulting another student's reputation and character because they took a stand.

Ms. DeName should make sure she understands the facts and all of the issues before making such bold statements.

Joseph Mann
Freshman

Vertical Horizon worthy of SHU's attention

Dear Editor,

By now, everyone at SHU knows that our spring concert is Vertical Horizon. I am extremely excited for the show on April 27, but many students have expressed their displeasure with the choice.

I want to challenge the student body to check out this truly amazing band, and I'm not just saying this because I am a huge Vertical Horizon fan.

Vertical Horizon puts on one hell of a live show. I have seen them in concert five times. They capture the audience brilliantly with their unique mixture

of electric and acoustic guitar melodies. The band truly rocks! Vertical Horizon has a full sound that has been winning over thousands of new fans every day.

If you do not attend the Vertical Horizon show, you will be missing out on great music and a rare fun night on the SHU campus.

We should be privileged to host this event. This is our only chance at a Spring Concert. It is a Sacred Heart tradition.

Maybe Vertical Horizon is not your favorite band, but what the hell, heck them out anyway!

You might enjoy yourself. Check out the show with your friends, make a night of it. Pre-game if you have to (keep up the fight Duda).

It will not kill you to miss the dollar pitchers at the Sports Page for one night, and you can still hang out after the show.

A Vertical Horizon show is a truly unique experience and promises to be well worth the miniscule \$8 ticket price. I promise you will not be disappointed. I can guarantee that.

Ted Miller
Senior

SET appreciates positive input, not criticism

I'm writing on behalf of SET in reply to the editorial about the Lewis Black comedy show. I ask that if you have such strong opinions about our events, why not come to a meeting and voice your opinion?

Part of our policy is that we welcome all to our meetings, even if you aren't a member and don't wish to be one. The more opinions we have from the student body, the more we are able to accommodate them and improve. Yes, such acts deserve to be in the theater, but in order to have them in the theater, we would have to reserve a date in which the performer and the theater are both available, and the theater is rarely available. The reason why we decided to have Lewis Black in the Outpost (or cafeteria, whatever you want to call it) is because it wouldn't be fair to those in the Outpost to be deprived of the show.

Yes, they may act inappropriately at times, but they deserve the right to watch it as much as the rest of us. We try to please everyone. Actually, we did have people try to control the crowd in the Outpost.

You also expressed that candy, balloons, and glitter aren't necessary. Their purpose is to make the atmosphere more relaxing. It's a change from the stress filled environment that we are all used to at this University. Yes, FLIK is a bad place to hold events, but we must try to do the best that we can with our

resources. It may seem childish, but it helps. Besides, don't students at this university frequently act childish anyway? The drunk kids in the Outpost are a fine example. Try laying the smack-down on that.

I agree that the sound system was poor that night. We were just as angry as the rest of the students were, but unfortunately all tech equipment is beyond our control. It blew a fuse and couldn't function properly. Yet again, we try the best we can with what we are given.

If you think the system is so poor, don't complain to us. Complain to the Student Union because it's their equipment.

Also keep in mind that the STUDENT Events Team is a STUDENT run organization. No members, whether an executive board member or a general member, are paid for their time, efforts, or dedication. We spend countless hours trying to do the best we can. When such issues arise, it doesn't make our job easier.

I would love to see you try to do my job. You'll realize that it's not easy. It's very difficult and any negative opinions don't help the situation, especially when we can't do anything about it. What would help is constructive criticism and more volunteering from the student body.

Peter Pereira
Social Chair, Student Events Team

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Features

Social Work Program going the extra mile SHU students giving a helping hand to those who need it most

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

When confronted with poverty and despair, most people want to turn the other cheek. There is a lot to be said about the kind of person that spends a majority of their own time helping others.

While most college students are using their Tuesday or Thursday nights watching television, playing video games or drowning themselves in cold beer at the local watering hole, several committed individuals are making it their business to help those who need it most.

Members of the Social Work Student Organization help feed the hungry within the Bridgeport Community by taking part in the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. A van travels through different area locations providing people with hot food and beverages. On an average night, the Mission serves about 75 to 100 people.

"There is a special kind of bond there, a sense of pride," said Dr. Patricia Carl-Stannard, one of only two professors in the Social Work program.

Started in 1977, the Baccalaureate Social Work Program of SHU has continued to work hand in hand with helping the less fortunate. The 50 to 55 students within the program

spend their time in hospitals and mental health centers caring for people with illnesses that range from drug addiction to AIDS.

"Our students have a good sense of who they are and they are committed to helping people in need," said Dr. Elaine Davis, director of the program.

Although it is relatively a small major, the Social Work Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduates completing the BSW requirements from the University can apply for "advanced standing" in graduate programs and receive a 15 to 30 credit waiver.

According to Davis, the program prepares students for advanced social work practice or a position in a related field.

"Students in this field are highly successful, as well as high in academic standing," said Davis.

About 40 to 60 percent of SHU graduates continue their studies at prestigious graduate programs such as Fordham University, New York University, Boston College, and Boston University. According to Carl-Stannard, SHU's program prepares students for the life skills that are essential in pursuing a career in the social work field.

"They get to bring together skills, values, and ethics that are learned on campus and use them



Contributed photo

Social Work students along with Bridgeport natives at one of the Rescue Mission's food stops.

in everyday life," said Carl-Stannard.

Lauren Sabonjian, a junior from Hillsdale, N.J. has been a social work major for three years. Sabonjian says her experience has enhanced the knowledge of the world and the people around her.

"I just really wanted to help people, and to get involved outside the SHU community," said Sabonjian. "Being a social work major allowed me to do that."

However, because of budget constraints, it is difficult for

the Social Work Program to expand to its full potential.

Carl-Stannard says that the hiring of one more full time professor can help spark more interest and attract students into the program.

"The University wants to expand first, then hire a faculty member," said Carl-Stannard. "We feel we need an influx of at least 10 students per year to help the program."

Carl-Stannard said student's potential in the program is endless. There are a wide variety of opportunities that

await students once they graduate.

"We see tremendous growth. They come in as students, they leave as professionals," said Carl-Stannard.

Any person or organization that is interested in helping the Bridgeport Rescue Mission should contact the director Bill Carter at 333-4087.

Any help whatsoever will be greatly appreciated. The Mission does not just serve food, they have a variety of services that they provide to people in need.

SHU posts three winners at science competition

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

A group of 23 Sacred Heart students and faculty representing the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Psychology attended the 54th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York on April 1.

The goal of the conference is to give undergraduate students a forum for the presentation of their original research. 16 colleges from all along the East Coast were represented and SHU left with three awards, its best showing to date.

Christina French, a junior from Stockbridge MA, was an "Outstanding poster Presentation" winner in the Ecology category.

French's research was based by calculating the number of insects that were located on various plots of the largest landfill in Staten Island. The

project's main objective, which is eight years running, is to see if a forest-type atmosphere can exist in the landfill.

French's concluding evidence found that the insects spread out evenly and there are equal populations in each site, which means that the components of a forest community is apparent.

"I got into these types of projects last year when a teacher introduced me to them," said French. "Since then I've committed myself to doing the research and I was thrilled when I won the award."

According to Dr. Jennifer Mattei, a professor in the Chemistry department who served as a mentor for French's project, a grant was provided by the National Science Foundation in order to do the research at the landfill.

Mattei has been involved with Restoration Ecology since 1991 when she received a fellowship at Rutgers University after completing her post-doctoral.

"We try to get students involved in order to increase wildlife," said Mattei. "It's giving back to the community."

Rahul Shaw, a sophomore math major hauled in an "Outstanding Oral Math Presentation" prize for his research on Fractals, which pertains to image increasing detail in geometry.

Shaw had been doing work on the subject for six months and plans on continuing his study.

"There was good competition over there," said Shaw of the Conference. "I was pretty excited to win."

Other award winners include Kimberly Muller, a senior environmental science major who was praised for "Outstanding Environmental Science Poster Presentation."

Muller, along with classmate Ryan Peters and their mentor Dr. Eid Alkhatib focused their topic on Trihalomethane formation potential in drinking water reservoirs.

Student Presenters at ECSC

Christina French: "Restoration Ecology as applied to the Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island."

Dr. Jennifer Mattei, faculty mentor.

Kimberly Muller and Ryan Peters:

"Trihalomethane formation potential in drinking water Reservoirs." Dr. Eid Alkhatib, faculty mentor.

Rahul Shaw: "Fractals: The Mandelbrot and Julia Sets." Dr. Peter Loth, faculty mentor.

Jill Bruno: "Biological control of Purple Loosestrife." Dr. Jennifer Mattei, faculty mentor.

Joe Raygada and Nelson Labaredas: "Theoretical Determination of Oxygen Acids." Dr. Dhia Habboush, faculty mentor.

Anna Alveari and Jason Martucci: "Analysis of cDNA's isolated from a Heat Shock Library." Dr. Shannon Brightman, faculty mentor.

Anne Coary: "Analysis of the volatile compounds of scratch and sniff stickers using GC/MS." Dr. Penny Snetsinger, faculty mentor.

Matthew Contino, Lisa Fiorillo, Heather Heath, Melissa Tucci and Tara Ward: "The amazing Infant Brain." Dr. Carol Batt, mentor.

Horoscopes for week of April 10

By Linda Black
TMS Campus

Aries (March 21-April 19). Take care of a personal matter with a partner or attorney on Monday and Tuesday. Pay a big bill on Tuesday or Wednesday but save enough to buy food. Definitely go someplace fun this weekend, preferably with an older person you respect and admire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Take care of old business Monday and Tuesday and clean up everything you possibly can. Around Wednesday the sun will come into your sign, and you and a partner can accomplish a lot. Friday and Saturday should be good for shopping, especially if you want to buy expensive items that have to last a long time. Hang out with relatives on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Friends need your support on Monday and Tuesday. Get practical Wednesday and Thursday and get as much work done as possible. By Friday you'll lose interest in being serious, and you'll only want to play. It may be Sunday before you can be trusted to make wise financial decisions again, so take care!

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You could get slightly frazzled on Monday and Tuesday. You

should calm down on Wednesday, and Thursday looks good for romance. You should just lean back and enjoy the scenery.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be in a good mood the first part of this week. Getting studying done will be hard — but worthwhile. The harder you work, the luckier you'll get. Schedule romantic and sports activities for Friday and Saturday and do household projects on Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Travel conditions get much better then. Do planning and errands on Thursday. Tidy up your place on Friday and Saturday so you can have company over on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you have partnerships or legal matters that need attention, do them Monday and Tuesday. Figure out your budget on Wednesday and Thursday and put as much as you possibly can into savings. Cram the most interesting activities you can think of into Friday and Saturday but keep Sunday quiet.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Monday and Tuesday could be slightly stressful. After about Wednesday you'll become more interested in partnerships. Wednesday and Thursday will be good for serious discussions. You could dis-

cover a real treasure on Friday or Saturday, so dig for one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Monday and Tuesday should be lots of fun. Finish old business on Wednesday and Thursday. Keep a notebook around on Friday and Saturday; you'll come up with brilliant ideas then. Buy yourself a practical, special treat on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your home and family are important to you on Monday and Tuesday, so you can entertain around Wednesday. Fall in love on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday work needs to be done, so scurry around and do it. Have people over again on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Study on Monday and Tuesday, as quickly as you can. Make a big decision or two on Wednesday and Thursday. Get together with friends on Friday and Saturday. Go through your notes on Sunday and do whatever you've forgotten that's due tomorrow!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Put as much as you can into savings on Monday and Tuesday. Tackle the most difficult subjects you can think of, especially Wednesday and Thursday. Learn from your elders on Friday and Saturday and goof off with friends on Sunday.

Campus Happenings

Egyptian Coffeeshouse today

Nadia, a professional choreographer and dancer will perform ancient Egyptian belly dancing in a beautifully crafted Egyptian costume today at 12:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. Share in the mystique of this exotic dance. The event is sponsored by the Commuter Council and Student Activities. Free to all SHU students with ID. \$8 general admission.

Diocesan Prayer Group welcomes members

The Diocesan Prayer group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at The Catholic Center, at 238 Jewett Avenue in Bridgeport at 7 p.m. Come to a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Holy Wednesday and be ministered to by prayer and song by "A Joyful Noise." The Music Ministry of Lynn Geyer, John Stufano and Nick Kleszczewski will be performed. All are welcome to attend.

The stories of Holy Week

At 7 p.m. tonight in the Chapel, award winning storyteller and author, Diana Crehan will transport us back to Palestine, as she tells the dramatic stories of the last month's of Jesus' life. Sponsored by the Department's of Campus Ministry and Women's Studies. For more information contact Campus Ministry.

International Club sponsors Semi-Formal

The International Banquet "A Night on the Town" will take place tomorrow from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Toscano Park (2540 Park Avenue, Bridgeport). A buffet dinner will be served. Tickets will be \$12 for SHU students and \$15 for non-students, and will be sold in the International Center, FLIK, and in Hawley Lounge. For more information call the International Multicultural Center at 396-8072.

Trip to Apollo Theater

The International/Multicultural Center along with UMOJA is sponsoring a trip to the Apollo Theater in NYC on April 26. Bus leaves at 3 p.m. in front of Public Safety. All participants will witness a live show. Contact Keysha Whitiker for ticket information at 245-6087.

-Compiled by Emily M. Houlihan

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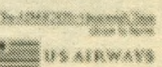
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Works by Luxembourg artists at the Gallery



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"Abelard & Heloise," a painting by artist Patricia Lippert, is one of the works that will be on display in The Gallery of Contemporary Art's upcoming "The Color Within: Works by Luxembourg Artists" exhibit. The exhibit opens Sunday April 30 and will run until June 1.

Special to the Spectrum

The next exhibit to visit Sacred Heart's Gallery of Contemporary Art will be "The Color Within: Works by Luxembourg Artists," beginning Sunday, April 30.

"The Color Within" contains 40 works, most of which contain a predominance of the color "rust," by five diverse contemporary artists.

Anna Recker, Patricia Lippert, Nico Thurm, Laurent Nunziatini, and Dany Prum all contribute their skills and talents to this exhibit. Although their work has not been previously presented in the United States, these artists have exhibited widely in Europe.

Recker and Lippert are both painters of opposing methods and styles. Recker works very delicately, placing layer after layer of strokes upon paper that are later applied to canvas, creating unusual landscapes of the material world.

Lippert, on the other hand, works very directly with gestur-

al strokes and is more concerned with emotions. She is represented by an installation of 24 small canvases depicting some aspect of the forbidden love of Abelard and Heloise, a priest and nun in the Middle Ages. A musical score and reading of their letters to each other adds poignancy to the works.

Nico Thurm's works of painted canvases and rusted metals are minimalist works that are classical in style, and Nunziatini actually uses fire to create his artifacts of burnt wood and styrofoam.

Prum is an artist whose medium changes with her message. She has traveled to collaborate with other artists in many different countries. One of her works was created using Moroccan clay that has been scanned, manipulated, printed and placed in three variously sized light boxes

The predominance of the color rust may reflect the color of the iron-ore-rich earth in the southern part of Luxembourg—the initial means by which the country became industrialized.

Naturally, today one associates Luxembourg with its central European location, its banking industry and its economic prosperity. Whether conscious or not, these artists have used the color as a link to the land and its history.

The curator, Michael Rush, is also filmmaker and critic. He is the author of "New Media in Late 20th Century Art," and the forthcoming "Video Art." He is a regular contributor to The New York Times, Art in America, PAJ, and Art New England.

Rush's multi-media theater projects and films on art have been presented in many venues worldwide, including the Whitney Museum and the Centre Pompidou, Paris.

An opening reception will take place at 1 p.m. on April 30 in the Gallery. Anthony Cerna, president of Sacred Heart, will give opening remarks at 1:45 p.m.

Then on at 7 p.m. May 9, Rush will give a curator's talk entitled, "Curating an International Exhibition."

Why can we relate to 'The Sopranos?'

By Mike Antonucci
Knight-Ridder Tribune
Commentary

It may have been the ultimate pop culture intersection: "The Sopranos" paying tribute to Pokemon in the show's most recent episode.

HBO's violent, profane and acclaimed series about everyday life in the mob ends its second season Sunday night as television's trendiest bloodfest.

Some of that flair comes from an upsurge of snappy references about everything from the Beatles to Wal-Mart -- rat-a-tat dialogue that rubs out the line between normal people and criminals.

Each little quip sharpens the drama's most provocative questions: Is this a show about them being like us, or us being like them? And when did thuggery become so socially relevant?

"It's not the humanizing touches that are new," said Emily Fox Kales, a Northeastern University psychology professor. "It's the sophistication -- the good ear they have for what's going on out there in the culture."

In just the last two episodes:

-- Crime boss Tony Soprano has worked Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow, the "Matt Helm" spy character and old-time movie star George Sanders into his conversation.

--Book references have included "Angela's Ashes,"

"Chicken Soup for the Soul" and Gail Sheehy's now classic "Passages."

--The History Channel, which has cropped up before, was mentioned twice, with a belligerent Tony telling his shrink that he saw a documentary reminding him of his constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness.

-- The heist of the week was not a shipment of cigarettes -- as it was originally scripted -- but a truckload of Pokemon trading cards.

"I didn't realize there were so many," said the show's producer Mitchell Burgess, who then began musing out loud about what the saturation point might be.

University of Texas professor Horace Newcomb, editor of the Museum of Broadcast Communications' Encyclopedia of Television, says the number of clever allusions in the dialogue is one of the trickiest elements of the show's production.

"I think it's walking a real fine line on that point," he said. "They're playing with that aspect a whole lot. The question of what rings true is what they want us to ponder."



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The hit HBO series, "The Sopranos" combines a variety of media within its text.

If the characters in the "Godfather" movies sometimes seemed to be in a world unto themselves, said Burgess and Green, Tony's family and mob "soldiers" strike an ominously different note by being so familiar to neighbors, schools and local merchants.

The implication for viewers may be that life is inherently sinful, or that we're able to rationalize our time on the dark side. Robin Green, one of the show's writers, mentioned, it's that pact with the devil, made cuter by the panoramic cultural patter.

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Vertical Horizon will be performing at SHU on April 27.

Rockers Vertical Horizon coming soon to SHU

Special to the Spectrum

Vertical Horizon, one of the hottest rock bands in the country, will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at Sacred Heart University's William H. Pitt Center.

"We're really excited that we could book this band," said Brandi Blevins, student government vice president and SET president. "Vertical Horizon is known for putting on a great show. I expect there will be a lot of enthusiasm."

The band was formed in 1991 by Matt Scannell and Keith Kane, when they were undergraduates at Georgetown University. Scannell is the lead vocalist and guitarist, while Kane also sings and plays guitar. Drummer Ed Toth and bassist Sean Hurley joined the group in 1996.

After three successful independent releases, Vertical Horizon made their major label debut on RCA with "Everything You Want," a mix of melodic songwriting and musicianship.

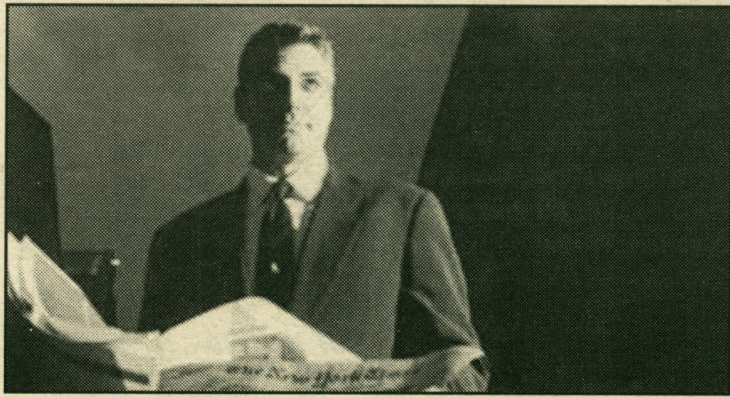
"They're simple songs played with sincerity," said Scannell. "That's where the excitement comes from, not through adding more notes and overplaying."

Songs such as "We Are," "Finding Me" and "You Say" are crammed with nuance and energy. Elsewhere, the melancholy strum of "Best I Ever Had" and the dark, imploring "Give You Back" provide another side of the band's talents.

General admission tickets for the April 27 performance are \$12, \$8 for SHU students. For more information, contact SET at 371-7846.

Cold War drama returns to live TV

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor
Commentary



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George Clooney was the executive producer, and chief instigator behind last Sunday's live television movie "Fail Safe."

Anyone who knows me well knows that I'm partial to George Clooney no matter what he does. But I have to say that I honestly think that his most recent project, CBS' "Fail Safe," which aired live last Sunday, was one of the most creative and daring projects in television this year.

The majority of today's television programming is a pre-recorded, carefully edited, high-budgeted product. Each week we watch our favorite television shows, knowing that the actors required many different takes to get their lines just right.

"Fail Safe" was aired live. It had a tiny budget of \$5.5 million (Clooney himself cut out pictures and pasted them onto poster board for the promo poster), a bare-bones set-design and a number of doubters expecting the project to fail.

And what was the outcome? A fairly authentic, well-acted retrospective approach to 1960's Cold War drama.

Its strengths were in the strong leadership of Clooney, the film's instigator, executive producer, who also played the

part of a bomber pilot, and the film's cast. "Fail Safe" was packed with more big names than any big-screen movie ever turns out. Richard Dreyfuss, Don Cheadle, Hank Azaria, Brian Dennehy, Noah Wyle, Harvey Keitel, Sam Elliot and James Cromwell, are just a few of the big-wigs that made "Fail Safe" a genuine thriller.

Based on a 1962 novel by Eugene Burdick, "Fail Safe" is a remake of the 1964 film of the same name, starring Henry Fonda.

Clooney even decided to shoot the film in black-and-white, not only to make it seem more authentic to the '60's, but also because it worked better aesthetically (a lesson learned from NBC's live "ER" episode).

The plot is simple: when an accidental order is given to drop a nuclear bomb on Moscow, the United States and Russia must work together, and trust each other, in order to come up with a quick solution to prevent one of the world's biggest cities from being demolished.

As verbal orders are disregarded and quick actions must be taken, tension and suspense are heightened by long periods of silence and extreme close-ups.

The President, played by Richard Dreyfuss, promises the Soviet premier that if Moscow gets bombed, he will bomb New York City as a sort of penance for the United States' fatal mistake.

Drama and suspense were

so important to the meaning of this film, and Clooney's cast of characters do an amazing job of carrying it off, especially considering that their on-screen emotions had to be called up on the spot.

But perhaps what was most suspenseful was that the viewers knew the film was being aired live, and knew that anything could go wrong at any moment. This is an aspect of television viewing that we do not often have the pleasure of experiencing.

Of course there were a few errors, but nothing monumental. A few line-flubs here and there, but nothing disrupted the film's plot, or took away from the desired (and achieved) effect.

Even for people who did not grow up with the Cold War, and probably do not really understand it, "Fail Safe" was actually quite effective.

Hopefully this daring approach to television will catch on. It brings an aspect of the theater into our homes that we do not get the privilege of seeing, and showcases actors' raw talents, or shortcomings.

"Fail Safe" proved not only that Clooney has staying power on the small-screen, but also that it's okay to try something different.

Sopranos: Show uses varied media

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But the fine line that Newcomb has spotted is obvious to the writers and producers, too.

Burgess and Green say the quip about Matt Helm, who was defined by Dean Martin in four late 1960s movies, didn't feel right to James Gandolfini, who plays Tony Soprano.

But Chase had subbed it for another reference just because it sounded more humorous.

"That's part of the reason we do use these things," said Green. "They wake people up, and they draw people in."

Despite an occasional misfire, contends Newcomb, "The Sopranos" has become the pre-eminent TV experience.

"I think it's the best show on television, without question," he said. "It's the best written, the most provocative and the most significant. The significance is in asking us to consider real moral questions."

A&E Briefs

At the theater

The Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart will present the musical, "Tintypes," which chronicles the growing pains of a nation in a grand pageant of pre-World War I America, until April 16. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, in the theater. Tickets range from \$15 to \$18. For more information, contact the theater box office at 374-2777.

Coming soon to the Schine...

Oliver Stone's most recent film, "Any Given Sunday," starring Al Pacino and Cameron Diaz, will be shown in the Schine Auditorium the week after Easter Break. Show times are 7 p.m. on April 28 and April 29, and at 2 p.m. on April 30.

Famed comedienne comes to Stamford

Ellen Degeneres returns to her stand-up roots for one performance only, at 7 p.m. on May 7 at the Palace Theater in Stamford. The event is sponsored by the Stamford Center for the Arts.

Also sponsored by the Center is "Spirit of the Dance, The New Millennium." It is touted as an exhilarating celebration of dance and song performed by the Irish International Dance Company. The event will be at 3 and 7 p.m. this Saturday in the Palace Theater. For tickets or information for these events, contact the box office at 325-4466.

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Lacrosse: *Pioneers tied for fifth place in Northeast Conference.*

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Ginny Capicchioni recorded 25 saves, a new school record. Capicchioni has a .651 save percentage this season.

The Pioneers then lost their next game to Mount St. Mary's 8-5.

Bruckner led the scoring with a goal and assist while Mack, Pandolfo, Corrigan and Girouard each hit the net once.

Bruckner earned her second Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week award with a total of seven points on five goals and two assists last week.

Despite the losses, head coach Laura

Kortz was happy with the team's performance and teamwork.

"I think we finally came together as a team this weekend," said Kortz. "It was nice to see everyone play together and want to win together as a team."

The Pioneers remain confident that they will be contenders for postseason play.

"We played as a team this weekend and we almost beat the number one team," Kortz said. "This showed us that we can compete with the top level teams."

Compete they have. The Pioneers are now ranked nation-

ally in five different categories.

As of April 2, Sacred Heart ranked fifth in the nation for winning percentage, ninth for scoring defense and 15th for scoring margin.

Capicchioni is ranked first in the county for save percentage and eighth for goals against average.

The two losses dropped Sacred Heart into a tie for fifth place in the conference. The top four teams will advance to the postseason tournament.

The Pioneers look to get back into the win column and jump in the standings as they

take on Wagner and Monmouth this weekend.

"I feel very positive about this weekend," Kortz said. "Even though we lost these past two games, we came off of them seeing how well we can play together. This will be our motivation against teams like Monmouth and Wagner."

Monmouth is currently tied for third place, while Wagner shares the number five spot.

Sacred Heart travels to Wagner Saturday and plays at 1 p.m.

The Pioneers face Monmouth the very next day in a 1 p.m. match at Monmouth.

"I think we finally came together as a team this weekend. It was nice to see everyone play together and want to win together as a team."

-coach Laura Kortz

Baseball loses 3 NEC games

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

The baseball team dropped three of their four league games this past weekend, which puts the Pioneers in a tough position to make the Northeast Conference playoffs with a 4-5 record.

Sacred Heart dropped a doubleheader to Quinnipiac on Saturday and split with Central Connecticut on Monday.

The baseball team is still in the hunt for the playoffs, but they must put together a string of victories in the next few weeks.

The NEC playoffs will be held at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, so the team has some added incentive for making the playoffs.

"We're going to have to play well the rest of the way if we want to make any noise," said senior shortstop Vic Rinaldi.

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Quinnipiac exploded for a total of 33 runs including six

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home runs in two games on Saturday.

The Braves won the first game 16-9 and the second 17-1.

The ball club had a similar tough time in their first game on Monday.

The first game was tied at the end of seven innings, but Central posted seven runs in the top of the eights to win the game 10-3.

"We just didn't capitalize on our opportunities," said junior second baseman Rich Ferriggi.

Sacred Heart won the second game in dramatic fashion.

Tim Batoh drove in two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to give his team a 7-6 win.

Junior pitcher Tommy Nails earned the victory on the mound for Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart embarks on a five-game road trip. The next home date for the Pioneers is a 1 p.m. contest on April 19, at Harbor Yard against Alabama.

Dance team places in competition

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

The SHU dance team returned this week from their first trip to Nationals after placing 13th in competition.

Thirteen dancers from the team traveled to Daytona Beach Florida on April 5th. Their coach Lisa Grassi, who has been coaching for a year and a half, and advisor Diedre Eller, both former members and founders of the dance team here at SHU accompanied the 13 girls.

This was the first year the team went to Nationals.

The team competed in division 2 with a total of 24 teams. They danced in the preliminary competition on April 6th and placed 13th.

Their routine, a mix produced by Raw Text, totaled 2 minutes and 15 seconds in length.

In preparation for Nationals the dance team worked hard practicing seven days a week for three hours a day.

Jaime Ouellette, dance team sophomore from Tolland said,

"when we watched the tape of our performance we were amazed at how well we did. That was the best we had ever danced together."

By coming in 13th the girls were unable to go on to finals which were held the following day.

"We missed the cut by three tenths of a point," said Ouellette.

"At first we were disappointed but then we realized it being our first Nationals and all we really could not have asked for anything more."

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and the 1500 meter run, respectively.

Sophomores Mike Stanley and Brian Wrinkle both managed 4th place in hammer throw

and the 3000 meter steeplechase, respectively.

"We had some good performances," said Morrison, "and though we're not at full strength right now, we should be ready for our more important meets in the next few weeks."

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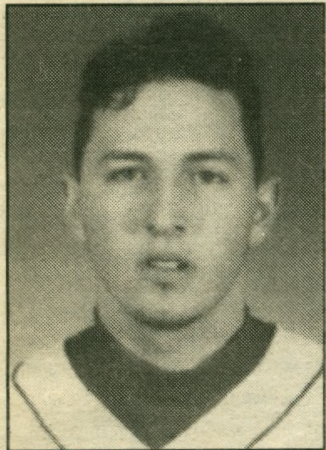
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SHU Athlete of the Week



Rich LaVacca
Baseball

LaVacca posts record-setting numbers

Rich LaVacca, a senior on Sacred Heart's baseball team completed a record-setting week on the diamond.

In four games this past weekend, the North Merrick, N.Y., native hit 8-10 at the plate and reached base on a school-

record nine consecutive times.

Last Saturday against Quinnipiac, LaVacca went 5-5 with two doubles and four RBI.

LaVacca's hitting surge boosted his batting average to .330, which ties him for the team's lead.

Sports Schedule

SATURDAY	Women's lacrosse @ Monmouth, 1 p.m.
Baseball @ St. Francis, noon.	TUESDAY
Men's lacrosse vs. Quinnipiac, 1 p.m.	Softball @ Iona, 3 p.m.
Women's lacrosse @ Wagner, 1 p.m.	Women's lacrosse @ Holy Cross, 4 p.m.
SUNDAY	Men's lacrosse @ Rutgers, 7:30 p.m.
Baseball @ Long Island University, noon.	WEDNESDAY
Softball vs. SUNY Albany, 1 p.m.	Baseball vs. Albany 1 p.m.
	THURSDAY
	Softball @ Mount St. Mary's 2:30 p.m.

More NCAA changes pass

TMS Campus

The NCAA Division I Management Council approved a landmark series of legislation aimed at reforming men's basketball and reasserting the NCAA's grip on a sport many within the organization fear is on the verge of spiraling out of control.

In recommending nine pieces of legislation during its meeting in Indianapolis, the 34-member council of athletic administrators and faculty representatives hoped to "have a substantial effect of the culture of men's basketball and the way we operate," said Stanford athletic director Ted Leland, the council chairman.

The most controversial of the proposals is a plan that would eliminate the current summer basketball recruiting structure beginning in 2002.

Under Monday's recommendations, the current 24-day summer evaluation period would be reduced to 14 days in 2001, with the current summer recruiting system eliminated the following year.

Leland, NCAA executive

director Cedric Dempsey and other NCAA officials said their plan is to have in place by 2002 a new summer recruiting structure that diminishes the influence of shoe companies and other outside influences such as AAU coaches.

"We've had a lot of people having an influence on young prospective student athletes who should not be in that position," Dempsey said.

The legislative package approved by the Management Council is expected to be passed by the Division I Board of Directors on April 27 in Indianapolis.

The board and leading conference commissioners in recent months have increasingly called for sweeping reform for men's basketball especially in regards to summer recruiting following a series of NCAA investigations of top players.

Nearly half of the universities in the top 10 spots in this season's final Associated Press Top 25 poll, seven of the top 25, had key players ruled ineligible for part or all of the 1999-2000 season for receiving benefits in violation of NCAA rules.

The Management Council

also approved legislation designed to make universities more accountable in regards to graduation rates.

In a move designed to improve graduation rates and discourage coaches from running off players, the council approved a legislation that limits to eight the number of basketball scholarships a university can award in any two-year period with no more than five in any one year.

More than a quarter of the 64 universities (18) in this year's NCAA Tournament had 0 percent graduation rates for their men's basketball programs during the six-year reporting period ending in 1999, the most recent NCAA reporting period.

The council also approved sanctions for violations of NCAA gambling rules. Student athletes who engage in activity designed to influence the outcome of a contest or win-loss margins will lose their remaining college eligibility.

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Sports



THREE of a KIND

Lacrosse bonds Pioneer goalies

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

A funny thing about time. As it passes, even the most significant events can develop without notice.

Such describes the bond that formed between three sophomore goalies on Sacred Heart's men's lacrosse team.

"We're always rooting for each other," states Scott Urbinati, of Coram, N.Y., about Levittown, N.Y., native Mike Kelly and Seaford, N.Y.'s Mike DiPietro.

A loose-knit friendship that began when the trio stepped onto Campus Field for the first time blossomed as they traded turns deflecting shots.

"The three of us kind of do things aside of the rest of the team," said DiPietro referring not only to the goalies' practice habits, but their activities off the turf as well.

The old adage that opposites attract proves true in this case. Urbinati and Kelly agree that DiPietro's maturity gives him a father-like aura.

Urbinati, by contrast, is a bit of a loose cannon. "Scotty's more of a joker," Kelly remarked.



Photo by Matt Duda

Sophomore goalies Mike DiPietro, back left, Mike Kelly, back right, and Scott Urbinati maintain a close-knit relationship despite competing for playing time on the lacrosse field.

Kelly may be the group's fireplug, as evident by his highly intense style of play.

The three playfully deny that any bitter competition exists. When competition for SHU's goaltending duties began

in the Fall 1998 semester, the friendship began to take hold.

"I used to try to take out his knees everyday," jokes Urbinati with a mischievous laugh directed at Kelly.

Each maintains that the oth-

ers' presence benefits not only each other, but the rest of the team as well.

"We encourage each other," Urbinati said. "During time outs we run across the field to say, 'nice job' to whoever's playing."

"You'd think with all three of us there'd be hostility, but it makes it better for all of us," DiPietro said.

Chances are if one is watching movies in a dorm room or organizing an event for the trio's fraternity--Alpha Sigma Psi--the other two can't be far away.

"If someone's looking for one of us, they'll find one and just ask where he is," Kelly said.

Their friendship is contagious. Each chuckles as they explain how their parents also became close friends with each other thanks in part to the younger generation's cohesion.

Talking about their camaraderie evokes anecdotes as each humorously describes each other. Before long, laughter bellows from three sets of lungs.

Gradually, silence sets in as all three for the first time seem to realize the tightness of their friendship.

"I wonder how we got so close," Urbinati blurts to no one in particular.

But no answer comes from DiPietro or Kelly. Each stares blankly ahead, pondering how such a vital friendship formed seemingly without notice.

Urbinati, distracted by thought as well, absent-mindedly offers an answer to his own question.

"I guess it just happened over time."



Photo by Jamie Snapshot

The women's lacrosse team saw its six-game win streak end last weekend.

Win streak peaks then falls

By Kristin Lee
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's women's lacrosse team recorded its sixth straight win last Thursday with an 11-6 victory over Siena.

The win set a new school record for consecutive wins.

Junior Laura Mack led the scoring with four goals. Jill Corrigan and Keri Remington contributed to the win with a goal and an assist each, while Jeanne Raber, Julie Pandolfo, Morgan

Futch, Jen Girouard and Michelle Bruckner netted one a piece.

The Pioneers streak came to an end when they lost a tough contest 8-6 to Northeast Conference leader Maryland-Baltimore County. Last season, UMBC beat the Pioneers by a combined score of 34-12 in two games.

UMBC has yet to lose a conference game in the NEC's three-year existence.

Remington and Bruckner each had a hat trick to control the scoring for the Pioneers while goalie

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Shawah leads strong track performances

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart men's and women's track teams earned a lot of first place finishes in the Wagner College Invitational on Staten Island, NY this weekend. The meet did not have team scoring.

Senior co-captain Michele Shawah was the women's star athlete as always.

Shawah broke her own outdoor school record and won the triple jump with a leap of 37' 3". Shawah also managed to win the long jump (16' 10") and placed 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles.

Senior co-captain Jen McGovern won the 2000 meter steeplechase, while freshman Diane Aiksnoras placed third behind her in her first steeplechase ever.

Junior javelin thrower Carlin Guarneri won her even with a throw of 121' 7", which makes her undefeated this year.

"Carlin was an All-New England selection in the javelin last spring," said head coach

Christian Morrison. "So it's not surprising that she's undefeated right now."

Freshman Jill Gianinni placed third in the javelin. This is the first time Gianinni has competed since December because of an injury.

Sophomore Heidi Cheever won the 400 meter hurdles, while freshman Erica Sullivan and Jackie Beaulieu tied for first place in the high jump.

Second place winners were junior Sarah Keenan in the triple jump and junior Heather Stockton in the 5000 meter run. Junior Brandi Blevins managed to place third in both the hammer throw and the discus.

On the men's side, junior Mike Benedetto placed second in the long jump with a distance of 21' 9", and in the triple jump with a leap of 44' 5". Benedetto also managed to place 3rd in the triple jump.

Senior Chris McKenna and senior co-captain Brain Williams followed his example by placing third in the javelin

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