Endowment coffers swell with 2nd transfer

By Michael Champagne
Associate Editor

For the second time this semester Sacred Heart University has found itself to be the beneficiary of an endowment fund transferred from the beleaguered University of Bridgeport.

According to a recent Connecticut Post article, the $175,000 gift was moved from UB to SHU after the family which had originally established the fund approximately 15 years ago, said the threat of UB's closure last year because of financial troubles prompted their decision.

Kurt Hersher of Monroe, son of Bernard Hersher in whose memory the fund was established at UB, said of the move, "We decided to move it from UB first of all when the 'Moonies' took over," referring to the Professors World Peace Academy. The PWPA, which bailed out the strapped UB with the promise of approximately $50 million in financial assistance, receives nearly 90 percent of its funding from the Unification Church headed by the controversial Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

But, Hersher continued, what ultimately cemented their decision to move the fund was "when the decision was made to move the (Law School at the University of Bridgeport) to Quinnipiac College in Hamden."

"The fund was established to endow a chair within the legal community — to fund the teaching of someone in that capacity," Hersher said.

Mr. Hersher indicated the family preferred that the funds remain local, so after researching the various universities, the family decided upon Sacred Heart as the recipient of the endowment.

"After discussions with (SHU President) Dr. (Anthony) Cemerna, SHU seemed the most fertile ground for establishing a center for applied ethics," stated Hersher.

Mr. Hersher also helped to establish the Hersher Center for Applied Ethics at Sacred Heart University.

Meanwhile, the Scott Browning Memorial Scholarship, which had been established six years ago at the University of Bridgeport and transferred in February to Sacred Heart, promises to be another feather in SHU's cap.

"The scholarship was very successful at UB and I enjoyed dealing with UB officials," explained Scott's brother James Browning, of Trumbull.

However, like the Hersher family's endowment, the Browning family decided to look elsewhere when UB announced it would be closing its doors.

In the past six years, the Scott Browning Memorial Scholarship awarded funds totaling $32,000 to 20 students at the University of Bridgeport. In all, $88,000 has been raised through private and corporate donations to the Browning Memorial, with the entire endowment portion of $45,000 transferred to Sacred Heart University.

SHU sues city over ZBA denial

By Michael Champagne
Associate Editor

In a suit filed April 13, against the town of Fairfield's Zoning Board of Appeals, Sacred Heart University claimed the board illegally denied the University's request to build a sports complex on campus.

According to an article in the April 14 issue of the Connecticut Post, "the lawsuit, filed at Superior Court in Bridgeport, (SHU) claims the board's decision deprived it of the fair and reasonable use of its property without the due process of law."

In Sacred Heart's original request for a variance of town zoning regulations on building height, the ZBA granted SHU's request provided they undertook the project within a six-month deadline. The ZBA further granted a one-year extension because SHU had yet to secure the approval of the Connecticut Coastal Management Commission and the Town Plan and Zoning Commission for the project.

As its deadline neared, and the University found its efforts to obtain approval from the two boards unsuccessful, SHU again applied for an extension of the ZBA's deadline to begin work on the sports complex. At the ZBA's hearing on the new request, however, they denied the University's second request for the extension, sending the University back to its original position of trying to secure a ZBA variance for height restrictions.

"We should not have been put in this position," charged Sacred Heart University's legal representative, William J. Fitzpatrick III. "They (the ZBA) acted illegally in failing to grant the waiver (of height restrictions)," Fitzpatrick continued.

When asked about what position that had been based upon, Fitzpatrick replied, "They always granted them (the extension)" See Lawsuit, page 2

Caribbean Club wins trophy

By Donatella Richard and Keran Deterville

Sunshine was the last concrete thing on the mind of the members of the SHU Caribbean Club as they eliminated team after team to place second in the Caribbean/ American Jeopardy Challenge at the First Northeast Region Caribbean Conference in Boston on April 17, 1993.

Hosted by the Northeastern University Caribbean Students Organization, the conference, whose theme was "Unified in the Struggle to Reclaim our Future," brought together over 45 schools at the Sheraton TARa Hotel. Among the schools in attendance were Harvard College, Reimsusually Polytechnic Institute, Colgate University, Yale University, Seton Hall University, and Upsala College.

Conference attendees, future leaders of the Caribbean, participated in seminars concerning the economic, social cultural and political issues the Caribbean faces, and received an understanding of the role that they will have to assume to bring stability to their respective countries and, most importantly, to reclaim their culture. The topic of the seminars included: "Tourism: Two-headed Monster", "Economic Development in the Caribbean", "Sexual Harassment in Afro/Caribbean/American Communities", "Caribbean Cultural Perspectives", "Financial Planning & Cultural Awareness".

"The weekend was well organized. I personally enjoyed the Seminar on Sexual Harassment," said Donatella Richard, a junior sociology major and the newly elected vice president of the SHU Caribbean Club.

The keynote address, given by Dessima Williams, a professor of Sociology at Brandeis University, forcefully delineated the points the town of Fairfield's...
**NEWS BRIEFS**
Compiled by Michael Champagne

Second President's Rap Scheduled

A second student forum with Sacred Heart President Anthony J. Cemerna is scheduled for today, April 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room A.

The last rap session, held on April 13, was crowded with students who wanted the opportunity to speak with the university president and voice their concerns for many of the issues they felt were not being adequately addressed.

At that time, Dr. Cemerna promised to set a second date to pick up the discussion where it had ended as well as address any new topics. Here's your opportunity to ask Dr. Cemerna what-ever is on your mind.

Correction

A caption to a photo in the April 22 issue of the *Spectrum* newspaper failed to mention one of the ribbon winners. Senior Peter Goncalves, whose works placed him first in Foundation Illustration and first and second in Drawing I was omitted. *Spectrum* regrets the error. Congratulations Peter!

Madigan named NECC Player of the Week

Hey, well sure this belongs in Sports Shorts but: Freshman Greg Madigan, of Seaford, NY was named the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Week in baseball. Madigan batted .519 with three home runs, 11 RBI and scored 10 runs in the Pioneers' 4-4 week.

Peaceable Icons at art gallery

Hey, well sure this belongs in A&E Briefs but: An exhibit of recent works by artists from Connecticut, Elaine Anthony and Robert Knox will be on display in the Gallery of Contemporary Art from May 9 - June 3.

Both areas have spent a significant portion of their adult lives living abroad. Anthony has lived in Mexico for 12 years and is the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant and is represented by Stephen Haller Gallery, NYC. Know lived and exhibited his work in Scotland and Germany for eight years. This exhibit features small scale works on paper or canvas with collage elements.

Both artists are scheduled to be in the Gallery for an Artists’ Talk on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**THEATRE STUDIES**

**Course offerings for fall**

In its continuing effort to expand the Theatre Studies Department at Sacred Heart University, the *Theatre Studies* course offerings for fall have been announced for the Fall semester of 1993.

**LAW**

**Lawsuit: SHU appeals ZBA decision**

He did, however, remark that the request for an extension of time was denied (by the ZBA) without stating any reasons for the denial.

At press time calls to the Fair-Housing Board of Appeals had not been returned.

Until this issue is resolved Sacred Heart is unable to move forward in its efforts to build its sports center.

**TROPHY: Jeopardy players come home champs**

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The Club recently celebrated present conditions of the Caribbean region.

Williams is well aware of the issues concerning Caribbean. Williams gained her knowledge as a former Ambassador/Permanent Resident to the Organization of American States, Ambassador/Alternate Representative to the Inter-American Commission for Women.

One of the highlights of the weekend conference for SHU was featuring participating schools, including Reinszaller Polytechnic Institute, to place second is the Caribbean/ American Jeopardy Challenge. Wearing brightly adorned Sacred Heart Caribbean Club T-shirts, SHU bowed only to first-placed Upsala College.

Lead by Club Advisor Dr. Nicole Xavier-Cutvin, she five winning members, Keran Detterville, Louis Elsieur, Katia Poulard, Rony Stainer and Donatella Richardson proudly returned with individual trophies as well as a large trophy for the display case.

The Club recently celebrated its first anniversary. Members say the club owes its success to "that force behind the power," Dr. Nicole Xavier-Cutvin. Dr. Cutvin has played an instrumental role in maintaining the Club's objective, promoting cultural awareness and giving students the opportunity to interact with diverse ethnic and social groups.

When asked about the Conference, Louise Joseph, the president of the Caribbean Club responded "We're looking forward to the Second Annual Caribbean Students Conference and urge everyone to attend."

Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations on a successful 4 (or 5, or 6, or...) years.

From, the Spectrum.
Sacred Heart University professor receives rave reviews for video on New Haven magnet schools

(PR) Three young pupils are sitting in a circle trying to figure out a math problem; one is African-American, one Hispanic and one not one looks up to grin at the camera.

The resulting video shows all the three boys are smiling and animated as they interact, and a narrator explains they are engaged in not only a cooperative learning experience, but are also sharing their diverse cultural backgrounds. It is just one of the many scenes brought to life by Sacred Heart University Associate Professor Rebecca Abbott in a new 30-minute video about five New Haven magnet schools.

Abbott, coordinator of Sacred Heart University’s Middle Studies Program, was selected by the Media Arts Center in New Haven to make a film that would capture daily interaction among students and teachers at the five schools. The schools are part of a special program, The Magnet Schools Assistance Program, funded by the federal government, and the video is being used to attract new students to the schools.

Abbott says she loved making a videos because she strongly supports the magnet school concept—which brings students of diverse cultural backgrounds together, voluntarily, in special programs that meet their particular social and academic needs.

I was so excited to work on this project because I have long believed in the importance of public education, but I have really been troubled by the failure to desegregate the inner-city and also attract students from the suburbs. It’s a terrific, sensible way to integrate the schools voluntarily.”

In the video, elementary, middle school and high school students are shown working on scientific experiments and on computers, taking part in special art and music classes and engaging in structured debate based on the British system of parliamentary government.

“I’ve always loved debating and now I’m getting the chance to do it in school,” says a high school student on video, who adds that she now looks forward to going to school every day and hopes to become a lawyer.

Abbott says she tried to show how the magnet schools support creative thinking and participation and how expression of unique talent is encouraged in the classroom.

“Each child’s individual abilities are recognized and nurtured,” she said.

Availability of handicap parking raises questions

By Pam Hotaling and Michael Champagne

For most of us who attend Sacred Heart University, getting around campus isn’t a problem. We park our cars, climb out, and walk the two or three hundred yards to our destination.

When the south parking lot was closed in December of 1992 to begin construction for the new on-campus residence halls, many people felt inconvenienced. But think how handicapped individuals feel when confronted with the search for convenient parking.

There are approximately 1,300 parking spaces on campus, 22 of which are designated for the handicapped. While there are 22 spaces, nine of these are at Jefferson Hill, two are in the north lot and are not accessible to anyone because they have been roped off. The rest of the spots on campus are poorly marked, or can be found occupied by non-permitted cars.

Chauncey Wilson, a handicapped SHU student, commented that he has seen cars without handicapped permits parked in designated spots. According to Ed Garrick, “I just have to look at the need of everybody on campus right now, and it’s restricted parking. I’m trying to accommodate as many people as I can that are handicapped, or need some sort of assistance, versus everybody else. If we determine we need more handicapped spaces, we’ll create them.”

Parkridge and Taft Commons residence halls do not provide any designated handicapped parking spaces. Parkridge is only handicap-accessible from the back parking lot.

As to the accessibility of the Sacred Heart buildings, only a few problems have arisen. For instance, there is no handicap access to the second floor of the Administration building. Chauncey told about his experience with this. “I was scheduled for a math class which was to meet on the second floor of the building. When I arrived I found that the only access to the second floor was a set of stairs. They had to relocate the class to the third floor. It made me very angry that it happened.”

The key-accessed elevators may prove to be difficult for some people, namely those with upper-body disablement. The lifts are awkward to operate. There is a key that must be inserted and turned for the lift to move. While this may not sound hard to you, try thinking of the time you would have if you didn’t have full motion.

Registration for the Fall semester has begun! Classes are reaching their capacities, so register as soon as possible to insure the best selection of courses.

Students with outstanding balances of $1,000 or less will be permitted to schedule classes for the Fall semester but not fully register. Students with outstanding balances must reconcile their account by paying the balance in full no later than July 1, 1993.

Anyone with an outstanding balance should see the Student Accounts office. Schedules for students with outstanding balances after July 1st will be cancelled.
Graduation speaker? Anybody?

With only three and a half weeks until graduation, why has a graduation speaker not been announced yet? According to our sources, it's because there isn't a speaker who has agreed to speak here.

As a matter of fact, our sources say all of the first choices have turned the school down.

With so little time left, anyone we ask will know they are a second choice, and they will probably be insulted. Also, few, if any, quality speakers will still have time in their schedules available to speak on a Saturday morning.

So please, someone get on the ball. Students who have spent years and tens of thousands of dollars at Sacred Heart deserve more than this.

6 million people

Today is Holocaust Remembrance Day, a world-wide day of reflection, created to remind people about the World War II persecution of the Jewish people.

A big pat on the back goes to Sacred Heart's Jewish Friendship Organization for organizing an informative service featuring Dr. James Lyddy as a guest speaker (today, 11 a.m., in the Faculty Lounge). Surveys say that up to 80 percent of America's high school students don't even know what the Holocaust is. The JFO asks, "Help us remember what should not be forgotten."

In World War II, Adolf Hitler launched a mission to rid his empire of Jews (along with communists, Free Masons, homosexuals, etc.). They were systematically taken from their homes and either killed on the street, or even worse, sent to Concentration Camps, where they were subjected to slavery and mass executions. Those were the lucky ones, compared to the people who became human guinea pigs in scientists' experiments. By the time the nightmare ended, over 6 million Jews were killed.

As the cliche goes, those who don't remember their history are condemned to repeat it.

Think: over 6 million people lost their lives, just because of the way they worshiped God. It could happen again. Today's world is not void of ethnic cleansing. It is evident in Bosnia, Iraq and the former Soviet Union.

We can't let history repeat itself this time.

The Ross Review

By Todd Ross

My final Ross Review. To some this may be a relief, to others a truly sad moment. I have enjoyed this column very much, and occasionally, I've enjoyed the fortune, and occasionally, I've enjoyed it.

Recently, at the student government induction dinner I was asked to say a few words. There were many who seemed to be a little concerned with what I might say. It was almost to the point of paranoia! I am not the type to hold back: if something is wrong, let's fix it, not ignore it. There is one thing that I feel can explain the past four years of my life. It's an anonymous poem called "Bits and Pieces."

People. People important to you, people unimportant to you cross your life, touch it with love and carelessness and move on. There are people who leave you and you breathe a sigh of relief and wonder why you ever came in contact with them. There are people who leave and you breathe a sigh of remorse and wonder why they had to go away leaving such a gaping hole.

People change homes. People grow apart. Enemies hate and move on. Friends love and move on. You think of the many who have moved, in your harry memory. You look on the present and wonder.

I believe in God's master plan in lives. He moves people in and out of each other's lives and each leaves his mark on the other. You find that you are made up of bits and pieces of all who ever touched your life, and you are more because of it, and you would be less if they had not touched you. Pray God that you accept the bits and pieces in humility and wisdom and never question, and never regret.

This is the best way possible for me to describe what I have learned these past four years. A very special person gave this poem to me and it means a lot to me.

Getting back to my main point, I'm perplexed that there are so many that are worried about my every word. This is illustrated by the fact that I was not invited to any of the sessions with the accreditation team. Inadvertently? I think not. As one administrator said and I quote "maybe they are trying to avoid you."

Well, maybe... It seems a little odd, also a little rude, not to invite the student government president.

The only conclusion that I can draw is that people are afraid of the truth. Why else would so many want to know what my next words will be? That, is all behind us now. Or is it? We shall soon see.

Through my four years, I have come in great debt to many people who have helped me. I would like to thank those who have stood by me and never looked back. You are all very special to me. I would like to thank those who worked on my campaign, and those who voted for me.

I would also like to thank the entire student body for giving me an endless amount of support. You are extremely special tome. I will never forget any of you.

There are several other people that I would like to thank that have made a more immediate impact on my life: Tom Kelly for being a supportive advisor for my first three years, and Denise Surpin for putting up with me this past year and being a great advisor.

I also thank our outstanding faculty, there is no university that could possibly match the quality that you possess. Special thanks to the Spectrum for giving me space to write this column and for putting up with my missing deadlines.

I would also like to thank Dr. Calabrese, she has influenced me from the day I entered Sacred Heart. She has gone beyond her call of duty as my advisor and looked out for me. To all the people who have been close to me, I look up to as a mentor.

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Debaters say farewell to an era

The Campus Voice
By Dawn M. Kontos

What are some of your concerns about Sacred Heart’s future?

Onielle Duprey
Sophomore
Media Studies

“Student morale is down. The Administration only listens to a select group of students, and ones that have not been heard are leaving.”

Kelly McNamara
Sophomore
Business Management

“More availability of classes—I wish that it was easier to get more financial aid, too.”

David Pizarro
SRU Staff

“The book prices should come down a lot. Fewer editions of books should come out—students would benefit.”

Sam Ferris
Junior
Media Studies

“It becomes a better recognized school. I’d also like to see more film discussions and less commercial film showings.”

American Agenda...

By John C. Bowman

Welcome to my last column of the year (please hold the applause). There are so many controversial political goings-on recently that I wasn’t quite sure what issue to tackle.

Should I talk about Russia, or perhaps how the Republicans severely crippled Clinton’s stimulus package, or should I address economic aid to Russia. I could even talk about the death of the Messiah down in Waco, Texas.

Since I couldn’t choose, I skipped all of them and decided to write on something a little closer to home. On Saturday, April 24, the Debating Society gathered at the Hillandale in Trumbull to celebrate ten years of successful argumentation. Although this should have been an entirely happy event, we had all gathered to say goodbye to the founder and coach of our illustrious group, Dr. Gary L. Rose. After ten years of inspired leadership, Dr. Rose has decided to pass the gavel and concentrate on his career as an author.

I don’t want to turn this column into an obituary, because—contrary to the rumors—Dr. Rose will still be teaching at Sacred Heart University. Thus his influence on all of the current and former members will still be felt. But, I do feel that this column should be dedicated to a man that has had such an incredible influence on the lives of ten years worth of debaters.

Dr. Rose’s influence could be seen in the success of the former members that attended the dinner. The room was full of attorneys, businessmen, computer specialists and even a state senator—fellow Mainers, John D’Oea. Each of these former debaters attributed to the fact that Dr. Rose, who teaches law and government, had a tremendous influence on their lives and the attainment of their career goals.

It is incredible that SIU has a debating society at all. When former SHU President Tom Melody asked Dr. Rose to found the organization, many people felt that he had gone a little crazy. It was felt that Sacred Heart would not be able to compete with the likes of a Yale, Harvard, or Princeton. It would only bring embarrassment to the school and to the debaters. If you had to endure defeat, humiliation.

Yet, through commitment and persistence, Dr. Rose built a debate society that has been at all of these ivy-league schools and others that were also considered “superior” to Sacred Heart. By doing this, the debate society was instilled with something far more valuable than trophies (which we have plenty of). It was instilled with confidence and even at times an “cockiness.” Sacred Heart began to make a name for itself outside of Connecticut. And I began to like the idea of being a SHU debater.

During the dinner there was a certain aura that pervaded the entire room. This is more than just a meal, it is the realization that in many ways saying goodbye is saying it’s father. One cannot truly comprehend until they become a part of that family that the Society truly stands for.

The development of social skills, self-confidence, and the ability to speak to large groups, a belief that Sacred Heart students are as good as any in the nation, ability to think on one’s feet and the twin skills of persuasion and argumentation that prepare one for the “real world” are a few of the reasons why being a SHU debater. But none of this could have been possible without Dr. Rose’s inspiration. I thank him for recruiting me and making me a part of this proud tradition.

I would also like to thank him for recruiting such a qualified replacement, Dr. Alison Warriner. Dr. Warriner works in the Communications Department at SHU and her specialty is rhetoric. She assumed the helm (de facto) the second semester and has given a great deal of effort and shown a big interest in the development of the debate building what is now her team. I wish her luck and congratulate her on conducting such a smooth transition.

Even though Dr. Rose’s leadership will be sorely missed, most of the team members will still be taking his classes and going to his office for advice and the direction that he has so freely offered for the ten years. He has told me many things, but perhaps the most vital is what a truly free and open society is: a society that allows its citizens to participate in the validation of their governmental institutions without persecution or destruction by the government. In this light—in our society—everything is debatable.

So, if you find yourselves off into the sun-set on his Harley Davidson at 130 miles an hour on Route 8—if you find yourselves in the side-car, we wish him luck in all of his pursuits and offer our assistance if he ever calls upon us. Thanks for all the great memories Uncle Gary.

Out-going Debate Society Coach Dr. Gary L. Rose, flanked by his wife (Mrs. Rose) waves farewell to his beloved debaters.

OBSERVATIONS FROM A BROAD

By J. Broad

Famous last words. In Citizen Kane, Orson Welles’ last words were “Rosebud.” Which was, of course metaphorically speaking, a lunch order for the Alaskan king crab, a jumbo shrimp combo, a platter that comes with more fresh marine food than one could possibly imagine. So much food, that the picture is of me. Anyone who has ever dated, but in the process of being turned down (by a distant cousin of Juan Pizarro), would have thought that I really was his “Rosebud.”

During the column writing process, I have covered such journalistic events as: “I drank what?” (Perceptive readers to wonder: “Then why does this column have to end?”) I believe it was Moses who said: “Parting is such sweet sorrow.” (I know that it was actually Remus, but I already quoted Shakespeare in paragraph two, so work with me, okay?) It’s time you knew me in the biblical sense.) In any event, it is time to set a few things straight.

Yes, I am a real person and that is my real name (do you honestly think I’d make up a name like “Broad?”). I have been writing this column for 2 1/2 years, beginning (ironically enough) on Valentine’s Day of 1991. I have written 50 columns and about 40,000 words (many of them in parentheses).

Many of you may have already noticed that there is a picture of me that now accompanies this column. Actually, only those of you who know me have noticed that the picture is of me. Anyone who hasn’t won’t be able to know if the above picture is of me or not. As a matter of fact, I could have hired a baker/actor to do the photo, and those of you who have never met me would have thought that I really looked like that. (Perceptive readers will, with one quick look at the above photo, conclude that I did not, in fact, hire a baker/actor and, therefore, the above photo is either of me or the Blackwell’s Worst Dressed List for 1993 is out already).

I have covered such journalistically correct issues as mutant fruit juices, the segregation of the potato population, grey hair, foxy massacres, peanut butter and jelly wrappers, marshmallows, flint, seafood, and relationships, relationships, relationships. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, a phrase which I am sure prompted more than a few sarcastic readers to wonder: “Then why does this column have to end?” It is truly heart-warming to know that I inspire such cynicism from the reading faithful (you know who you are).

I never did write the column about the woman who walked the length of a parking lot in the rain in order to retrieve the umbrella from her car. Or the one about the two insignificant kinds of “thys”: 1) As in “You know what they say...” as opposed to 2) “They stole my car...” Strangely enough, although my columns got stranger and stranger (plant rescue anyone?), people always felt generally bored of my columns. My hope is that I won’t hurt me like everyone else I had ever dated, but instead I invented a way of discovering ways to infuse pain upon my psyche, was a big influence in the early days of my writing. I discovered ways to unanimously unleash a creative cynicism in me that fuels my writing to this day. In lieu of some trite and true “good-bye” (see pun, paragraph two) column where I thank all of the past editors (Funda Alp, Mike Champagne, Paul Tramont and Chris Nichols, and all of my readers (especially the one who crumpled up a column and threw it away to express his distaste), I think I’ll just ride off into the sunset proud, and leave you with the last words of Socrates, who in my view are: “I drank what!”
Dear Editor:  
Before I begin, let me assure you that I am not criticizing the student or student publication itself. But when I got through reading John Hoffman's letter last week, I thought it was the responsibility of the student's parents to insist that his views be retracted. Why, if you don't respect morals like you teach math or science, there is no one answer.  
In my letter, I further commented that there is not a universal commitment to the community and this country to educate and to graduate fine, outstanding, moral individuals. Mr. Hoffman, if you mean someone with a positive attitude, it is spelled M.O.R.A.L.  
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Rick Ferris  
Class of 1993

A parent's voice: Students need diversity

Dear Editor,  
As an editor of a Sacred Heart student, I have seen the atmosphere gradually change. Students and faculty of the real university, like its code word, "universe," implies wide range of ability. The editorial board at Sacred Heart University must follow physical growth and philosophical goals to complete the mission.  
Mr. John Hoffman's letter to the editor in the April 22 edition of the Spectrum identifies the problem of truly educating students. All sides of an issue must be presented to them. What is a belief if it is ignorant of opposing facts? Is it not then just a thought or supposition?  
I hope that my offspring go into the world fully prepared to defend what they believe. I hope that the Sacred Heart students during that time, are of students of the 1960s lead the world now. Experience tempers us when we leave the school. Good students are those who have strong vision to go on influencing their times.  
As I've read students' comments, I've noticed a strange "cliches" from my college days but lately a different perspective is so. I am better off. I have understood. Sometimes I question the role of opinion, the role of the medium. Is it to present as a vehicle for the presentation of recognition and appreciation of free speech, as is the Spectrum. After reading Mr. Hoffman's letter, I find I can no longer refrain from venturing some personal comments.  
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Catherine Johnson  
SHU Parent

Some people need clamping down

To The Editor:  
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LETTER WRITER DEFENDED OWN ARGUMENT

To the Editor,  
Mr. Hoffman, a student, an editor of the Spectrum, and a person who must be accorded a measure of freedom of speech by the free press, has been criticized by John Hoffman in a recent letter to the editor. The Spectrum is an award-winning student publication.  
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CUT THE MELODRAMA, SPECTRUM IS DOING A GOOD JOB

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In a setting as diverse as SHU, it would seem rather normal that there are innumerable opinions reflecting a variety of issues. The opportunity for student participation and diversity in the paper, its stated objective, then its creators should laud. If, however, it is seen by others as a means of curtailing opinions which disagree with those on one side of an issue, then it is a sad message about free speech and opinion at SHU.  

Audrey Maccabe

SPECTRUM IS NOT MEET-WING

To The Editor,  
Due to the narrow-minded attitudes of Mr. Hoffman, I am writing this letter in support of the Spectrum. In the last few years that I have been attending SHU as a full and part-time student, I have never picked up an issue of the Spectrum and I have not been a left-wing in- stitution. In fact, it's an unbiased paper.. The Spectrum has im-
By Michael Champagne

Spectrum Associate Editor

If you take a moment to look through the editorial section of this week's paper (pages 4-7) you'll notice a heavy response to last week's letter by the ubiquitous (as in "in-each-birthday-episode") SHU staffer, John Hoffman. There are so many letters to Hoffman that you can't vary in your view of (Dear) John's laudatory comments towards the administration's alleged "clamp down of the left wing messages that the Spectrum was delivering." Those responses say enough. But as they are reactions to his letter of last week and this week - the last week the Spectrum will publish this semester - he's served up a new plate of steaming goo, I thought I'd give equal time to the side of the argument he so vociferously opposes.

Once again he buries himself, particularly with his proclamation that "People need to hear and read the truth." That's what we're trying to serve up in the pages of the Spectrum. The truth is what we glean from all sides of a story when we research it. The truth is not the one-sided extremism he proclaims.

In fact, the sole responsibility we have to the University and the students is to print the truth. If we report on sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) on campus or the homosexual population at Sacred Heart, we have a responsibility to investigate the issue and print the story in the most truthful light possible.

Ours is not a matter of morality at Mr. Hoffman suggests. In his many (and frankly, fiery) letter to the editor, he has not once indicated an inaccuracy with regards to the facts. His entire case hinges upon the ever-sticky matter of morality.

The spectrum thanked the "superb faculty" last week for their contribution to the impression SHU made on the accreditation team. I wanted to add my thanks also, what a dedicated group they are, and how lucky I have to have such splendid colleagues.

My first year here has been marked by support from all quarters: from students, who taught me they will rise to the challenge if we present it; from administration, who heard my voice and heeded it (even to point of giving money to our writing program!); from faculty, who made me feel warmly welcome; and from staff, who kept me organized and on track (not an easy task!)

This is not my first job. I have had first-years before, but nowhere have I met with more dedication, more hope for the best we can do, than here have. THANKS, SHU! Sincerely, Alison Warren

Dear Mr. Hoffman, First-year Communications

I am happy that people have found themselves in Christ, just as I am happy for those who have found themselves in other organized religions. If that belief makes it right for an individual, great. But to claim one's belief is the only possible truth and to refuse to allow the existence of others beliefs, just as dearly held, is to deny even the most basic of a Christian God's gifts to man.

In the religion in which I am fairly certain Mr. Hoffman subscribes to, there is the opportunity to freely express themselves (or for that matter, even be exposed to the views of others), is Mr. Hoffman's stated objective. However, if the writers of the Gospels had never been given the opportunity to record their version of history, or as some believe, had not had the hand of God working in them to write the Gospels, upon what would Christians have founded their beliefs? (Assuming, of course, humanity had not been sucked into an inescapable vortex of deadly immorality.)

At the end of the semester is a time for thanksgiving—because it's an inappropriate time to acknowledge the course—but also because it's an opportunity to serve up a new plate of steaming food and most residents have suggested that SHU's Women's Soccer team be incredibly successful without "a field of their own!" (Another pause while the sound of cheering dies down.)

This weekend's two teams achieved what few thought they could. Congratulations to two groups of incredible women. We're all so proud of you. — A Vociferous Fan, Marian Silverstein Calabrese

I BURY ONLY EVIL

To the Editor:

I do not mean to use the Spectrum to spew my moral turpitude as Associate Editor Michael Champagne suggested in the April 22 issue of the Spectrum.

It seems funny that Mr. Champagne suggests that I am burying myself with these letters that I have shared with the university community. The only burial I do is the burying of evil.

That is immovable is bad in God's eye. People need to hear and read the truth. Not too much love is shared in the Spectrum. A lot of immoral subjects have been published with disregard to decency and consideration of others. I appreciate the editor of the Spectrum sometimes allowing my letters to be published on the editorial page. As long as I am allowed to write the truth, no editor should allow an editor to suppress the truth while I continue my employment at SHU. As long as the staff of the Spectrum continues to report immoral subjects, I will expose the source with God's help.

John Hoffman

SPECTRUM DID A GOOD JOB SUPPORTING WOMEN ATHLETES WERE AWESOME

Dear Mr. Editor,

Last week you wrote a story on the SHU Community hunger project which appeared on the front page of the Spectrum. Thank you for covering this issue. I'm writing to express my gratitude to those who helped the project flow so smoothly. In distributing information about hunger and poverty, posting fliers to advertise the event, and for assisting me in collection of the canned food donations. I would also like to express my appreciation to those of you who donated canned food or money, and wrote letters to Congress asking them to support Bread for the World's "Many Neighbors, One Earth" bill which makes regular hunger and poverty in environmentally sound ways the leading purpose of the foreign aid program. A bill to which Senator Sasser's for providing justice to those fasting. I'm especially grateful Father Thomas, Robert Webb, Reverend Solomon who provided a beautiful insight on the problem of hunger that exists, during an inspirational interfaith service. Sister Margaret Pallies, our new director of Campus Ministry, added to this lovely event by providing music.

However, now I would like to address many of you who did not participate, despite the fact that you volunteered. If not enough to say that you care. Our actions must exemplify our compassion in order to make a positive difference for those who are less fortunate. Although letters were sent out to all students, faculty and staff, few participated in the day of fasting, attuned the interfaith service or wrote letters. Only two cans of food were donated all week. On Thursday, Saturday, we circulated the residence halls to collect food and most residents were quite generous. In fact, had we not done this, I seriously doubt anyone would have donated. Perhaps it's laziness.

I have been informed that some of you didn't receive the letter about this project. I apologize, although I have no explanation for this. I still feel it is a poor excuse for the lack of participation. At 9 AM, between 10:30 and 3:30 there was an informational table located in front of the hall with purple boxes to collect letters. Purple ribbons were worn so an observant individual had opportunities to inquire. There seems to be a tendency for people to be absorbed in their own world, so they fail to notice changes in the environment, or despite their salience. I'm also disappointed with some club presidents who said they would help with the project but didn't, and those who never responded to my letters or phone calls.

I address you to see at any time in our society. I want to conclude by saying that I don't want to appear to be against those who weren't involved. I do want to express my disappointment at the lack of compassion that exists. Again, my appreciation to those of you who did participate and I hope you will continue to support efforts to reduce hunger.

Stacy Filewicz

G.A. to the President

BREAD FOR THE WORLD, BUT SOME OTHERS DIDN'T

To the Editor:

Never underestimate the power of a woman...especially if she's an SHU athlete. This week, several young women (many of whom previously defined "cradle" as a bed for an infant), went on to inaugurate Women's Lacrosse with a winning season. (Pause for the sounds of whoops of joy.)

Virginia Wolf, who wrote that in order to be successful, a Vociferous Fan, needed time, some money, and a room of their own. How could she have suggested that SHU's Women's Softball team be incredibly successful without "a field of their own!" (Another pause while the sound of cheering dies down.)

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Marian Silverstein Calabrese

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Bye.
Members of the new sorority Kappa Phi are (in no particular order) Lynette Dichelo, Brandy Congelos, melinda DaSilva, Yasmin Jacob, Danielle Erario, Adrienne DeMichele, Colleen Darcey, Lisa Evanko, Mary Gaia, Katherine Agnes Bump, Erin Alorioso, Sara Reilly and Stacie Schmitt. Members who are not in the photo are Heather Gentile, Janeen Carrano and Julie Baranowski. Photo by Darren Ams

Kappa Phi: a new sorority with a difference

By Sarah Gauthier Features Editor

Are you tired of cliques at Sacred Heart? Are you a woman interested in meeting other women and becoming a member of a close knit group of friends who want to make more friends and become involved? Are you interested in serving your community, both SHU and beyond? If so, KAPPA PHI may be the sorority for you.

According to President, Linnet Dichello, "Being a freshman at Sacred Heart, I felt that there wasn't much variety in the Greek social clubs. Creating this sorority opens doors of opportunity for involvement.Incoming freshman, as well as upperclassmen have a real chance to get involved at SHU."

The sorority presently consists of 14 members, the founding sisters. 14 members are resides at Park Ridge and two are commuters. Dichello, a member of a family explained, "As a member at West Haven High, I was surprised more students from other resident halls and commuters didn't show up at our meeting. I was actually shocked." Dichello believes new years attendance will be greater. Dichello already has several events planned, including a volunteer program at a local soup kitchen and nursing home. The club also plans "fun" fund raisers in the near future.

The sorority's objectives are easily explained by Vice president Brandy Congelos "We are a sisterhood, a beginning for new friendships. We want to raise money for Sacred Heart and various charities. We want to serve the community and become more involved at activities here at SHU."

Treasurer Mary Gaia explained "SHU is growing and branching in many directions. We want to grow with SHU, raise money for SHU and charity and be more involved in the SHU community." Any women that want to become involved can leave a note in Dichello's mailbox or stop by activities for more information.

Mental illness brings sleepless nights and mood swings

By Sarah Gauthier Features Editor

You stay up late one night studying and everyone tells you you are going to drive yourself crazy working that hard. Pick up a local paper, you may often read about a "paranoid schizophrenic" that attacked someone.

In a recent Times article Nora Weinert, cofounder of the national Stigma Clearinghouse explained, "There is hardly a moment when we turn on television or read newspapers that we don't see violent stereo types or hear bad jokes at the expense of the mentally ill." The Times article explains that mental illness is biological in nature like cancer or heart disease. A SHU student agreed to speak to the Spectrum about personal experiences with mental illness and feelings of stereo typical images supported by various forms of Media. The student, who wished to remain anonymous, was diagnosed with Manic Depressive illness.

Spectrum: What exactly does Manic Depressive mean?
Student: "Well, I'm no doctor, but it is about dangerous mood swings. For me, it meant days of high feelings followed by inexplicable desperation."

Spectrum: "Dangerous mood swings. Dangerous to whom?"
Student: "In my case, the mood swings went from a feeling of utter elation to suicidal or just very low feelings."

Spectrum: "What was the worst thing about being mentally ill?"
Student: "Sleepless nights, pacing the house. I hated not understanding what was happening to me. Why I was crying one moment and go on. People need to realize that. People need to realize that it isn't funny to be sick."

Spectrum: "Would you say that sleepless nights and irrational mood swings are good signs to look for if concerned about a persons mental state?"
Student: "No, I wouldn't say that. I would ask the person what is going on. If the answer you get seems irrational, call professional and ask them what they think. It could be a million different things."

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WASTED YOUTH.
Carrying a bookbag the cool way has a price

By Sarah Gauthier
Features Editor

Walk down the hallway here at SHU and check out the way people are carrying their book bags. Usually, book bags are slung by one strap over one shoulder. "It looks cool that way" sophomore Tim Kline commented.

According a SHU trainer, carrying a backpack the cool way can be dangerous to the health of a student's upper and lower back as well as spine, elbow and hip.

John Lichosik, a graduate assistant athletic trainer explained "Especially around exam time, you can have 20 to 30 pounds of books balanced on one shoulder, this puts a lot of stress on your body. Body mechanics can become scarred." When asked why he carries his book bag on one shoulder, sophomore Mark Manchester said "It depends how heavy my bag is. My bag is very heavy, I use both straps. I don't care what people think of the way I carry my bookbag."

Junior Julie Holt responded to the same question "I carry my bookbag by one strap because I am too busy to bother with two." Freshman History major Erica Gunshok commented "Carrying a bookbag on one shoulder doesn't bother me."

In the long run, Lichosik believes that it very well may hurt students. Lichosik said "Your shoulder may slump, your back may sway, people can feel slouching or cramping. In most extreme cases, tingling may occur in the legs or arms. That is a good indication of incorrect, harmful body mechanics."

Global Studies combines four skills to fill gaps

By Matthew Zsebik
Staff Writer

In the past few decades, America has faced increased competition overseas in business, markets and other fields. The reasons behind our failure can be traced to our education system, lack of preparation it gives to its students who will be venturing into a globally linked world. The new Global Studies program hopes to fill these gaps and give students the skills and knowledge they need to operate and succeed in an international arena.

Dr. Katherine Mancz Kidd, the head of the new Global Studies Major, has designed this new innovative major which crosses many disciplines to impart four kinds of skills and knowledge for a better international understanding. Finally to give the student the ability to analyze events and issues in a global context. Secondly to be able to systematically compare and contrast the cultures of two or more societies. The third skill is an in-depth knowledge of a particular part of the world, it's languages, geography, history, culture, and institutions. And finally to be able to apply these skills creatively to solve problems. The academic core of the Global Studies program will be rounded out by internships and/or study abroad.

Study abroad is an integral part of getting to know the region you decide to study because it offers experience that books can not offer. Dr. Kidd states that "Only about 29% of students go to study abroad. 60% of those who do are white women with liberal arts majors. I don't want Sacred Heart University to be traditional. We should attract more men and minorities as a model." Dr. Kidd does give a few words of warning about her new program. "This major will behave as a model, Students will get excited about what they are doing. I'd rather teach good, industrious students than lazy students. The rewards for a stellar academic program will help in their job placement and graduate school acceptence, it will be hard to an appropriate end." Dr. Kidd's education includes a Ph.D in International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania, a M.A. in Soviet Studies at Harvard, and a B.A. in History and German at Pacific Lutheran University.

Top Ten Responses to "I love you."

1) Are you pregnant?
2) I love you too...um...Irene?
3) Well, I don't know what "love" means.
4) You're very special to me too.
5) Not tonight, I have a headache.
6) I love you as a friend.
7) I'm starting to get strong feelings about you, too.
8) I don't think about you at all.
9) You're very special to me too.
10) Are you pregnant?

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Einstein's Dreams proves to be an intriguing perspective of time

By Jason Dalrymple

Alan Lightman's first fictional piece, Einstein's Dreams (Pantheon, $17.00), describes what he would perceive as the dreams of the man who gave science the theory of relativity. Lightman's previous works include Great Ideas in Physics, Time Pieces, and A Modern Day Yankee in a Connecticut Court.

The book is made up of short chapters, labeled by dates running from April 14, 1905 through June 28, 1905, each an individual dream of Einstein's. The commonality between them is their setting, some small town near the Swiss Alps and the streets within the town; and their theme, various ideas concerning time. The only interruptions of the chapters are three interludes, in which Einstein and his colleagues from the patent office where he works, are discussing various aspects of their lives.

Though I am not a physicist and by no means have any real grasp on Einstein's complete theory of relativity, I found the entire book understandable and, more importantly, enjoyable. Lightman, as a professor of physics and writing at MIT, displays a great comprehension of the theory, its meanings, as well as the ability to discuss it in a meaningful yet down-to-earth manner with a reader.

Einstein's Dreams does not have a plot, per se, at least not in the common context of an introduction, a climax, and a conclusion. The dreams recorded in the text do not follow any particular order or connection. The dreams are random, like the universe. The reader is left to ponder the effects of Einstein's theories on the human mind, and by no means have any real grasp on Einstein's complete theory of relativity. I found the entire book understandable and, more importantly, enjoyable.

Jellyfish
dream milk

From the harmonious opening sounds of the first track, "Hush," to the enchanting last few notes of the closing cut, "Brighter Day," Salt Milk is easily Jellyfish's best album to date. Well, OK, so it is only their second album but, Bellybutton, their 1990 debut album, was certainly a tough act to follow. In fact, it is still in my seventies at one point, no?

Lyrics are what make Jellyfish Jellyfish. Take a sample of the lyrics. "Sebrina, Paste and Plio."

"Far behind the forest of my dreams/ Flying paper aeroplanes/ Grazing on the grounds of poinsettas/ The substitute is counting down her ticks/ 'til recess/Hammering down to size her fingernails." So, what does that mean? Your guess is as good as mine. Actually, the song is about a Grammar school crush. The music is so "sing-song-y" and catchy.

Another of the "industry" songs, "Closet At Number One" is too good not to talk about here. This song deals with the almost certain fact that once a musician/singer dies, his/her popularity increases a thousand fold. Look at Stevie Ray Vaughan, Freddie Mercury, and Elvis Aaron Presley, but especially Mercury. Look at how all of Queen's albums shot up the charts after his death. Sure, he was great, but was he really a "genius," as some people treated him. "There's a party at the Pearly Gates/ of Gold and Platinum/ and for you an invitation to the Holy Rock'n'Rollers," sings Shurrer. The lyrics could have been written in a way that would have alienated most people, but they weren't. They are easily understandable even if you are not in the music industry.

The rest of the album consists of polkas ("Bye Bye Bye"), dreamy memory-laden tunes ("Russian Hill") and absolutely perfect pop songs ("Too Much, Too Little, Too Late"). The absolutely perfect pop song, incidentally, is about a murder; and the murderer showing no regrets at all. So, the topics are a little weird as are the outfits the guys wear, and the music is a little seventies-ish, but it is forgivable, if only because it is so good. It's too bad the industry has labelled this band "ALTERNATIVE" with a big red stamp, because fans of all styles of music should really give this band a listen. This is already one of my favorite albums of all time. It takes a while to grow on you, but if you give it time, it definitely will grow on you, and you won't be sorry. This is one great album.
Riding is a passion for Peter Lutz

By Madelyn Dunlap
Staff Writer

At the age of ten it was an interest sparked by the sight of horses racing in movies. For Peter Lutz, a freshman at Sacred Heart, riding has turned into a great passion.

Lutz spent the early years of his life in New York, his parents did not know much about riding horses and neither did Lutz. It wasn't until his family moved to Connecticut that Lutz's interest in riding became a reality.

At a farm in Easton Lutz started riding and eventually he began competing in local horse shows.

"I really wanted to be at the top, to make it to the big places," Lutz said. "But you need to have the contacts and the horses to get there."

It wasn't until 1991 that Lutz got a chance to begin competing nationally. It was his dream to make it to the National Horse show in the Meadowlands (New Jersey). He got that opportunity after six years of dedicated work.

Lutz recently returned from Florida where he showed in a circuit on West Palm Beach. "Some of the most successful people can be found there showing," Lutz said. "It was a great accomplishment for him to show in Florida."

Now Lutz is concentrating on riding and is hoping to get into the Grand Prix's. "That's where you have the biggest jumps and the fastest horses. It is open to all ages so I will have to work my way up," Lutz said.

Not only has Lutz showed at events but he has also been a big part of working them. It helped him stay in the business of showing by working with the horses; taking care of them and transporting them to shows. Lutz also managed the barn and taught people to ride.

"The thing Lutz finds most interesting about riding horses, according to rider Peter Lutz, a freshman at Sacred Heart, is the interaction between man and animal. (Above and below) Lutz shows a horse at West Palm Beach, Florida in a February show.

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Lutz not only hopes to show internationally but he is also planning on an international career. He is looking at the new Global Studies and International Studies major at Sacred Heart. Lutz said, "The trip to Europe will also be a plus in that it will give me a chance to see if the International Studies major is what I want to major in."

"Right now I want to keep my options open, to both riding and school. Eventually I will find a career where I can fit both into my life," Lutz said.

Before becoming involved in riding, Lutz was a gymnast and an avid basketball player. He also enjoyed the arts: from painting and drawing to playing the piano and the guitar. Lutz did it all.

The shows in Europe are really big. They take the business very seriously over there," Lutz said. "It is really exciting. Working with an animal is hard, you never know what they are going to do but you have to work as a team. Even when you are going fast and jumping high you need to become one."

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April: if she doesn't succeed, there's something wrong

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In doing so SHU extended its winning streak to 11 games and improved their record to 20-7, 16-1 since returning from Florida. The Lady Pioneers struggled with their batting in their first game against Southern, but they scored the one run they needed on a sacrifice fly by senior Cari Keefe, who had singled and Michelle Palmer, Palmer, attempting to get in a run down, side- tracked the Lady Owls allowing Keefe to steal home. Southern threatened to score in the third inning, but catcher Lisa DiFulvio blocked the plate as the runner was gunned down by the relay of Amy Romanas and Elaine DiFulvio. Before the game started the Lady Pioneers' cleanup hitter.

After trailing 3-1 is the second game, SHU rallied for four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Junior Julie Barrett lined a double to left to drive in Michelle Palmer and O’Donnell. Barrett then scored on a wild throw home. Ertl extended her personal winning streak to 16 as she picked up both wins.

"They really wanted the undefeated season (in league play) and to really wanted win after win," Coach Bippy Luckie said. "This one’s a little sweeter. We have a lot of new players coming in and early in the year we had to fool around with people at different positions."

The Lady Pioneers next game is Saturday at 1 pm at the JCC against East Stroudsburg.

Women's lax wins Elms tournay

By Robin Swartz

After suffering two losses earlier this week against Trenton State (JV) 20-7, and Princeton (JV) 16-2, the Lady Pioneers bounced back by winning the Elms Invitational Tournament in Chicopee, Mass.

Learning from prior mistakes, the Pioneers came out on fire against host team Elms College. Becky Van Ort led the attack with five goals, followed by Jen Fallon (three goals) while Jen Greene and Jen Schultz chipped in with two goals apiece.

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In the long run, though, the number which may have the biggest impact on April Ertl's young life is 3.6 — her grade point average. A perennial Dean's List student as a management major, Ertl is planning a career in the retail field.

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