Harnett named Provost and AVP

By Bethany Treffs
News Editor

Sacred Heart University's search for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs concluded last week with the announcement of the appointment of Dr. David A. Harnett.

"I think it's a clear indication of how the University is viewed by the outside community," said University President Dr. Anthony J. Cemera of the overall abundance and quality of the pool of prospective applicants.

Initially, over 80 AP applications were reviewed, explained Cemera. Twenty of those applications were carefully considered, 11 applicants were interviewed and two were considered for the final decision, he continued.

Cemera stated that it was "absolutely not a difficult decision to appoint Harnett as SHU's provost and vice president for academic affairs. The clear and broad consensus of faculty, staff, students and trustees made Harnett the logical and appropriate choice for the position."

"I am very happy to see that the University community was positive in affirming him as the person they'd like to see as the next academic vice president," Cemera noted.

Described by Cemera as having a "strong commitment to academic excellence," Harnett has been serving as academic dean at the University of New Haven.

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Spring break in El Salvador

By Erin E. Harrison
Assistant News Editor

Spring Break is a time for relaxation and fun for most college students, but for a select group of Sacred Heart students, this is not the case. Over the university's spring break (March 10-17), students, faculty and staff ventured to Tierra Blanca, a remote El Salvador countryside village to participate in the University's first service-learning project in a foreign country.

Coordinator of the university's service-learning project, Phyllis Machledt said the trip provided students, faculty and staff with many lessons.

"We all learned a lot by living right there with the people," Machledt said. "We learned what it's like to be in a country torn apart by a bitter war. We learned about the role the United States played in that war. But most of all we learned about courage and dignity of the people and how they endure, despite everything."

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Photo by Phyllis Machledt

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**Celebrating SHU diversity**

**Banquet and semiformal grace Mahogany Room**

By Gloria Bruno
Contributing Writer

The International Banquet and Semiformal will take place in the Mahogany Room on Friday, April 19, 1996. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this celebration. The cost for participants is $8 for students and $12 for general admission. The event will start around 7 p.m. and will not end before 1 a.m.

“The International Banquet is part of the celebration of the International Gala,” stated President of the International Club Derek Bhaba. “It was first established in 1992, and due to its success it has been taking place since then,” he continued. “This year we have decided to separate the International Festival and the International Banquet into two different events, taking place on two different days.”

What is the purpose of this banquet? The event is held to celebrate diversity on our campus, and to offer an opportunity for students to participate in an American phenomenon,” Bhaba explained.

“It has also been a unique semiformal because we hand out awards to international students and recognize the efforts of faculty and staff who have helped these students to reach their goals. We also give out certificates and have a raffle,” added Bhaba. This year’s celebration is going to be special. “During the semiformal we plan to have a slide show. Pictures of all the activities that the International Club has sponsored throughout the year will be included,” Bhaba said.

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The luncheon is being sponsored through the combined efforts of the University, the Bridgeport public school system, the State of Connecticut Vocational Division and the Diocese of Bridgeport, which have joined together on many initiatives during the past 30 years.

For more information, contact Graham at 365-7562.

**REAPS appointments made**

Four new members have been appointed to the board of directors for Sacred Heart University’s Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies, University President Anthony J. Cerrera, Ph.D. announced recently.

The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies provides 22 programs from graduate studies to personal enrichment at 15 sites throughout Connecticut and in Belgium.

**Yale dining service in distress**

By Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—No contracts, no peace.

That was the message of about 1,100 Yale University food service and custodial workers who went on strike March 26 after talks broke down over Yale’s decision to subcontract some services.

The workers walked off the job, shutting down Yale’s 12 residential college dining halls and leaving trash uncollected.

“All but one of Yale’s dining halls are shut down; the trash is beginning to pile up,” said Gordon Lafer, research director for the Federation of University Employees.

The university said students on meal plans would be issued a weekly rebate until the strike is over. Most students plan on dining at the on-campus Yale Commons, where food still is offered, or at local restaurants.

Stephanie Clare, a Yale junior, said the strike hasn’t hugely disrupted campus life. “Most complaints are about not having the food we want and having to wait longer than usual,” she said.

She added that she and her roommates plan to save most of the $105 weekly rebate from the university. “I’m hoarding my funds and drinking Ramen noodles,” she said. “We’re going to go on a cruise.”

Bob Proto, president of the Local 35 union which represents the workers, told a densely packed crowd of workers and supportive students at a recent noon rally that the “union has won [Yale] since 1941. Although our plan’s a little different from the ’60s or the ’70s, it’s a plan to win.”

In the meanwhile, the university will run a skeleton crew of employees at Yale and have a good time,” Proto said.

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Service rewards SHU women

By Michele Herrmann
Features Editor

After Colleen McGrath hosted a “College Day” for her Girl Scout troop, she became a liaison between student troop leaders and the Girl Scouts of Housatonic in Bridgewater. This sophomore took on a large responsibility. “She not only coordinates her own group, but she also coordinates 17 other student leaders who work (in the program),” said Tricia Leonard Paisley, a campus lay minister. “She’s really committed, cares about her girls and cares about the program.” A biology major from Merrimack, NH, McGrath never thought about what she does. “I just do it,” she said.

Register: SHU improving

Britta Bengston (right) with Alex Ramos. Contributed photo

And because of her work, she received a nomination for a state service award. Each year, the Connecticut Department of Higher Education awards individuals for their community service. The department sends applications to each college and university in the state to nominate students, faculty and staff members.

Phyllis MacKeith, coordinator of service learning, distributed them to departments and encouraged people to fill them out.

The University can nominate three students candidates in any form of arrangement. This year, two students and a sorority were chosen.

The second student selected was junior Britta Bengston. Bengston began working with children at Jonathan Winthrop Elementary School in Bridgeport as part of her service learning for a Spanish class. A year and four months later, she is still involved in an after-school program with kindergarten through eighth graders. Every day, she plays sports such as basketball, baseball and soccer with each class for a period of time.

Bengston is also the student coordinator of SHU volunteers. “I feel that I’m giving back to the children, giving them a positive outlook,” she said.

Even with “hard core” students who don’t want to join in, “I’ve watched her find ways to get them involved,” said Muniz.

Delta Phi Kappa received a nomination for performing over 616 hours of service. In a year and a half, the sorority has worked for various local organizations.

Last September, Delta adopted the St Vincent’s Hospital’s Elderly Day Care Program as their main focus of service. All members are involved, and they are split into two groups.

The inside group goes at most every day to serve lunch, talk to, play games and assist patients. The outside group plans special activities.

“Just that we’re there to talk to them makes (patients) happy,” said Sister Marla Bienvedia, a sophomore psychology major from Forest Hills, NY.

“Each sister has different feelings about working at the center,” said President and sophomore Jessica Gonzalez from Bronx, NY, “but the one feeling that each sister does share is that they enjoy spending time with the elderly, talking to them and learning from them.”

Individual sisters participate as troop leaders for Girl Scouts and as tutors at Winthrop and Luis Munoz Martin Elementary School in Bridgeport.

Pledge mistress Jennifer Block en joyed being a troop leader for third and fourth graders at Bar ram School in Bridgeport. “I think it’s good to get involved in the community and to help out.” One sister, Colleen Barr, also served breakfast at the Morton House last year.

Delta Phi Kappa is excited over their accomplishments. “It’s such an honor...just the fact that we were founded last year,” said Bienvedia.

D r. Ralph Corrigan received a nomination for faculty choice. These candidates will attend a ceremony on Thursday, Apr. 18 in the State Capitol. Each will receive a certificate, and the state winners will be announced.

Announcement...

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What to do? Two SHU students review SHU’s course booklet.

Photo by Lucia Minondo

number of classes,” Bohn said. On the issue of the delays in publication of the catalogues, Bohn stated, “I would like to publish the materials earlier, but we must get correct information so that students will not have to change their schedules.”

Finally, to counteract delays, Bohn said her department has modified the registration periods. Eighty to 150 students will register in set registration periods of one and one-half hour. In addition, the closing times for registration in the computer are rotated.

In the upcoming registration, full-time juniors and seniors will have the first choice of classes. After that, the order will be part-time juniors and sophomores, full-time sophomores and full-time and part-time first year students.

Course catalogues became available on April 9, 1996. Registration will take place this week in Hawley Lounge.

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Never forget the victims

For every year there is that one story.
A story that marks the year in the history books. A story that forever will be embedded in society's mind, for better or for worse. On Friday, it will be exactly one year since the story that marked 1995 took place.

Can you remember exactly where you were standing the first time you saw a picture of a charred victim held by a fireman? Can you remember the absolute disgust that you had for your own country, wondering if we were our own worst enemy? Can you remember the first time you saw the picture of Tim McVeigh?

The Oklahoma City bombing that occurred April 19, 1995, will never be forgotten. This year, as the anniversary nears, it is important to look back at the tragedy and remember all those whose lives were lost. In 1996, we have made some great strides in stopping home-grown terrorism. Catching the Unabomber and the current stand versus the free-men of Montana are examples of this.

As long as we are free, there will always be an opposition, whether it is from home or not. It is important not to forget the innocent victims. Keep them in your prayers.

There is a show in town

By accomplishing their goals, they provide students with a fantastic opportunity to a play as well as to live in a brand new complex in Avalon Park. This facility, furnished with a pool, racquet ball courts, balconies, and fireplaces will allow students to experience an opportunity to live in a brand new complex in the University theater. However for this upcoming semester it brings with it some good and some bad.

First of all, the good. Next semester residents will have the opportunity to live in a brand new complex in Avalon Park.

Secondly, the bad. The closing of Taft. This can be seen as good and bad. The good side to this is that it will remove university students from Bridgeport, which has been a center of under-age drinking and will allow the Residential Life program to move residents into a calm suburban locale.

This is a severe blow to the people who live or who have lived at Taft. You see, for some time now, especially the past year, the residents there have been defending the place they called home. By explaining that there is nothing wrong or inherently dangerous about the place they live, they fought a hard battle. A battle which it seems they have lost.

There is however some harsh truths that hide behind the shining promise of Avalon Park. The first concern is the other non-university residents who will be living there. Beside the R.A.'s at Avalon Park there will be an Avalon Park security staff who have no affiliation with the University. Questions such as who handles situations and invites under-age students to drink in their apartment? These problems have never been faced here and will pose an interesting challenge to the powers that be.

The second growing pain will be student living. The lack of classroom space has forced the hunt in Notre Dame and the lack of teacher's office space has forced the closing and inevitable reconstruction of the first floor of West Hall.

For the past five years "growing pains" have plagued the University. One can only hope in the future — as the final pieces of the mysterious five year plan start to take form. Imagine a Division I school with its own classrooms, many courses to choose from, an athletic complex and a place to call home. Imagine.
NEWS FROM TULSA

By Chris Nicholson
Contributing Editor

April 11, 1996

Well, it’s that time again: 1:58 p.m. And it’s also time for Chris’ Wacky World of Sports, the randomly periodic feature that proves that finding stability and normality in the sports world is harder than almost anything. It’s even harder than pouring just one Tic Tac out of a Tic Tac box.

On Sports Wisdom. The Orlando Magic, a basketball team based in Orlando, Fla. (thus the name “Magic”), while fighting to save face a year after losing the NBA championship to a mediocre Texas team, amassed a 40-game home winning streak. It was the Magic’s only claim to limelight during a year in which the seemingly unbeatable Chicago Bulls (nickname: “the Bulls”) collected headlines daily for dominating the NBA with a record-setting pace for victories.

Shaquille O’Neal had this to reflect on: “You should give up.”

That Losing Attitude. New Jersey’s Rutgers-Camden provost, Walter K. Gordon, eliminated his school’s Division III basketball team (nicknamed, ironically, “the Pioneers”) protested, only to be refuted by Rutgers-Camden provost, Walter K. Gordon, eliminating his school’s Division III basketball team in February, after the team lost 108 games in a row.

The team (nicknamed, ironically, “the Pioneers”) protested, only to be refuted by Gordon’s logic: “I think four years is a reasonable amount of time to try and win a game. There are times in life situations when you should give up.”

If Wile E. Coyote had thought that way.... The Rich Get Richer...but Not Smarter.

On February 27, boxer Frank Bruno complained that he was not getting his fair share of money for fighting Mike Tyson. Bruno was scheduled for a paycheck of only $6 million, not enough for even a Stealth Bomber to pick up the kids from school. Tyson was being paid $30 million.

Said Bruno, “I'm not a greedy man, but Tyson is getting 16 to 20 times more than I’m getting.” You would think with even only $6 million, Bruno could afford a calculator.

The topper? A couple weeks later, Tyson complained that he was also underpaid.

Enter Gender Here. In a startling case a few months ago, Philippine sports officials temporarily suspended runner Nancy Navalta to...ready for this?...review her gender.

Strange Behavior. Among the strange events surrounding this crisis:

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Why? Navalta ran as a male in a race one week, and then as a female the next. Not only is Navalta short on gender identity, she/he also seems to be a few cans short of a recycling bin.

• Navalta was already accused of this once before, was tested then too, and they still don’t know if he/she is a her/him or a whatever.

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Amidst all this craziness, I must ask myself: Where are we headed as a society, and, most importantly. Why do I still read the sports pages?

If you don’t stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON’T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.
Fear today's Fatal Attraction
Marky Mark and Alyssa Milano play in new thriller

Danielle Nolan
A&L Editor

Well, what can I say. Yes, it is true I went to see the new movie, Fear, the day after it came out for one reason. Marky Mark. Yes, I screamed in the theater as if I was 13-years old again and at a New Kids on the Block concert when Jordan ripped off his shirt. Pathetic? Yeah, but it was worth it.

Fear stars ex-rapper turned movie star, Mark Wahlberg who left the funky bunch and moved on to bigger and better things. They can he act?

Although he had some velvetta lines in the beginning of his career, Marky Mark only taking his shirt off twice. Do not fret ladies, his muscles are definitely still in tact. One thing I did not predict was Marky Mark and Alyssa Milano playing in new thriller, Fatal Attraction. Marky is today's Fatal Attraction. Alyssa Milano and newcomer Reese Witherspoon, the movie is sure to be a hit. Not because they are great actors or anything like that, but because the movie is fun to watch.

The movie is about young, sweet, innocent Nicole who meets scary, psycho, madman David. It is today's Fatal Attraction. Nicole and David meet, fall in love. Nicole loses her virginity and Daddy does not like it. Of course, he never liked David. He always thought there was something strange about him.

Well, Dad was right. David obsesses over Nicole to the point where he ends up killing two people and a dog. As you probably guessed, the fun does not stop there.

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Sort of. He proved himself big time with his role in the Basketball Diaries a while back. Although he had some velvetta lines in the beginning of Fear, he ended up portraying a pretty good male version of Alain MoiMoi with a shotgun. What can I say? She oughta known.

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For those of you who thought you liked Alyssa Milano as the 'perfect daughter', Sam Micelli on 'Who's the Boss?', you have to see her as Nicole's best friend, the reckless Margo in Fear. What a switch. She drinks, smokes, has sex and does not wear anything but bras and underwear. What would Tony think?

Nicole is played by the Alicia Silverstone look-like Reese Witherspoon. She is the typical 90210-er who has the perfect hair and the perfect body. What else could Marky Mark ask for?

I cannot forget the music. Bush is a familiar sound throughout the movie with songs like "Comedown" and "Machinehead." Not to mention the other songs in the movie that I could not figure out the movie with songs like "Comedown" and "Machinehead." Not to mention the other songs in the movie that I could not figure out. One thing I did not predict was Marky only taking his shirt off twice. Do not fret ladies, his muscles are definitely still in tact. He kept his pants on too and we never did see his Calvin Klein's. I sure do miss the good old days.

Easter eggs come alive in NYC

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Assistant A&L Editor

During the past Easter holidays, children everywhere were hunting for little plastic eggs filled with various treasures. There was a nervous anticipation while the children waited to be set free in the room holding the eggs. The act of hiding small surprises in the hollow middle of eggs may be attributed to the Faberge Eggs, which were presented to the past royalty of the Russian Empire.

The eggs were among the most interesting pieces in the Faberge exhibit being held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The eggs were jewel stuffed with treasures. There were some that were extremely ornate as well as some which were more simplistic. Although the eggs would have been exquisite gifts alone, most held smaller gifts within. The Coronation Egg housed a miniature replica of the Coronation Coach made completely of gold and precious stones.

Other eggs had small decorated frames of the recipients' children and grandchildren.

The eggs were commissioned by the Czars of Russia as Easter presents for their wives and mothers. Some other notable eggs were the Red Cross Eggs which were symbols of the recipients' involvement in the Red Cross effort.

There was also the lavishly decorated Catherine the Great Egg which held a tiny model of the Czarina.

Eggs were only a portion of the pieces on display. Other works of art were tableware made completely of silver, including a pitcher which resembled a Dachshund dog.

The dog's head was hinged and the tail served as a handle. There was a multitude of ornate cigarette cases, small boxes and flat Russian bowls called koveshes.

The name behind these extravagant works of art is Peter Carl Faberge (1846-1920). Faberge was not, however, the artist behind any of these works. He was a merchant who managed workshops in England as well as Russia.

The pieces which Faberge had his artists create were all luxurious and have influenced present day furniture, jewelry and tableware companies, such as Gucci, Waterford and Lalique.

These companies hope, according to a New York Times article by Barbara Mayer, that the exhibition of the luxury items by Faberge will inspire a more extravagant decoration in the fashion of today's homes.

The exhibit is an interesting one and there are several rooms full of displays. The rooms get very crowded at times, but if one takes his or her time the wait is worthwhile.

The eggs are especially beautiful and the richness of the pieces portrays a social status where the cost of beauty did not matter.

The purchasers of the Faberge pieces were obviously extremely wealthy. It was fun to live in the grandiose world of the Czar for a little while.

The exhibit, named "Faberge in America" will be at the Metropolitan Museum in New York until April 28.

The exhibit will move to various museums around the United States. Audio tapes with information about the exhibit are made available to guests of the museum for a small fee.
Rapper Busta Rhymes makes solo album without the L.O.N.S.

Mike Nimons
Contributing Writer

Rap artist Busta Rhymes, who began his career with the group Leaders of the New School (L.O.N.S.), has recently launched a solo career. His first album, The Coming, which appears on the Elektra record label, showcases Busta's uniqueness as a rapper. In a genre of music recently dominated by "gangsta" rappers, Busta succeeds in creating a type of hip-hop which remains hardcore, while still having an old-school, party feel to it.

Busta first appeared as a solo artist on Craig Mack's "Flava in Ya Ear (Remix)" (1994) and later with Boyz II Men on their remix of the song "Vibin." From the chant of "Hey! Hey! Hey!" (on "Flava In Ya Ear") to "Vibin:'s "Party people, how ya feel?" in his first single's "Woo-Hah! Woo-Hah!", Busta shows that he is not your average rapper. He is characterized by his colorful and wild style of Hip-hop.

There are a total of thirteen tracks on The Coming (totaling 64 minutes). His first single, "Woo-Hah! Got Ya All In Check," is just a taste of the many flavors appear on the album. This single has become extremely popular and is featured as Busta's first video. "It's a Party," a track featuring the R&B duo Zhane and "Ill V.I.C. featuring O.Tip (of a Tribe Called Quest) are my personal favorites.

Some of the other tracks on the disc, like "Abandon Ship," discuss the state of hip-hop. While others, like "Still Shining," "Everything Remains Raw" and "Do My Thing," take things back to the old-school battles on the mic and feature Busta bragging about his unique style and skills as a rapper. In addition, the L.O.N.S. crew appears on "Keep It Movin'" and prove that the Leaders of the New School are still intact, regardless of Busta's solo project.

The muppets return without Henson but with much heart

Cheryl Casey
Contributing Writer

Director and heir of the Henson legacy, Brian Henson, continues his father's work with the most recent Muppet feature film, Muppet Treasure Island, appealing to a new generation of Muppet-lovers. The movie opened No. 2 at the box office upon its release.

Based loosely on the classic by Robert Louis Stevenson, Treasure Island is a combination of live action and animated adventure.

Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, Muppet legends, star with Tim Curry and newcomer Kevin Bishop in this crazy tale of greedy pirates, long-lost love and buried treasure.

In addition to this all-star cast, which also features other well-known and loved Muppets such as Gonzo the Great and Rizzo the Rat, the songs and the fantastic sets pull the viewer into the fun and adventure that only the Muppets can provide.

The tale carries the audience from a little inn in the country to the lavish island in the middle of the ocean.

In between, the journey takes place on a sea-worthy vessel where the crew plans mutiny and sings of the sea. There must be something different, make your own name and don't hold grudges.

There must be something valuable in these tidbits of advice, for the perennial appeal of the Muppets is proven again and again. In addition to Muppet Treasure Island, Henson Productions has introduced "Muppets Tonight," featuring the old and new Muppets and a variety of live guest stars and "Aliens in the Family," featuring animatronic puppets.

"Muppets Tonight," airing on ABC on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. is an updated version of the classic Henson hit, "The Muppet Show." Set in a television studio instead of the vaudeville theater, "Muppets Tonight" appeals to audiences of all ages.

The Crucible set to perform at SHU

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Arthur Miller's, The Crucible, is being performed here at Sacred Heart University throughout this week. The play, presented by the Faculty of Communication Studies, opened yesterday, Wednesday April 17, at 10:30 a.m. There will also be a show Thursday April 18, at 10:30 a.m., which will be followed by a panel which will answer questions posed by the audience. There will also be a performance Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday there will be a matinee at 3:00 p.m.

Following Friday's show, the English Club, will be sponsoring a reception in the faculty lounge. The tickets cost $3.00 for students and $10.00 for non-students.

The Crucible is a classic in which the plot and issues remain prevalent in today's society.

The play is based on the hysteria surrounding the Seventy Century Salem witch trials culminated by the town's children. The Crucible was the winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play.

Richard McKinnon, the director of Sacred Heart's rendition of The Crucible commented that the setting and the costumes will portray the Puritan time period Miller wrote about. He also added that the lighting reflects a more universal timeless aura which is seen in the theme of the play.

Roughly forty SHU students are participating in the overall performance of The Crucible. The show promises to be an excellent one and the attendance of other SHU students would show those involved that their hard work was worth it.

Tickets can be purchased at the University box office. A review of The Crucible will be found in the Spec- trum next Thursday.
Marijuana use common on campus

By Michele Herrmann
Features Editor

As close to 800 students return to live on campus next year, housing selections can become quite cutthroat. Worries develop inside some who hope to answer several questions. Who should I move in with? Who needs people to fill up an apartment? And the favorite, is there a chance of getting into (fill in the blank)?

At Avalon Gates, entering the upperclassmen. Three miles from the center of campus, the complex consists of apartments with two to three bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom along with private features such as a pool, indoor basketball and racquetball courts. Each apartment has two parking spaces and additional parking is available in a garage or carport.

However, housing at Avalon Gates is preferable for seniors and some juniors, according to Dr. Donald Brodeur, a professor of psychology and certified substance abuse counselor. "It's easy to get into the dorms." A few students use marijuana as an alternative to alcohol. "It's better than drinking," says a student. "When I go home, I don't smoke at all." Other students say, "Sometimes I feel really fuzzy the next day," says another.

It is all too easy to think that we are invincible and will bounce back each time we damage our bodies—with smoking cigarettes, with doing drugs, with drinking alcohol, with overeating. But as with everything you do, there are always going to be consequences. What you do now that endangers your body has the potential to cause a blink future.

"It's like a bonding thing to do with your friends," comments one student.

Dan Connolly, director of housing operations and conference services, "People living there will have to be in good academic standing and good judicial standing," he said. Even though underclass students are excluded from Avalon, living on campus does have some benefits. Or place like Parkridge can serve as a different version of housing to try.

Living at one of these three residence halls possesses both advantages as well as disadvantages. A decision to close Taft Hall was made last Monday...

Jefferson Hill Housing conditions: Each apartment has three bedrooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. In the bathrooms, there are two sinks and a separate shower and toilet. Two washers and two dryers are in each building. There are currently two community rooms, one is being used for storage. Sense of community: "The apartments tend to be segregated a lot unless you know each other. If you have a good RA to build community, it could be good," said RA Kim Nugent, a junior political science major from Albany, NY.

In triples, she said that some people find it to be okay but others miserable. Her advice—"Don't just put together people for the sake of getting an apartment because that tends to lead to a lot of conflicts. It just doesn't work." Parking: Lots are located around the front of Buildings one and three, and additional parking is in the Campus lot near the athletic field.

Parkridge Housing conditions: Twenty-eight apartments and seven townhouses. Room sizes in apartments vary, but generally there are three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and living room. Townhouses have three floors and five bedrooms, kitchen and three bathrooms (two with showers). There are six washers and dryers located near the community room.

Sense of community: "There's less community here than in a residence hall, but there's more independence," said RA Jen Platt, a nursing major from Abington, Conn. "People who live here are more independent." Her advice—"Parkridge seems like you have your own place. Don't let the idea of Parkridge intimidate you." Parking: Use parking stickers for spots, spots are on a first come, first serve basis. Those who do not have stickers either park on Geduld or in the Jewish Community Center parking lot.

West Living conditions: Currently, there are six floors but next year one floor will be used for office space. There are two washers and two dryers per floor, and, except for the first, there is a kitchen and a lounge. A maid service cleans the lounges and bathrooms. Students living there are required to be on the meal plan. Sense of community: For first-year students, West Hall enables them to get to know students. "Since I'm a freshman, I have only met people this way. I will meet more people, different people," said Jen Huber from Clifton, NJ. "I've met sophomores and juniors here too, so I'm not secluded to freshmen."

Floors can be noisy at times. "I can't study in my room. I have to go to the library to study during the day. It all depends on the floor you live on," said a first year undecided student. Residence Hall Director Lisa Wilson advised, "Make the best of your time here. It's easy to meet people, so jump to that opportunity and don't just sit in your room."

Parking: Students will not be allowed to have cars, according to Wilson.

Choose what is best for you!

Marijuana use common on campus

By Gina Norelli
Assistant Features Editor

For the protection of the student interviewed in this article, all names have been withheld.

To several students on this campus, marijuana use is as common as the stars in the sky. Some students use marijuana as an alternative to alcohol. "It's better than drinking," says a student. "When I go home, I don't smoke at all." Other students say, "Sometimes I feel really fuzzy the next day," says another.

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Vegetarianism—a personal choice

By Marykay Welch
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Is vegetarianism healthy? An estimated 12 million Americans consider themselves to be some form of a vegetarian. Since becoming a vegetarian is a big decision, it is important to know the facts.

According to an article in “Cosmopolitan,” most vegetarians are “semis,” meaning that they still eat chicken and fish, but will only eat red meat once in a while.

Other types of vegetarianism include “vegans” who only eat foods such as grains, fruits and vegetables, and completely avoid all products coming from animals.

Many other types of vegetarians are less strict—they will eat only fish or poultry as the only animal product in their diet. Although some vegetarians don’t eat meat because of ethical reasons, most convert to improve their health. Since they avoid many animal products, vegetarians manage to reduce their cholesterol levels and their intake of saturated fats.

Becoming a vegetarian can also protect you from cancer and other diseases because you will not be exposed to additives such as nitrates put in meat to improve its color.

Many people become vegetarians to lose weight. This can sometimes be achieved because not eating meat reduces a large source of fat from your diet. The vegetarian diet usually has less calories than a diet containing meat. Even though vegetarians are on the rise, there are some students who worry about its effects.

“I have a problem with people who become vegetarians because it is trendy. Some people don’t realize that when you give something up you have to find a way to get the nutrients you are missing,” said a junior nursing student.

One vegetarian, first-year student Susan Smith, responded to this question: “It’s not that hard to supplement what you need. There’s other ways to get protein than eating meat,” she said.

Smith said that she ate tofu, peanut butter, vegetarian supplement vitamins and foods with protein from health food stores to make up that difference.

Her diet also contains fruits, vegetables, pasta and beans. She does not eat red meat or chicken at all, but has fish once in a while. A graphic design major from Maywood, NJ, Smith became a vegetarian five years ago.

“It was more for my health and animal rights,” she said.

When asked why vegetarianism is on the rise for young people, she answered, “It’s healthier and I think our generation is into the Earth.”

The Dining Hall offers some options for vegetarians. “Veggie burgers” are available at the Grill, and there is the salad bar. Pasta and cooked vegetables are included in the meal plan. Pre-made salads are found in the SHU Marketplace.

Some dietary guidelines that vegetarians should follow are:

- Choose fruits and vegetables.
- Choose whole grain and enriched bread, cereal and other grain products.
- Use dry peas and beans as a protein source.
- Eat six or more servings of grain products a day.

If planned correctly, a vegetarian diet can have a positive impact on our health and environment.

Prepare for Earth Day 1996 with these tips

Earth Day is Monday, April 22. Even though there are constant reminders about the importance of saving our planet, it is still important to learn and to act. There are some tips that apply to yourself and to wherever you may be.

Personal efforts

- Read books and articles on wildlife and environmental issues.
- Volunteer time to conservation projects.
- Watch nature programs on TV.
- Register to vote. Consider registering as a member of your local “Green party” to help increase pressure for elected politicians to address environmental issues.

At home

- Recycle everything: newspapers, cans, glass, aluminum containers and foil, motor oil and scrap metal, etc.
- Clean windows with vinegar and water instead of chemical products. Crumpled-up newspapers are great for washing windows.
- Make sure water faucets don’t drip. A dripping tap can waste two gallons of water every minute.
- Check toilets for leaks by putting a little food coloring dye in the water tank. If the color shows up in the toilet bowl without flushing, there’s a leak. A leaking toilet can waste over 7,000 gallons of water every month.

In the car

- Recycle engine oil.
- Keep wheels in alignment to save tires.
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Pioneer laxmen ranked fourth in Division II despite loss to New York Tech

By Brad Wilson
Contributing Writer

The SHU men's lacrosse team fell to 5-2 as they were defeated by New York Tech, ranked number one in Division II. Despite the 13-11 loss, the Pioneers moved up one spot in the national rankings to number four, best in their fourth year of the program.

"While we can not be satisfied with a loss, we showed what type of character we have by outscoring Tech 10-8 in the second half," said Head Coach Rob Randall.

"It was a tough loss," said sophomore midfielder Brian Staunton. "We were beating them in the second, but we simply ran out of time," he added.

The laxmen battled back early in the second half with goals by Chuck Chiodo 33 seconds into the third quarter and Jay Colapinto 3:45 in make tenth (191) for the tournament. They were led by juniors of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were left speechless. Some of the women were...
Softball team splits games

Won first game 10-5, but got shut out second game 7-0. Overall record 10-14

by Michelle Covelluzzi
Sports Writer

"It's the same story. We just forget we have to play two games," says senior tri-captain and third baseman Megan Keefe from New Hartford of the doubleheader Sunday against St. Anselm.

The women's softball team won the first game, 10-5, but went on to get shut out in the second game, 7-0, pushing their record to 10-14.

"We had consistent hitting in the first game," says junior tri-captain and pitcher Cheryl Simmons from Vernon Center, N.Y., "but we just couldn't get it done in the second game."

Simmons, along with junior centerfielder Jen Stark from Pompton Lakes, N.J., and freshman Carri Kupycz from Barre, Mass., hit homeruns in the first game against the Northeast-10 team.

"In the second game, we didn't get any hits. We gave them See Softball, page 11

One Lady Pioneer heads towards first base after making contact with the ball

Photo by Keith Zingler

Women's lacrosse off to best start

By Megan Keefe
Sports writer

With its best start in the four-year-history of the program (6-3), the Sacred Heart women's lacrosse team is looking ahead to the upcoming ECAC tournament. "But first we have some tough teams to beat," said head coach Robin Schwartz.

According to Schwartz, there are only 13 Division II lacrosse teams in the nation. In order to be eligible for selection to the tournament, a team must declare its eligibility before the season and have a record of at least .500 against other Div. II teams. The committee picks the two teams with the best records and they face off for the championship at a site to be determined.

So far this season, SHU stands at 3-2 against Div. II opponents. With five games remaining in the regular season, SHU's chances of being considered for a bid to the tournament are good, explained Schwartz. "Especially if we beat Bloomsburg, the only Div. II team we have left on our schedule," she said.

Last weekend, the Lady Pioneers travelled to Pennsylvania to face two tough Division II opponents and finished with a loss and a win. Saturday, SHU fell to lax powerhouse Millersville University, 20-9. Sophomore Deirdre Hynes, the team's leading scorer with 46 goals, netted four goals while senior Jen Fallon, second in scoring with 39 goals, added two.

Sunday, the women turned the tide with an explosive 18-4 win over Philadelphia Textile. Fallon and Hynes led the offense with five and four goals each and junior Lynette Berger scored three. Senior Tara Fisher, the defensive point, scored her first two goals of the season while senior Deanna Young and sophomore Jill Beaudoin led the defense in ground ball pick-ups.

Fisher believes the Lady Pioneers are capable of winning the rest of their games as long as they play with confidence. "Sometimes we let the other team control the tempo of the game, but if we just come out and play to our potential without letting the little mistakes affect us mentally we can beat anybody," added Fisher.

Schwartz attributes the success this season to the addition of assistant coach Jen Bertech, an All-American at William Smith, and the fact that many of the players have two and three years of experience. "Jen knows what she's doing and helps the girls with a lot of skills, especially their shooting style and selection. And our veterans have experience, which is so important to this sport because the more you play, the better you get."

One Lady Pioneer fights for the ball in a recent game on Campus Field

Photo by Keith Zingler