Health and recreation center breaks ground

$3 million donation helps rumor become reality for SHU students

By Erin E. Harrison
Assistant News Editor

The groundbreaking for Sacred Heart University's $18 million William H. Pitt Health and Recreation center was held last Wednesday, April 24.

The center is named after the donor who gave the University $3 million, the largest single gift in university history.

The 143,000-square-foot center is expected to be completed in the summer of 1997.

"This building will offer not only a full array of athletic and recreational activities, but also it will be the premier facility for our physical therapy, occupational therapy and sports medicine programs," said SHU President Anthony J. Cemera, Ph.D.

The center will also house a 2,000-seat basketball arena for intercollegiate play, four multi-purpose basketball courts, a five-lane running track, four squash courts and two basketball courts. In addition, a dedicated fitness center, including weights and circuit and cardiovascular equipment; an aerobics, wrestling and fencing room; a Hall of Fame and men's and women's locker rooms to include jacuzzis, saunas and steam rooms.

The athletic department offices, coaches offices, trainer's room and equipment room will also be located within the center.

Sacred Heart's development and expansion of intercollegiate sports has brought about an increase in student enrollment from 1,411 undergraduates in 1989-90 to 2,129 in 1995-96 with 25 percent participating in athletics.

Present at the groundbreaking were William H. Pitt, Dr. Cemera, Director of Athletics C. Donald Cook, Bishop Edward M. Egan and Robert J. Matura, a director of Fleet Bank.

Matura made a donation of $1 million to the University in 1993.

The ceremony took place before a crowd of 500 prospective students and their families, trustees, faculty and staff as well as onlookers.
NEWS BRIEFS
Compiled by Bethany Treffs and Erin E. Harrison

LaFontana to present research
Dr. Kathy LaFontana, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss her research at a Women's Studies Faculty Development Seminar on May 5 at 11:30 a.m. LaFontana will present her work entitled "The Role of Affective and Cognitive Factors in Self-blame," at a brunch to be held at the home of Fran Grodzinsky, associate professor of computer/information science. Interested students must contact Claire Marrone at 365-7629.

"American Architecture: The Shack"
The Gallery of Contemporary Art presents "American Architecture: The Shack" which are works by Beverly Buchanan. The opening reception is being held on May 5 from 1-4 p.m. A lecture by Mary Kordak, curator of education at Yale University Art Gallery is also being held.

Book Buybacks
The University Bookstore is buying back books beginning on May 8 and will continue through May 14. The hours are as follows:
- Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Party all weekend and roam with the Greeks
By Stephen P. Scholz
Associate Editor

The semester is almost over and finals are rapidly approaching. You cram. You stress. You desperately need one last weekend of wild, uninhibited partying to take your mind off that 10 page research paper.

By Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

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Frustrating. Tiring. Depressing. As graduation looms, these are the words many nervous seniors are using to describe their job search.

But the outlook for graduating seniors—and there's 1.2 million in the Class of 1996—is optimistic.

New college graduates can look forward to a friendlier job market coupled with significant increases in starting salaries, according to a new survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The Spectrum congratulates SHU seniors and wishes them best of luck in the future.
Diversity through music and dance

By Bethany Treffs
News Editor

"If Westerners are going to understand foreign cultures they can't just observe them," insists Richard Hill, adjunct professor of music and anthropology, "they have to do them."

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APPLICATIONS FOR SHU ENDOURED SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL:

3:00 PM, FRIDAY MAY 10, 1996

These scholarships provide partial coverage of tuition costs for one academic year. Any undergraduate student who satisfies the following criteria may apply:

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- Successful completion of 30 or more credits of college course work as of May 1996
- An intention to be registered full-time during the 1996-1997 academic year

The awards are for academic merit, not financial need

Application forms are available in room N223 and the academic support services office, room N115. Applications must be filed before 3 p.m., May 10, 1996 in the Academic Support Services Office.

For further information contact:

Prof. Ralph Lim
Faculty of Financial Studies
Room N223
371-7953

Mr. Alvin Clinkscales
Multicultural Affairs
Room N115
371-7911
Concert raises concerns

This weekend saw one of the biggest events in campus history take place. The Femmes/Fugues' brought with it a university atmosphere that allowed students to relax and have a good time. Unfortunately they also showed exactly why events such as these are few and far between.

The amount of irresponsible drinking can only sadly be coupled with the horrendous security arrangements. Any security staff that tries to stop students from moshing by punching them needs to re-think their agenda.

The success of the show should not be overlooked, however the University needs to seriously look at what made this night good and bad in order to make it a learning experience. The bands were good, the crowd was behaved.

There were few drunk students and a core of hot headed security personnel, a good time would have been had by all.

Generation X success

We've been labeled terms such as Generation X and Slackers. The twenty-something, MTV generation without a clue. But for the graduating class of '96 the time is now, more than ever, to disprove these falacious stereotypes.

Making our way out of the safe and secure atmosphere of college and into the real world, we have a heavy weight of responsibility resting on our shoulders. We are the future of this country. We have inherited the duty of making it a better place to live in for our children or future children.

Perhaps, some might say that it's foolish and naive to think anyone can have such an impact on society. But that is why we are not just anyone. We are someone. Each and every one of us. And together we are strong.

As future lawyers, politicians, nurses, managers, psychologists, writers and so many other occupations, we have the incredible power to bring about change. This is why we must take this responsibility seriously. We must fight for what we believe in...and we will succeed.

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During the past four years I have been through many things without much regret. I have constantly been called on my editorial statements and these confrontations I cherish. You see, contrary to some people's beliefs, my edi- torials were at no point fueled by a personal vendetta by a person or group. They were always calculated responses to a lack of service of some sort. I believed that everyone that is associated with the University is here to help the next person's stay here beneficial. That goes for faculty, staff, students and groups. By constantly chal- lenging the status-quo we have effected change. Changes that I am very proud to be a part of.

So I step down and pass the reigns. I am confident that as a staff we produced some of the best pa- pers this campus has seen in some time and without hesitation I would do it all again.

For me it is a sad day. I have had the times of my life and I wish not for them to end. Sacred Heart has grown as I have grown and I gave and received back what I gave. From this point on I will go and try to make a name for myself somewhere else. I will always remember the heaven and the hell and I will miss everything about it.

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Monday mornings are rough. I am always in work, parsing out of the car, lock and close the door, unlock the door with my spare key, and then I shut off the engine.

I stumble towards the building; still significantly asleep, and then realize that I haven’t worked in that building for two and a half years.

So I get back into the car and drive six miles to my current job. It’s difficult entering therapy because it’s blocked by belonging to ex-coworkers heading out to the current jobs. I walk in, ten minutes later, just women I know else behind me. I’m in the kitchen spilling coffee, where someone behind me says, “Good morning, Chris.”

I don’t recognize the voice, so I pause, turn around, see Jeff, and I say, “Good morning, Jeff.” But Jeff has already begun speaking to someone else, so he hasn’t heard me say hello. Here is where the rub begins.

What do you do when someone greets you by name or she does not hear you return the greeting?

You don’t want to walk away because Jeff might have called out your name. You don’t want to interrupt his conversation only to say “Hi.”

But you don’t want to stand there for what could be hours just so that when you finally finish speaking to the other person you can say, “Just wanted to tell you to have a good morning.”

“Good morning?” he’ll say. “It’s after lunch!”

This issue arouses important questions about stupid things. What, if anything, are the proper responses to the interrupting ideas posed by each situation? It is easy to realize that most short interpersonal remarks are fairly stupid.

“What? How are you?” is old and has been dealt with before, but none of us knows the correct answer. We know that most people don’t really care how we are, that they only say “How are you?” as a substitute for “Hello.”

“What’s up?” and “You dude.”

On the other hand (whichever hand that may be), some people do care how you are, and you feel you’ll disappoint them if you don’t stop.

What may be the fundamental question surrounding human existence is: How do you know who cares and who doesn’t?

Here is how they ask: “How are you?”

You reply, “Lousy.”

If they care, they’ll ask why you feel lousy. If they don’t care, they’ll disappear faster than a trucker from a gay pride parade.

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Dear Editor:

Those of you who attended the concert hopefully enjoyed the show for a couple of hours and went home or to the store to shop with friends. Other than the thoughts of buying your ticket and getting your face washed, as a reminder later on, you probably didn’t give the concert much thought. It sort of just appeared for your viewing pleasure.

What you probably fail to realize is the hundreds of hours of hard work that went behind the scenes in order to make the concert happen.

Although all of the volunteers are notable, I won’t be able to begin to mention them all. They showed up at ten o’clock in the morning on Saturday to set up the stage and left around nine-thirty that evening. Considering most of their day was absorbed pouring and lifting steel and wooden decks that weighed as much as one hundred fifty pounds in some cases and then breaking it all down at the end.

Student Activities, directed by Denise Surpin and assisted by Al Precourt, and the Student Events Team, led by Sarah Cusson, have been preparing for the concert year, while still managing to make three or more events “appear” for the student body each week. Ably assisted by Program Assistants Geanne Peloso and Denise Leszko and veteran SET Coordinator Chair Chris Hopely, the concert you may have attended was a product of hard work and dedication on behalf of your peers.

The tickets you may have purchased would not have been available without Tusho Hang’s guidance and leadership. Eric Wood and Renee Sanchez kept things under control so you could enjoy the concert.

You may or may not realize that major events like the Feminist Flag concert, Sibyls Weekend end, the Winter Semi-Format, Greek Weekend, Parents’ Weekend, Senior Week and Maya Angelou are all part of the work done by students who participate in your Student Government. The students who have been elected or appointed go above and beyond simply voicing their opinion about planning and implement events and changes.

Favorite and Hawley Lounge renovations may be the most obvious and visible, but there are even more things so groundbreaking that may not even realize they were a concern due to insight and creativity on behalf of the Student Government team.

I know the student Government has had their share of bad publicity in the past year, and I will be the first one to say that we have a lot of room for improvement. However, before you knock the Student Government, take a look at the events that appear, your student space becoming both more comfortable and more available.

If your search leads you to the Student Government team, express your gratitude to them for endlessly executing their thankless jobs. If your search inspires you, look for ways to get involved in the CCO, SET, Greek Council, or with your class. Christy Ashley

DEFENSE OF FRENCH

Dear Editor:

As a parent of a Sacred Heart University student, I subscribe to the Spectrum. I read with interest Shena Doherty’s article “Un-Friendly Financial Aid” in your March 7 issue and felt compelled to write a letter of rebuttal.

In July, 1994 I had a financial problem that I thought was impossible to solve. I was Mark French. He was kind, considerate, helpful, and a perfect friend. He was also a hard worker and you wouldn’t think his life was ruined. So by wishing me well, you actually destroyed everything for me.

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This past weekend I went on the school sponsored trip to Great Adventure. It was an awful truth about Sacred Heart University. We're not the culturally diverse student body everyone keeps claiming.

Saturday a couple boarded the bus to return to campus. They took a seat together near a fraternity and sorority. Omega Phi Kappa and Delta Phi Kappas verbally abused and harassed the couple for sitting in their seats. I am still in high school I wonder? These two clubs let the entire campus down in terms of representing community spirit. The women and men of these frats and sororities become a gang? I'm not sure.

Shena Doherty is a 1994 graduate of Sacred Heart University. We are not the culturally diverse student body everyone keeps claiming.

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**Spring Concert stirs things up on campus field**

### The Fugees set was short, but sweet

**Danielle Nolan**  
A&L Editor

As I walked up the hill from my apartment at Jefferson Hill, I noticed a line leading down to West Hall. I looked for the end and then realized it would be a while before I would get into see the concert Sunday night.

After a two hour wait, I walked towards the stage and got a spot pretty close to the front. By now it was at least 8 p.m. The lights dimmed and one of the Fugees appeared with a DJ. Mix- ing music and singing a little here and there, he seemed to be wast­ ing time and doing a good job of it.

(As I later found out, Lauryn, of the Fugees, was late arriving so that was where the time problem came from).

Despite the lack of time, the Fugees can definitely put on a non-stop show. There was never a moment when you could not hear music. After each song, they either jumped into another one or played music of another group such as, Notorious B.I.G., Slick Rick or Busta Rhymes.

They played electric guitars acting like Jimi Hendrix, they scratched records and even played the keyboard. They showed off their talent throughout the entire show.

They started off with songs from their first album, Blunted On Reality, which to be honest, I do not know the names of, but they were songs I could get right into. One song I was surprised not to hear was the famous "Nappy Heads," their first hit ever.

They moved on to their latest album, The Score which everyone was anxious for. They sang "How Many Mics," the hyped "Fu-gee- la," and of course, the song you can always hear at Sacred Heart, "Killing Me Softly." Due to the time factor, "Killing Me Softly," among others, were cut short. I am sure the Fugees would put on an even more incredible show if time was not a factor.

After being told they only had five minutes left, they went on to sing Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry," with some special guest whom they brought out on stage and ended with their latest hit "Ready or Not," my personal favorite.

They jetted off stage in a mad rush as the lights came on and the crew ran to set up for the Violent Femmes. The crowd dwindled as I guess most fans were there to see the Fugees. Rightfully so, they got everyone screaming and dancing if only for a half hour.

### Femmes fail to fulfill fans' expectations

**Patrick Me Caughey**  
Contributing Writer

Finally after years of waiting, I was to see the Violent Femmes again. The first time I saw them, almost seven years ago, I had barely heard of them, but now I love them. I could not wait to see them again. The show I saw seven years ago was much better than the one they put on Sunday.

Maybe it is just the school. When I saw the Gin Blossoms two years ago in the gym, they were awful. Even though the Femmes are a college classic, they were not very good at this college.

Don't get me wrong. They did play their most famous songs well. "Blister in the Sun," "Kiss Off," and "American Music" were great. The rest of the songs were not so great, especially the part with the horn section. I think that was my worst concert moment ever. The horns were so annoying.

The crowd was totally different from that of the opening act. People who came to see the Fugees left as soon as their set was finished. The Femmes and Fugees each had a style of their own, therefore the crowd was very di­ verse.

Most people I have talked to only went to see one band, very few were really excited to see both. One student had this to say about the Femmes, "The sound coming from the lead singer's mouth was hurting my ears, so I had to leave."

Also, on some of the lesser known songs the crowd did not seem to be into the music very much, but when the three most popular songs came on the crowd went nuts. Still most people were just standing around not very into the music.

While some were not into it, some were into it just a little too much. The mosh pit that formed in the middle of the crowd was extremely violent.

Moshing does not involve trying to hurt people, it involves friendly pushing and bumping of people.

The location was good but really were else is there on campus to have a concert except the acous­ tical deprived gym.

Most of the ratings I have heard from others have been mixed.

One student said, "The Femmes were wild man," while another claimed, "They are not as good as they used to be."

Overall Sacred Heart's Spring Concert received an enormous response from folk rock and hip hop fans.

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**Congratulations 1996 SHU graduates!!!**
Corinne Waldheim
Contributing Writer

Creator Michael Crichton is basking in the success of his runaway Thursday night hit ER. In its first season, ER won eight out of twenty-three Emmy nominations, including Best Direction, Best Writing and Best Supporting Actress. It consistently falls in the top ten of the Nielsen Ratings. According to George Olund of the Internet, "an average of 28.9 million people watch it each week."

ER takes place in Chicago's Cook County General with some location shoots, but it is actually taped in Los Angeles.

It is fast paced, but slows down long enough for the viewer to take a breath. The staff of this "reality-based" hospital deals with medical problems and personal angst.

In the show's pilot, the audience met a suicidal nurse, Carol angst. Medical problems and personal "reality-based" hospital deals with a suicidal nurse, Carol angst. Medical problems and personal angst.

Julie Margulies (Hathaway) went on to capture the Best Supporting Actress Emmy. Margulies' character dated Doug Ross, a strapping thirty-something doctor with the inability to commit due to his father's neglect. Now she is involved with EMS worker Steep who swept her off her feet with his wit and charm.

Hathaway's best friend in the hospital, Dr. Susan Lewis, has been tackling overnight motherhood, family problems and a blossoming career.

You do not have to be a doctor to relate to this show, a refreshing change from the soapy dramas of the eighties.

"It seems more real than the other shows," says sophomore Claudia Ventresca, a biology major from Bridgeport. Ventresca continues, "it's got comedy, action, and suspense."

The show is currently being syndicated, but the going price for just one episode is over one million dollars.

ER is visually appealing with its camera spins, stunt work and sophisticated lighting techniques. In one episode the audience was warped through time by strobe flashes.

The language and content are adult-oriented, which explains its late night time slot.

The show has spawned a new breed of heart throbs including George Clooney and Noah Wyle. Before ER, Clooney appeared in Facts of Life and Rosanne. His ER fame has boiled over into the movies. He is slated to be the next Batman.

Noah Wyle appeared in the widely successful movie A Few Good Men. He originally thought that ER would be a short-term career move, but later found out that it opened many doors for him.

At the 1995 International Film Festival he said, "The great irony about it is that the one thing I said I would never do is the one thing that's given me every opportunity to do everything I ever wanted to do."

Oscar winner Quentin Tarantino even jumped on the ER bandwagon directing the episode "Motherhood."

"ER" can be seen on Thursday nights at 10 p.m. on channel 4, or any other NBC station.

Paul Kraehling
Contributing Writer

It's not the first film that people talk about when the subject of popular films is discussed, but Tim Robbins' film Dead Man Walking is perhaps one of the quietest surprises of the year. Based on the book titled Dead Man Walking by Sister Helen Prejean C.S.J. (played by Susan Sarandon), the story follows her personal experience with death row inmate Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn) who is trying to avoid execution.

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We are introduced to a rough, tough and obnoxious man and are left with a boy who just wants to be forgiven.

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'Dead Man Walking' is a quiet awakening

Paul Kraehling
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Sister Helen becomes increasingly important to Matthew as the movie continues. She makes a transition from being the "quote unquote" heroine to playing the role of comforter and teacher.

She helps Matthew admit his guilt and ask for forgiveness. To him, she becomes the love that he has been deprived of and that helps to comfort him in the end.

Sean Penn, looking every two sides.

dead Man Walking, above all, asks us to look within ourselves.

Is it right to take a man's life in retaliation for the murder of another? Every person will have a different answer.
The dream comes full circle

Ten years ago they where national champions, see what several of them are doing with their lives today

By Keith Zingler
Contributing Editor

They came to Sacred Heart for different reasons. Some came because they had no other options, others came because SHU offered them the best deal. Regardless of how they came, they all left as champions.

The 1986 Sacred Heart men’s basketball team will forever be linked, with themselves and with the school. They weren't the best team on the school or New England has ever seen, but they were the only New England college basketball team ever to finish their season a national champion. They had an uncommon magic that few athletes are fortunate enough to experience.

"I don't think we were favored in the championship game," recalls Kevin Stevens. "No New England team had ever won the Division II national championship. Southeast Missouri was a large school with an undergraduate population of 13,000. We had maybe 1,700. But we'd come from behind to beat Florida Southern in the semifinals, and we knew we had a chance!" (Sacred Heart University Magazine, Winter 96).

Great teams are hardly ever the best, but they have a certain attitude that more talented teams just can’t seem to find. This year, UConn's men's basketball team had the talent, but the desire was suspect.

"One of my favorite memories of that season was the close-knit that was brought between Robert Younger and myself," remembers co-captain Roger Younger. "But we had to hustle up against and talented across the board. Travis Smith was more talented than anyone on the team, but he held himself back. "The best thing that ever happened to Keith Gatling was going to Sacred Heart." -Keith Gatling Class '89

Keith Johnson takes it to the hoop against the University of Bridgeport. He would go on to finish the season first in rebounds and second in scoring.

Without question winning the national championship was an unreal experience" (Sacred Heart University Magazine, Winter 96). The 1986 team wasn’t the most talented Sacred Heart team, and they will be the first ones to point that out, but they were the closest team off the field. If they had any feelings of envy against another they did a find job of hiding it.

"One of my favorite memories of that season was the closeness that was brought between Robert Younger and myself," remembers Travis Smith. "We got into a verbal argument at the house, I can't even remember what the argument was about. We had to take a bus to get to the school and we worked things out on the bus. We have been close since then."

Joe Jackson
Police Officer
The members of that team didn’t care about personal numbers or goals, they just wanted to win. Jackson told Coach Bike he didn’t want to start, all he cared about was who finished. That same type of spirit makes Joe a valuable member of the Ansonia Police Department today.

"The whole season was so memorable," recalls Jackson. "Even though everything happened ten years ago, his accomplishments are still admired today. Joe is happy to see his ring. People come up to me all the time and remembered what happened. Little kids look up to us. I still enjoy playing for the fans. The championship definitely means more to me today. After we won, it was like what do we do from here."

Jackson moved on with his life from there. He was hired by the Ansonia Police Department right out of Sacred Heart. Unlike a few of his fellow Pioneer teammates, Jackson wasn’t given an opportunity to play professional basketball. Although for most college basketball players who had the opportunity to play in championship basketball games, the biggest regret for them would be not turning pro, not for Joe.

"If I could have done things differently, the one thing that I would have changed would have been my freshman year," commented Jackson. "I would have sat out and red-shirted."

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Life after the championship hasn’t exactly been boring, for the Pioneer sixth man. “Three years ago, while I was off duty in Bridgeport, someone thought I was some­one different. They took some shots at me,” says Jackson. The incident has had a profound effect on his life. “Every day you have to appreciate life. I don’t worry about yesterday because it passed, and I don’t worry about tomorrow because it isn’t here.”

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Pioneer Head Coach David Bike has also had an impact on the former Pioneer overachiever. “Coach Bike taught me to appreciate school and playing the game of basketball."

The former captain has learned to appreciate the opportuni­ties that being a scholarship ath­lete has given him. “It hurts to see the program like this. The players are given their all, but I guess with the financial situation it isn’t enough. They shouldn’t cut-off
The ring (championship) helps out a lot. They see the ring and know I did it, I'm not just talking. For many of them this is their last straw before facing more serious punishment. For others this is the last step before they are released from prison. This is the type that leads by example. He wants others to know that there are opportunities out there, Smith takes pride in being a role model, much in the way Coach Bike was a role model at Sacred Heart, but never graduated. "I need about 15 credits to get my degree," Smith says. "I have been looking into going to Gateway and finishing up." The championship season meant more to Johnson in 1986. "We had to work really hard to get where we ended up," says Johnson. "Keith had time to put the season in perspective and feels the accomplishments of that season don't have much of an affect on his life today."

"I disagree with the scholarship situation. I wouldn't have been able to afford Sacred Heart without a scholarship. I would have gone to Boston College," Johnson says. "If you tell Coach Bike that though he will laugh. He always asks me why I didn't go to BC. They only offered me a one-year scholarship and the next four years would be based on the way I played my freshman year. Sacred Heart offered me a full five-year scholarship, so that's why I went here."

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"I was given job opportunities just because I came to Sacred Heart. I was more than qualified to do the job, but it helped that the person who hired me was an SHU alumni and followed the team."-Travis Smith

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Freshman Tony Judkins and the rest of the Pioneers flew far above the competition in 1986.
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explains Johnson.

Keith did marry and now is the proud father of two beautiful girls, Jasmine 4 and six-month old Jayba. He currently works at Turbine Components, in Branford, as a polisher. He also spends his time at work helping out with management.

The former hoopster still finds time to play in recreation leagues around Hamden and West Haven. He spends the rest of his time with family and friends. Johnson was pleasantly surprised by the reception the team received during Alumni Day. "I wasn't expecting anything like that.

Keith Gatling
Investigator

A Pioneer who wasn't all that surprised by the celebration was Keith Gatling. "A lot of people still recognize our accomplishments," said Gatling, a freshman on the championship team. "It was a special team with a lot of confidence. We didn't think that we would lose and the four times that we did lose it was a shock. The whole team was down to earth. If you met them on the street you would love them." Gatling stepped up big for the Pioneers when senior Kevin Stevens went down with a dislocated ankle.

"The best thing about that season was the relationships I built with the other players," adds Gatling. "Too long a time doesn't pass before all of us get together."

Championship seasons usually tend to put positive spins on life. "I realized that if you believe things will come true, if you work hard, things will happen for you," comments Gatling. "The whole year has never been duplicated. Each year it goes by it becomes more special. It didn't hit me for years. Kevin Stevens told us in the locker room, after the game, that we wouldn't appreciate this for years."

Things have happened for Keith. He currently works for the State of Connecticut, investigating welfare fraud, covering the shoreline from Stratford to Stamford. He likes his job because he believes that people have to be law abiding citizens. "I try to help them get back on the straight and narrow. We want to help them not to make the same mistakes."

Before Gatling started working for the state, he had a chance to play professional basketball overseas, but decided it wasn't worth it. "I didn't think that it was worth leaving the country to play," explains Gatling. "The language barrier would have been a huge problem and my heart just wasn't into it anymore."

Basketball wasn't Gatling's top priority at Sacred Heart, education was. He has Coach Bike to thank for that. "He told us never to do anything half-hearted. Many people don't know this, but he always preached education. We had to meet a standard grade point average to get our championship rings. He taught me to give a person what they deserve."-Keith Gatling

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Keith believes that Sacred Heart deserves the best and sees the school's growth as positive. "It is good as long as they put their best foot forward. Change is good. The school should become all that they can be. I just hope the school remembers to educate, not just ship students out."

"I also think that the school moving to DI is good. It won't effect what we did. No matter what happens, they can't take that (the championship) away from me. I learned to overlook things and not to get bothered by what others might say."

Keith graduated from Sacred Heart in 1989. His plans for the future are to marry and to raise a family.

"I have learned to cherish the little things in life. I am proud of the person that I turned out to be. You can quote me on this 'The best thing that ever happened to Keith Gatling was going to Sacred Heart.'"

Sacred Heart could say the same about all the men on that 1986 basketball team.
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Student strong in faith and motion

By Michele Herrmann
Features Editor

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Perspective:
Senior Scholars program shines

By Jonathan McCarthy
Editor-In-Chief

When I first came to Sacred Heart, I was told by my admission counselor, "The University is what you make it."

Unfortunately for me there was one opportunity that I was granted and didn't accept. That was the Senior Scholars program. I say unfortunately because now as a senior, getting ready to graduate, I look at all my peers who are ready to join the work force and I see first hand how tremendously the program worked for them. Under the direction of Ann Scheuer and Mary Ann Matthews, the program has placed Sacred Heart students in top companies, firms and law schools.

However their success with the students they have helped goes way beyond just getting them a job.

"They taught us about ourselves," explained senior Kim Lucynski who will be attending Syracuse Law School in the fall. "They showed us all the things we had to offer, even the things we didn't recognize ourselves."

The program is a very intensive, year long commitment that goes far beyond simple job placement.

Since April of last year, the Senior Scholars program has brought over 55 corporations to campus in order for them to see first hand what the University has to offer.

"It is a real pleasure to introduce our students to corporations," stated Matthews. Students involved in the program are taught resume writing skills, interviewing skills, how to dress for success and most importantly what they have to offer.

"It's as if you have the most beautiful child in the world and you get to watch them grow. It's a wonderful year long commitment that should in no way be missed."

Claudine joined many various activities ranging from Student Government to the Women's Lacrosse team. "I haven't stuck with them, but I tried all aspects. As a freshman, when she became a member of Campus Ministry Council, she was located in Hawley Lounge. Today, Campus Ministry is a large and active association of the University.

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This is not an easy program however.

"You need to make a commitment to us in order for us to make a commitment to you," said Scheuer.

Senior Scholars have breakfast where they meet with these corporations representatives and ask and answer questions.

"By doing so they get to fine tune their presentations skills and begin to function well in the social atmosphere.

So far this year, the program has placed 27 seniors in top corporations or graduate schools.

"They do everything possible to help you once you make the initial commitment," explained Lucynski.

"When I was accepted to Syracuse, I had a problem with my financial aid. Ann got someone from Columbia Law School to give them a call and help me out. They both are fantastic," she said.

"We help students begin to take themselves seriously," said Matthews.

"We are able to watch their dreams grow," followed Scheuer.

"They helped my understand myself and allowed me to take myself more seriously as well as helped place me in the workforce," explained senior Dennis Laffaiti, who will take a position with People's Bank.

The program which has grown in tremendous leaps and bounds shows no signs of slowing down and is an opportunity that should in no way be missed.

My only regret is that I overlooked it.
"The best thing Flik has hired."

By Gina Norelli  
Assistant Features Editor

She scurries around the noisy dining hall with a dish cloth, spray bottle, and a mission: to keep the dining hall spotless. That is her job description, but she does more; she brightens the lives of the people she comes in contact with.

"Did you find everything you were looking for?" she may ask a person reaching for silverware and napkins. They may look surprised that someone is so concerned about such small matters, but to her, it's important.

"You have yourself a nice day, love," she says. She is the type of person that reminds you of your favorite relative, a warm and genuine smile — full of love.

She comes over to talk to me, but clears out the table before she sits down.

"My name is Marie Melisi. Not Maria, because I haven't reached as high as the Virgin Mary yet," she says modestly.

Simonne Poutot, a sophomore criminal justice major from Madison, Conn., says, "Marie is a real sweet lady, who smilies and says hello whenever I see her. Sometimes she even hands me napkins when I need them. How can she be so happy working so much?"

"I love her, she's great. She's the best thing Flik has hired," says Davis, one of Marie's co-workers.

Marie couldn’t be happier working part-time for Flik. Even when the dining hall is chaotic, she remains in perfect peace.

"My happy attitude is because I like people, young people, the outdoors, flowers. The simplest things make me happy. I thank the Lord each day when I wake up," she says. "I've had my aches and pains, but he had his aches and pains too, dying on the cross for us."

Marie and her husband Carlo, who reside in Bridgeport, have been married for 55 years. "You've got to work on it all the time. It's not easy, believe me. You have to care what goes on," she says about a successful marriage.

She compares a happy marriage to a vase of flowers; if you don't keep adding water, the flowers will die.

"The Melisi's have four grown children: a daughter Anna, and three sons, Carl, Angelo and Matthew — who works with the SHU Karate Program. "I called my children's jewelry when they were small," says Marie. Besides the fond memory she has of her children's childhoods, she also relishes her own. "I had a good mother. A very good mother."

Marie, who has always been energetic, has done many things. She has worked in factories, learned typing shorthand and bookkeeping at business school, and was a switchboard operator. She also worked at a restaurant for 14 years. She had to get up at 4:30 a.m. to be there for 5:00 a.m.

When people asked her why she was so talkative at such an early hour, she said, "Look, I had my mouth closed all night!"

Some of her favorite things to do are cook, shop, watch soap operas and read. "Your mind is alert if you are willing to learn. It expands if you read different things," she says.

Marie wishes that today's generation will take to heart some of the wisdom of the older generation.

"If I had to be young today, I'd be afraid. Today everyone has so much tension and stress. It's not easy," she sighs.

When she sees someone with a problem, she empathizes. "I pray that God will help them find their way."

Marie's main goal is not a worldly one.

"I hope I make heaven someday. I hope when I stand before my maker, he will be good to me."

She smiles. "Even if I die today, I have no regrets."

"Always reach for higher up, since you always have the opportunity to hit rock bottom."

Pain and healing in Salem

By MaryKay Welch  
Contributing Writer

Two weeks ago, the Faculty of Communications Studies presented "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller to the university community. This play is an example of what can happen when jealousy, envy and fear occur in a town.

Much of this play is historical. It was written after the witchcraft fever died down 304 years later, there is still no knowledge of the direct cause of the witch hunts.

The witch craft fever died down 10 months later. At the end, 19 people were hanged, and one man, Giles Corey, was pressed to death by stones. Most, if not all, of these people were innocent of any crime.

In the Summer of 1992, the Witch Trials Memorial was erected to honor those people who lost their lives. The memorial contains stone slabs with the names and dates of the people who were hanged.

The area surrounds a small park. Near the entrance is a threshold engraved with the victims' remarks protesting their innocence.

Eight black locust trees serve as reminders too, because victims were hung from this kind of wood.

At the time of the 300 year anniversary, the Essex Museum displayed an exhibit of documents used during the trials. A descendant of John Hawthorne, a magistrate who oversaw the beginning of the witch hunt, sent a thank you letter to the museum.

"The family owes someone an apology even now," it said. Now 304 years later, there is still no knowledge of the direct cause of the witch hunts.
Do you feel shy?

By Michele Herrmann  
Features Editor

It’s defined as “timid,” “withdrawn,” and “to avoid contact with others” in “Webster’s Dictionary,” but shyness is a personal battle.

One out of every two people considers themselves to be shy, according to psychologists Bernardo Carducci and Philip Zimbardo. The shyness they feel around people either paralyses their ability to communicate or shakes up their personal comfort.

Only 15 to 20 percent of shy people fit the image of being visibly shy, according to their article in “Psychology Today” magazine. This type of person is easily spotted because their pain is clearly shown. They avoid social events. If they are in a conversation, they cannot make eye contact and have difficulty answering questions. Their words stumble out.

The remaining 80 to 85 percent are considered to be privately shy. Their shyness hides within, creating “personal havoc,” says University of Pittsburgh psychologist Paul Pilkinos. Even though they appear fine on the outside, on the inside, they are self-critical. They chide themselves for being awkward and wonder if the person they are talking to actually likes them.

“Even though these people do fairly well socially, they have a lot of negative self-thought going on in their heads,” Pilkinos said.

People who spend time alone are not always shy. They enjoy talking to people, but feel the need to guard themselves. “A lot of people called shy are actually introverts, meaning that they don’t really want to be around that many people,” said Wellness Center Counselor Jocelyn Novella.

Shy people like people too, but they lack social skills and self-esteem that enable them to be with others. As children, parents become their first emotionally formed bond. This first attachment “becomes the blueprint for all later relationships.” If the relationship is difficult, a child develops an inner sense of problems in all of his or her relationships. A child thinks that no one will like him or her.

If adults are not shy during childhood, (studies show 15 to 20 percent of infants are born shy), where does it come from? Along the way, answers Carducci and Zimbardo in “Today.” Shyness could result in changes in relationships during adolescence, or from overwhelming occurrences such as divorce or loss of job.

In an aggressive, take-charge society, shy people try to find their place in it. They don’t fight for personal attention. Shyness hits hard when the way to looseness, since shy people often avoid socializing. And, by not developing close friends, shy people are more vulnerable to risks, says Carducci. With close friends, feelings can be shared, and worries can be calmed.

Zimbardo says that shy people waste time in social situations by “deliberating and hastening”—thinking about past conversations that have started off well and declined. Or, they may concentrate too much on their thoughts and feelings on how the conversation will end. “Concern draws people in, but now I’m becoming more comfortable with myself and how other people feel, not just what I think about them,” he adds.

One female says, “Before college, I talked to people just about little things. I was very nervous around people, and they would tease me about that. I would close up and stay quiet because I didn’t want to get hurt.”

Even as college students and classmates of Unabomber suspect Theodore John Kaczynski expressed surprise that the quiet, studious man knew could be responsible for an 18-year deadly bombing spree.

Even as federal investigators continued to search for clues that would link the reclusive former mathematics professor to the Unabomber attacks, those who knew him shared their thoughts with college reporters.

Ron Murech, who graduated from a suburban Chicago high school with Kaczynski, told the Daily Northwestern he couldn’t remember who the reclusive teenager’s friends were.

“Kaczynski was very quiet,” said Murech, now a police detective.

Northwestern’s campus was the target of the Unabomber’s first two attacks in the course of an 18-year bombing spree that would kill three and injure 23 others.

“We were in kind of a special situation here at Northwestern, because [the story] hit so close to home,” explains Heather Lailey, a junior and assistant managing editor at the Daily Northwestern. “It’s been on the minds of a lot of students, because it’s gone on so long.”

The anger expressed at an important question for many Northwestern students, adds Dennis Bruck, a junior who is the editor-in-chief of the Daily Northwestern.

“There’s been so much speculation that he went here,” Bruck said. “That kind of put that all to an end.”

The opposite was true at Harvard University and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where student reporters found themselves writing about one of their own.

Kaczynski received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Harvard in 1962; he completed his Ph.D. in the same subject at Michigan in 1967. According to the Daily Crimson, Kaczynski was remembered by some classmates as a serious student, although_api

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Four players on men's volleyball team recognized on conference and national levels

By Michelle Covelluzzi
Sports Writer

In his first year as Sacred Heart's men's volleyball coach, Scott Carter reached the heights. Not only did the Pioneers maintain their high level of play of the previous two seasons, but they did it in an improved schedule. All factors considered, this year's 22-14 record may have exceeded the 25-6 mark of 1995.

Carter was pleased, too, that four of his players were honored at the national and conference levels. A graduate of Oneonta University in upstate New York, Carter served as head coach of the men's volleyball team and assistant coach of the women's at his alma mater before arriving at Sacred Heart.

"The guys did real well," says the 24-year-old coach. "I'm very proud of them."

Junior Rob Pinkas from the Czech Republic led the nation, both Division I and Division II, in dig percentage; sophomore Kevin O'Malley from Brooklyn, N.Y., was named EIVA Metro-Conference Player of the Year; and three of the nation's top 10 defensive players were from Sacred Heart. Ranked number one was Pinkas, third was sophomore Pete Carlow from Beverly, Mass., and seventh was freshman Jason Telles from Gloucester, Mass.

"I think this just says, 'We're one of the best defensive teams in the nation,"' says Coach Carter. The Pioneers finished third in the conference — but they could have been higher. "We dropped from second to third place because we had to forfeit a couple of games for disciplinary reasons," says the coach. One of the forfeits was to Stephen's Institute of Technology; a conference team Sacred Heart had beaten twice earlier in the season.

"We run a 'team concept,"' explains Coach Carter. "In order to maintain that, there was a need to discipline a few of the players." However, by the end of the season he felt the group concept came together, and "we all said, 'We are a team and a volleyball program."

The Pioneers proved this to be true in their actions, commitment and play. "The measure of success is not so much in the record, but how well the team worked together. There was a 100 percent turnaround in structure and discipline," the coach states.

Coach Carter credits O'Malley with "helping the team stay together." The criminal justice major and South Hall resident assistant is "always willing to help and willing to learn. He's done a great job and is a role model on and off the court."

The coach notes that O'Malley, just a sophomore, is "no where near reaching his full potential. "He's got a burning desire for the game and still has another 100 percent to give next year."

With Jon McCarthy as the squad's lone senior, Carter will welcome virtually the entire team back. The precedent has been set and the Pioneers and Coach Carter are eager to accomplish even more next year.

Martial arts team proves worth in tournament

By Christy Ashley
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On Sunday, April 21, Sacred Heart's martial arts team attended its first fighting tournament at St. John's University. The Martial Arts team was founded less than two years ago by Joseph Moura and Oscar Allain, so they were uncertain what to expect as the 24 year-old coach, "I'm very proud of them."

Junior Rob Pinkas from the Czech Republic led the nation, both Division I and Division II, in dig percentage; sophomore Kevin O'Malley from Brooklyn, N.Y., was named EIVA Metro-Conference Player of the Year. Sophomore Kevin O'Malley is now enjoying his new title as EIVA Metro Conference Player Of The Year. Photo by Lucia Mimonda

The martial arts team after the tournament

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The tournament began with "the only red belt in the competition. Although he was ranked a level lower than all of the other fighters, he conquered all but one and took home second place for SHU."

SHU advanced to the finals after conquering St. John's University with three wins. Sacred Heart overcame a team of Olympic trainers.

When asked who the most valuable team member in the tournament was, Allain replied, "Everyone gave them their 100 percent and everyone took part in our victory. We fought hard and we were all winners in one way or another."

The judges of the tournament agreed and the team was awarded the grand trophy for being overall Tournament Champions.

Lady Pioneers fall prey to Trinity but roll past rival Manhattanville

By Megan Keefe
Sports Writer

In four years of intercollegiate competition, the Sacred Heart women's lacrosse team has established itself as program to contend with due to the scoring prowess of sophomore Deirdre Hynes (Mahopac, N.Y.) and senior captain Jen Fallon (Millford, Conn.). In recent standings, Hynes and Fallon, both attacks, stood at one and two in the nation in goals per game, ahead of players from lax powerhouses such as Lock Haven, Maryland and Lehigh.

Through 13 games, Hynes (60 goals) surpassed Fallon's school record for goals in a season (56) while Fallon (55) scored the 200th goal of her career in last Saturday's 19-5 win over Manhattanville. Overall, the Lady Pioneers rank seventh in the nation in scoring offense with 12.89 goals per game.

Senior Deanna Young (Dalton, Mass.) believes that Hynes and Fallon "do what they're supposed to do, but they excel at it." She also said that many of the players set the standard, but their strength is going to the goal strong.

Last Thursday, Sacred Heart faced Trinity College, "one of the best teams in the country" according to senior Tara Fisher (East Hampton, N.Y.). SHU fell in that game, 13-10, but Fallon explained that this was a moral victory because Trinity is nationally recognized in lacrosse. "We played well, but we couldn't hold off their offensive attack," said Fallon.

Fallon scored four goals in the contest, junior Lynette Berger added three, Hynes netted a pair and Young chipped in with one. In Saturday's blockbust 19-5 victory over Manhattanville, Hynes and Fallon proved why they're tops in the nation, scoring five and four goals, respectively. Sacred Heart's record improved to 8-5 with the win.

The Lady Pioneers play their last game of the regular season today at Drew University at 4 p.m.
The SHU men's lacrosse squad continued their winning ways against Merrimack and Southampton Colleges in games held at Campus Field on Apr. 24 and 27. The victorious SHU improved their record to 9-2 and enabled them to maintain the number four ranking in Division II.

The lacrosse team's 25-8 romancing of Merrimack broke a team record for goals scored in a single game. It was a great win for us because the substantial lead gave us an opportunity for our younger players to gain valuable game experience, said Head Coach Bob Randall, this year recipient of Sacred Heart's coach of the year award.

They were led by the scoring barrage of midfielder Mike Mazzeo who scored eight goals, good for the school's single game goal scoring record. Mazzeo currently leads the team this season with 25 goals. He has also assisted on 13 goals, third best on the team behind Chris Lukowski; 23 and David Root; 14. Lukowski's play this season earned him SHU's rookie of the year honors.

Matt Krepl connected with Mazzeo on three of his scores and also netted two of his own. The two worked together to initiate the fast break goals that came from the face-off skills of Krepl, who won 13 of 16. Krepl's consistency has left him with a 71% success rate this season.

"We were able to exploit the fast break defense of Merrimack, who shut off our attackmen, leaving myself open for passes from them to learn from the win," said Mazzeo.

Jason Colapinto displayed his scoring abilities with four goals and one assist. The fast break goals that came for him and four assists on the day. Chuck Chiido and Brian Staunton were among the leading scorers netting two goals a piece, while David Root and Shannon Pons each had one goal and two assists.

Pons was awarded this years Alumni Recognition award for involvement on and off the field at May night's sports banquet. SHU averaged two losses from last season, including one in the final game of the ECAC playoffs, when they upended Southampton 14-10.

Southampton attempted a comeback in the second half, but Sacred Heart's 10 unanswered goals in the first, second, and third quarters proved enough in the victory.

"We played great in the first two and a half quarters, but at this point in the season we need to put together 60 minutes of quality lacrosse," said Randall.

The Pioneers were highlighted by the five goals and one assist from Root and two goals and two assists by Mazzeo. Colapinto continued to find the net scoring two goals. Lukowski and Chiido each had one goal and one assist.

SHU's defense was solid in both wins behind the goaltending of Art DeGaetano, who totaled 33 saves, including an impressive 23 against Southampton.

The defense was even able to produce offensively. Brian Micena scored the laxmen's first goal in the triumph over Southampton. Sacred Heart will play their final regular season game on May 4 at Pace University. As it stands now the laxmen will be competing in the ECAC playoffs for the third straight year and will have home field advantage in at least the semi-final game of the four team playoff system. Only the number one and two teams in the nation will be give the opportunity to compete for the national championship.

The SHU lacrosse team finished the season 13-3 and 5-0 in conference play. They were led by the scoring abilities of Mazzeo, 8-0; Colapinto, 4-1; Krepl, 2-3; Root, 1-2; Pons, 1-2; Staunton, 2-0; Chiido, 1-2; Wilson, 1-1; Gogarty, 1-1; Lukowski, 0-2; Howard, 0-2; Lesnick, 1-0; Martin, 1-0; Lagesse, 1-0; Soup, 0-1.

The SHU coaching staff is hoping to have a number of returning starters and improve the team's performance.

The football coaching staff is doing everything they possibly can to make the Pioneers one of the more recognizable football teams in the New England area. The spring football program is just one step that the Pioneers have taken to bring home a winning season.
Softball breaks even against NECC foe

By Megan Keefe
Sports Writer

The Sacred Heart softball team reached the .500 mark for the second time this season with a 11-8 and 22-2 sweep of New England Collegiate Conference member Franklin Pierce last Saturday in Rindge, N.H.

Junior center fielder Jen Stark (Pompton Lakes, N.J.) led SHU in the second game, going 5-5 at the plate, and tied the school record for hits in a game.

Last week, the Lady Pioneers faced New Haven, and ended the day with a split. SHU, shut out 8-0 in the first game, came back in dramatic fashion in the second game as freshman catcher Carrie Kuprycz (Barre, Mass.) hit a two-run homer in the eigth inning to end the game with Sacred Heart on top, 8-7.

In their final home game of the season last Friday, the Lady Pioneers shut out Adelphi College, 9-0. The second game of the doubleheader was cancelled due to the rain.

With four straight wins, the Lady Pioneers stand at 19-19.

Spring football brings focus for Pioneers

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Football fans get ready because here come the Pioneers. The SHU football team is gearing up with their first ever spring football program. During the month of April, the team is practicing five times a week to prepare for next season.

After posting a losing season last year, the Pioneers hope to maintain focus and stay physically fit for the remainder of the school year. "Our main problem last fall was our inconsistency," said head coach Gary Reho. "Our main focus during spring ball is to execute technique."

Three weeks of head banging, body slamming, and bullet sweating, should help the team prepare mentally and physically, said several players. The team also follows a weight program four times a week.

"I think that spring football practice is a good idea because it gives the coaches a chance to evaluate personnel. It also gives the players enough time to see if they’re capable of playing different positions. This could really help the team," said Matt Melisi, the SHU strength and conditioning coach.

After the fall season, the coaches and players had time to think about what had to be done in order to improve the team’s standings. The coaches plan to concentrate more on timing and are looking for players who are going to