Needs addressed
Gardner visits SHUcampus

By Michele Herrmann
Co-Editor-in-Chief

John N. Gardner, a University of South Carolina professor and executive director of the National Resource Center for The Freshman Year Experience & Students In Transition, arrived for a two-day visit to assist in the development of an action plan for retaining freshman enrollment. During this time, Gardner addressed each grouping of the University community separately to understand their roles and outlooks on Sacred Heart's progression.

"We're going through ramifications and changing rapidly, so we thought we would have someone come to help us look at ourselves," said Eileen Bertsch, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

The visit ended with a session for community members to answer questions given by Gardner: to discuss what Sacred Heart is doing well for first-year students, what it would like to do better.

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is turf head Pitt Center

Special to the Spectrum

Sacred Heart University has named a manager for its new health and recreation center. In the process, it has lost its first and only head football coach.

Gary Reho, the Pioneers' football coach, since the program's inception in 1990, has relinquished his coaching duties to become operations manager of the $17.5 million William P. Stirling Health and Recreation Center, Director of Athletics Don Cook announced on Feb. 7.

The three-story, 132,500-square-foot center, now under construction on the southwest corner of campus, will become the hub of the University's athletic and student recreational programs when it opens in July. Reho's successor as football coach, Cook said, may emerge from the current coaching staff.

Allegations made by professor

By Erin E. Harrison
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Last semester, allegations were made of plagiarism and cheating by a member of the faculty of communications to a small percentage of the "British Literature to 1603" (EN 310) students. The course fills a requirement for English majors, making it a necessary course for such students.

A take-home final examination administered to the class by Robin McAllister, associate professor of English, included no specific instructions for proper completion of the exam.

"I've enjoyed the challenge and the rewards of building a program from scratch. But football is an all-consuming profession and I have a wife and three young children I haven't spent much time with," said Reho, who has retained his position as associate athletic director.

"When this opportunity presented itself, I made the decision to leave coaching and enter facility management."

Reho produced a 19-38 won-lost record over six seasons, highlighted by a surprising 2-4 mark in the program's inaugural season of 1991. His almost all-freshman squad won five straight games that fall, earning national coverage on ABC during its telecast of the Florida State-Miami game.

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East Hall incites anger

By Kristyn Mealy
News Co-Editor

University plans to construct a 10-story building on Park Avenue across from the main campus; the project has been thwarted by objections from area residents. East Hall, with eight floors of suite-style housing and two floors for office space and class-rooms, has prompted home owners to raise concerns that the integrity of their neighborhood will be sacrificed, said State Representative and neighbor Jackie Cocchi.

Sacred Heart is in a "land-locked" 53-acre location and must build a new facility in order to accommodate the expanding residential population and faculty offices.

Originally scheduled for completion a year ago, construction has been delayed because of a legal injunction imposed by the North End Bridgeport Association.

The neighbors are not justified in their opposition to the building, said Dr. Paul Madonna, vice-president of finance and administration.

"The University has complied with all applicable regulations and codes and has repeatedly attempted to have a meaningful dialogue with the neighbors," Madonna said. "Despite this dialogue, a small number of the neighbors still persist in total opposition to the project," he added.

John Fabrizi, a neighbor and Councilman for the 134th District, said that neither Sacred Heart nor any other university or institution should build buildings out of character with the residential, single-family neighborhood.

Sacred Heart has been very arrogant about the entire situation," Fabrizi said. "They should rethink their plans, strategies and objectives."

With the dispute landing in the courts, Sacred Heart has had to find additional housing to fill the void created by the delay with East Hall. Currently, the University leases apartments in the Avalon Guest complex and plans to place more students there next year—along with the Milford Beach houses, Parkridge, Taft Commons, Jefferson Hill, and South and West Halls.

Dean of Students Larry Weilh estimated that the Residential Life Office will add 75 more beds at Avalon next year.

Until a facility comparable to the number of beds in East Hall can be built, a "checker-

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of his other teams were just a couple of touchdowns removed from .500 records.

"To tell the truth, we would have had a string of great record if we continued toplay the sched­

ule we played the first year," Reho said.

Several of Reho's players have received national or re­
gional recognition, most nota­bly fullback Brian Ihlefeld, who was a Division-II Non-Scholar­
ship All-America as a junior in 1995.

Defensive end Scott Kohler was an honorable mention All­

America that same year. In 1993, defensive end Russ Greenburg was selected to the Jewish All-America Team.

"All of the guys have been fun in one way or another," Reho said. "Ihlefeld made life easy for

you. He was a tough kid who could play at a lot of other places. Kohler has been outstanding.

Dave LeSage was a level above the athlete we were getting, a full-scholarship transfer from

UConn. He did everything we asked of him.

Reho, 43, came to Sacred Heart from Worcester (Mass.) Academy, where he compiled a 41-11 record in six years.

As the health and recreation center's primary manager, Reho will be responsible for the day-to­

day operations of a facility that features four-multi-purpose basket­

ball courts; dedicated fitness center; a three-lane running track; a weightlifting room and exercise room; and more than

4,000 square feet devoted to physical therapy classrooms.

The Pioneers' basketball and volleyball teams will play their home games in the center's 2,100-seat gymnasium.

To prepare himself for his new assignment, Reho has studied recreation centers at several universi­

ties and commercial health facilities, and has been involved with the purchase of equipment for the center.

Effective with the 1999 sea­

son, the Sacred Heart football team will move up to the Division

I-AA level.

"Mercy-killing" explored

A University faculty mem­

ber recently published her doc­
toral dissertation from the Uni­

versity of Southern California, giving political insights into

physician-assisted suicide.

Nina Clark, Ph.D., direc­
tor of the GE scholars program and Coordinator of Supple­

mental Instruction the Univer­
sity Learning Center, published

"The Politics of Physician-Assis­
ted Suicide" (Garland Publishing Inc.).

The book arrives at a pol­

itically volatile time, when the Supreme Court is deciding the legaliza­
tion of physician-assisted suicide. The decision will be out late June 1997.

"I'm uncomfortable with the fact that death remains a reality for all of us and study­
ing it offered me a way to rec­

oncile the dying process," said

Clark when asked why she chose this topic for her disserta­

tion.

At the University of South­
ern California, Clark's main field of study was American Politics with Ger­

ontology (the study of aging) and Law and Public Policy being her two subfields of in­

terest. It was while studying these subjects that her interest in physician-assisted suicide ini­

iated.

"In the course of reading I became very interested in how the two extremes, the begin­

ning of life and end of life, are handled.

Clark explained.

Clark's methodology con­

sisted of a survey of senior citizens at a senior center in Pasadena, California, and ex­
	ensive research on the sub­

ject.

She also accessed court cases and court opinions on the subject and read seminal works

in the field.

"This is a very controver­
sial topic and as with any moral or ethical issue people will have strong opinions about physician­

assisted suicide," Clark com­

mented.

Clark claims that her big­
stest challenge in writing the book was her effort to be objec­
tive about the topic.

"I feel passionately about the topic and it was a challenge to present an objective argu­
men­t," she said.

According to Clark disser­
tations tend to be narrow and to the point, but the scope of the material was broadened when it was made into a book.

"At the same time the Journ­
al of Politics and Life Sciences accepted one of the chapters that I had turned into an article which came out in the Sept.


In the light of the contro­

versies surrounding Dr. Jack Kervorkian's ethics on mercy

killing, Nina Clark believes that Kervorkian has been use­
ful for furthering the move­
ment and keeping the issue in the limelight but views his ac­

tions as being too extreme at times.

"I don't think his actions accurately represent what the movement is about," said

Clark.

As the issue of whether terminally ill people have a con­

science right to physician­

assisted suicide is debated in the Supreme Court, Clark hopes her publication will be of use to her readers.

"I just hope they'll be­
come educated and reflective about the issue of physician­

assisted suicide," she said.

Nina Clark lives with her husband, Todd, in Stamford. She received her bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Southern Cali­

fornia and has been at Sacred

Heart since Sept. 1996.

Faculty article published

Faculty Chair and Associate Professor of accounting Dr. Karen Cascini recently had her article, "Is International Reciprocity Possible?" accepted for publication in the March, 1997 issue of "The CPA Journal," a publication held in high regard by the international accounting community.

VIBE President to speak

President and CEO of VIBE Magazine Keith Clinkscales will deliver a lecture in the Schine Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Clinkscales will address African-American entrepreneurship and media and magazine manage­

ment. He, along with Quincy Jones, has helped VIBE to expand to 400,000 subscribers and $20 million in revenue in its three years of existence.

Admission is free. For further details, contact Alvin Clinkscales at 365-4757.

Valentine's Day is National Condom Day

The American Social Health Association (ASHA) will sponsor National Condom Day on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, reminding couples to "love responsibly" by protecting each other's sexual health.

ASHA, a non-profit organization, offers informa­
tion on condom use in two free brochures, available through a toll-free number, 800-972-8500.

Free, confidential information about sexually trans­
mittted diseases can be obtained from the National

STD Hotline, operated by ASHA, by calling 800­

227-8922.

GE Scholar Program to discuss careers

The GE Scholar Program will be holding a continental breakfast for minority students who have shown acceptance for publication in the March, 1997 issue of the Faculty Lounge on Friday, Feb. 14 with feature presentations by members of Career Services to discuss plans for the GE Scholars this semester.

The General Electric Company developed this program to aid minority students who have shown leadership in an array of areas. Students can only qualify if they have an average of 3.0 or above.

Compiled by Kristlyn Mulry and Ayoma Perera
SHU observes AIDS Awareness

By Danielle Nolan
Contributing Writer

AIDS Awareness Week, entitled "Voices and Choices," will be sponsored by a number of organizations and departments, Monday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 21. The events and sponsorship responsibilities are being coordinated by the Student Activities Office.

The goal of the week is to educate students on the dangers of HIV/AIDS, said Andrew Stovall, director of the Student Activities Office. He said he hopes the week will "start the process for changing behaviors."

AIDS cases among adolescents between the ages of 13 and 19 grew by 88 percent in 1992 and 1993.

One-fifth of all people with AIDS are in their 20s and probably became infected with HIV in their teens.

In an attempt to educate the Sacred Heart University community about AIDS and HIV, a whole week will be dedicated to AIDS Awareness Week.

Raynis granted honors

Ayoma Perero
News Co-Editor

A Sacred Heart administrator was recently elected as President of the Connecticut Network of Housing Professionals. She was also selected as one of 30 Chief Housing Officers from across the nation to attend the ACUBO (Association of College and University Housing Officers International), Chief Housing Officer Institute from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2.

"I was shocked and flattered but realized that I had a lot of work ahead of me," said Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life. The Connecticut Network of Housing Professionals is responsible for holding events for RAs and housing professionals in Connecticut throughout the year.

As president, Raynis is responsible for coordinating executive board meetings and directing the entire organization. She was also selected to attend the first Chief Housing Institute at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.

The Institute was an opportunity for housing professionals to see an in-depth examination of several key areas of the Chief Housing Officer experience including financial management and planning, strategic planning, and political considerations.

"It was amazing to be around people who have the wisdom and perspective from doing this type of work for 20 years, and from this I learned a great deal," said Raynis. "It was really a chance to come together and to support all those affected by this devastating illness, while also giving advice as to how we can prevent AIDS from affecting others," said sophomore resident assistant Heidi Zommer, a psychology pre-Physical Therapy major from Taunton, Mass, who helped coordinate the candlelight vigil. It will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the West Hall Great Room.

A play titled, "Inner Circle," will be performed by the SHU players along with Theater Studies and Music programs.

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AIDS Quilting Project will be quilting every day that week in the Campus Ministry Mahogany Room on the Feb. 17. A light vigil, a healing mass, an AIDS awareness concert "The Power of the Pen" will also be sponsored by the AIDS Quilting Project and will take place Monday through Friday in front of the Faculty Lounge.

For a donation of 50 cents or more a quilt that will be given to an AIDS patient can be signed. An AIDS debate titled "Permitting Issues Regarding AIDS" sponsored by the debate society will be performed by the SHU debate society. The events and sponsorship are being coordinated by Drew Bennett in the Student Activities Office.

Contributing Writer

Rosemary Roselli, Tracy and Tara Wilson, Michelle Forbert, Jennifer Kasubinski, Mark Velazquez, Amber Markare, and Meredith Nicholson do the AIDS Quilting Project.

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Hooked on betting
Gambling leads to bad paths

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

After graduating near the top of his high school class, Derek Koeller entered West Virginia University in 1990 with high hopes and expectations.

"I was planning on getting my degree in secondary education," Koeller, of Morgantown, W.V., said. "I wanted to teach high school history."

Four years later, Koeller is about to fulfill that dream. It's just happening later than he expected. "I lost about three years of my life," Koeller said. "I almost threw it all away because I couldn't stop betting on games."

Koeller's addiction to gambling led him down a path of poverty and depression. Once a student full of potential, Koeller says he quickly became a slave to the scoreboard. Like many college students, his penchant for gambling cost him much more than a portion of his weekly paycheck.

"Schools have programs for drug and alcohol abusers, but what about those juniors and seniors who've lost all their money by betting on football games?" said Art Mambra, a former guidance counselor at the University of Northern Iowa. "It wasn't a huge number, but when these students would come in to talk to me, they would be at the end of their rope. They were in very desperate situations."

Koeller says it took less than 20 months before he hit rock bottom. By April of his sophomore year, he had bet on his final game.

"I dropped all my classes, lost my job and didn't have a goddamn dime," Koeller said. "There were people calling my dorm room at all hours of the night, my roommate was always pissed at me, and my friends pretty much left me to die."

Although Koeller admits he's being a bit dramatic, he says his friends distanced themselves from him once they saw what was happening, despite the fact that many still bet on games themselves.

"Gambling isn't a friend-in-need addiction," Koeller said. "It's not like pot or alcohol where you do what you can to get your friend to a treatment center. People avoid you because they think it's going to cost them money. No one's going to pay your $500 debt, so they stay away."

For Koeller, that debt raised credibility questions.

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distributed study guides to accompany the assigned readings. Students used the guides to complete the final exam, according to an anonymous student of the course, and some students collaborated to study and prepare for the exam.

"If cheating was our intentions, our exams wouldn't have looked so similar," said the same student. "It was defamation of character and it makes us look incredibly poor."

McAllister apparently failed to communicate with the students he believed to have cheated and gave the students in question 'F' as final grades for the course. According to McAllister, there were eight cases of cheating out of 32 exams. In one case, cheating was admitted by the student and he gave that student the option to do make-up work.

In response to failing the accused students, McAllister said, "I wanted to catch their attention and I had every expectation to change their grade."

"If he had any question about our exams, he should have given us incompletes," said another anonymous student.

Accused members of the class were "put off" by McAllister in resolving the matter. Many students had to make repeat visits in order to have their grades restored. "It took six and a half weeks to resolve the issue. I think he put us off because he knew he made a mistake," commented an anonymous student.

"I feel that I have proven myself as a student of integrity, especially within the English Department," said another anonymous student. "I think that, at the very least, an explanation should have been given as to the reason for my grade. To receive my grades a few days before Christmas and see an 'F' was incredibly disturbing."
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and junior Rosemary Roselli all placed third in their events. Fay's the shot (36 feet 6 1/4 inches), Roselli, 20-pound weight throw (38 feet 4 1/4 inches) and Sullivan, the 5000 meters (20:07.57).

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owe $40,000," said Robert Shaw, a counselor for Gamblers Anonymous and a former gambler himself. "These kids get into something they can't handle. They have no idea how big this is.""

Although no certain estimates are available, betting tabs in Las Vegas are said to easily outdistance the field in both the one-mile (5:27.62) and 3000-meter run (8:55.09). Our successful finish was largely a result of Coach Michele Demirjian, who kept everyone in certain events to help maximize the number of points we could score," said Demirjian. "Each team member knew what they had to do, and everyone successfully completed their task."

Sophomore Meghan Warnock placed third in the high jump (4 feet 10 inches) and second in the triple jump (32 feet 5 1/4 inches). Freshman Mauri McElroy finished right behind her in third (31 feet 1 3/4 inches) and fifth in the long jump (14 feet 7 1/4 inches).

Sophomore Theresa Flood and freshman Michelle Wesloski combined with Sullivan and sophomore Lisa del Burgio to take third in the 880-yard relay in 10:44.9. Flood also placed second in the 1000 meters. The distance medley relay of freshmen Heather Heath, Julie Pandolfo, Elizabeth Lento and Sullivan took third (14:07.22).

Freshmen Yelena Kolova took fifth in the 400 meters, sophomore Gail Cicci placed fourth in the 500 meters and the two combined with Pandolfo and freshman Beth Stedman to take fourth in the 400-meter relay. The men's team also recorded their highest finish ever in the CTC Indoor meet, placing eighth with 41 points. Last year, the men finished seventh and scored only 10 points.

Day one featured junior Bill Sampson, who finished sixth in both the 35-pound weight throw (38 feet 2 inches) and shot put (44 feet 8 inches) and junior Neil McClure, who placed second in the 3000-meter racewalk (17:20).

Day two featured junior Sean Ballou, who finished second in the 400 meters (51:27), freshman Todd Weiss, third in the mile (4:34.75), sophomore Morrisse Harbour, third in the triple jump (41' 11/4"), freshman Mark Demirjian, fourth in the 800 meters (2:04.28).

The teams compete next in the New England Conference Championship at Southern Connecticut on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Beans into basketball shoes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A University of Missouri professor is working on ways to turn beans into basketball shoes.

Fu-hung Hsieh, an MU agriculture professor, received a $33,000 grant from the United Soybean Board to figure out how to turn soybeans into sneakers and other polyurethane products.

Hsieh says soybeans appear to make polyurethane firmer, stronger and more durable. Besides soybeans, the soy-based polyurethane might one day be used to make car bumpers, foam stuffing, chairs, couches and other furniture.

"The possibilities are endless," Hsieh said.

Plus, the environmentally friendly product would open up a multimillion-dollar business for farmers, according to the professor.

"If the soy-based polyurethane captures just 20 percent of the market, it would take more than a million bushels of soybeans per year," he estimated.

Personality may influence TV watching

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — You are what you watch, according to a new study by a University of Florida researcher.

An energetic guy is more likely to watch "Hard Copy" after a tough day at work, while the stereotypical lazy guy will watch movies on MTV for hours on end, said Cynthia Frisby, a UF advertising doctorate student.

"My study determined that a link exists between program choice and personality type," said Frisby.

Frisby surveyed 289 people spanning a wide range of ages, education and income. The subjects answered questions relating to five major personality traits: openness, extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness and emotionality.

Frisby found the subjects' personality types not only influenced what television shows they watched, but also why they watched them.

Most groups of people in the study watched TV primarily for entertainment and escape reasons. But certain types of personalities were drawn to certain types of shows.

Hostile or rude people tended to watch situation comedies for information. Frisby said, "This could be because they are unable to interact socially with people," she added.

Extraverts tended to turn in frequently to soap operas and news magazine shows. Unenergetic people reported watching music videos often and emotionally related to talk shows.

The results of Frisby's study could be useful to advertisers. For example, if people are sitting down to watch "Seinfeld" each week primarily to be entertained, an informative car commercial may not be work well with the audience. "If we can define these shows by personality types, advertising could be much more effective," Frisby said.

Compiled from CPS reports

Recycle this newspaper
O.J. case divides races

I intended to write about President Clinton's State of the Union address from last week. However, the fact that the verdict in the O.J. Simpson Civil Trial came in the same night, and the networks virtually ignored any post-speech analysis. They spent the night analyzing none other than "the O.J. case."

When I first decided to write a weekly column for the paper, I made a decision to not write about the O.J. Simpson case. Now that the end is near, I'm going to write my one and only piece about the case. All my thoughts from the past two and a half years. First, I'll start out by saying I truly and honestly believe he is guilty of committing those two murders. He has come up with way too many alibis for where he was at the time of the murder (sleeping, showering, chipping golf balls). The DNA evidence was the key for me. I went into the criminal trial believing Simpson was innocent. After the DNA evidence I firmly believed there was no way he didn't do it. It was such powerful evidence, and unfortunately I felt it was ignored by the jury in the criminal trial. The reason it was ignored was brilliant lawyering by Johnny Cochran and the "Dream Team." They got the jury to believe a conspiracy theory led by racist cops to get O.J. Simpson because he was black. It was a great job by the Simpson defense team to win the case, but it has had an unfortunate impact on society. This case has divided the races. And, it should never have happened. The case should never have been about race. The conspiracy theory is extremely flawed. There is no way that in the middle of the night, a group of L.A.P.D. detectives decided that they were going to get O.J. because he is black. The defense team will have you believe that Mark Fuhrman planted a glove in O.J.'s yard. Of course, that happens to be the glove from the opposite hand that O.J. had recently been cut, which Fuhrman would not have known. The prosecution's theory is that the matching glove found at the crime scene was pulled off Simpson's hand during the attack. His hand was then cut by one of the victims. Simpson went back home with only one glove and hid it behind the air conditioner outside Kato's room. That would explain the third glove heard behind his wall at about the same time O.J. would be coming back from the crime scene.

Did the cops also know that Simpson didn't have a solid alibi? How could they? At the time they would have planted the glove, no one would have heard from Simpson yet.

Mark Fuhrman disgusts me. His comments on those tapes are something that should make all of us ill.

There is, however, no way Fuhrman or any other member of the L.A.P.D framed O.J. Simpson for these crimes. I hope that in the weeks and months to come we can all realize this case had nothing to do about race.

We must come to grips with the fact that a man that everyone loved, regardless of his race, committed two brutal murders.

Learning what love really is

Since Valentine's Day is tomorrow, I thought I would focus my perspective on love. Love is an ambiguous word, trying to define it would take a long time if you consider all the perceptions held about it. Instead of limiting myself to how love appears, I'd like to think about how love is.

I'm not an expert on love nor have I experienced a long term relationship (yep, still single...that would probably explain why). The only aspect which I can speak for originates from the lessons I've learned from watching my parents and their 23 years of togetherness. I'm not sure if they realize it or not, but they continue to teach and amaze me.

For them, love is being able to share jokes between them, being able to relax and talk at the end of a work day. Love is being able to let your guard down and act silly. In the kitchen, my mother would start with a one-liner or choose a few words to teasingly pick on my father. He would respond with his own punch line, and I can hear their laughter echo through the house.

Love is just simple: it's being friends who enjoy being with each other. They are simple people who prefer spending a weekend away together than going out for a late night on the town.

I admit too that love never continually produces happiness for my parents. As with any couple, they've endured fights and shouting, harsh words with painful truths. For, as any married person can testify to, loving someone means having to accept faults, even if these keep upsetting spouses. I've seen the extent of this: one partner's faults came very close to making the other ready to pack a suitcase and leave for good. Luckily, this has not happened.

Love is about these faults, and having a partnership to accept both the good and the bad in a relationship. Perhaps the reason for this country's high divorce rate is because of some notion that if the marriage contains fault findings and minor rifts, it is better just to leave it. Why fix it?

I've read stories of relationships being able to survive under much worse circumstances. They wanted it to work, and so they worked to make it last.

My parents also taught me that if you want to find happiness in love, you have to learn to become friends, I forget that sometimes, but really shouldn't. Maybe that is what love is.

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EDITORIALS

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As responsible journalists, we have an obligation to remain neutral and present the facts to the readers, allowing them to make their own decisions. In order to maintain the credibility of our publications, journalists must remain unbiased about the topics they discuss.

As individuals, we have our own opinions about certain issues in life and society. However, for the reader to be presented with a fair and objective view of the problem, we must stay removed from the situation and not allow our personal feelings to interfere with our journalistic integrity.

The public has to recognize that the fairness of the media is the responsibility of journalists, and the request for journalists to promote either one side or the other is asking for a violation of that sense of justice.

Questionable plagiarism

Recent allegations by a professor in a literature course of student plagiarism caused a tempest that we believe could have been avoided.

Plagiarism by definition "is the act of using another person's ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source," according to a broadsheet distributed to students by the faculty of communication studies.

In this situation, students were administered a take-home exam and used class notes in completing the examination. The professor made the assumption that students had cheated.

We believe that the anguish students suffered as a result of the accusations could have been avoided if the professor was more explicit with instructions.

False allegations hurt both the accused and the accused.

PERSPECTIVE

By MICHELE HERMANN

Love is about these faults, and having a partnership to accept both the good and the bad in a relationship. Perhaps the reason for this country's high divorce rate is because of some notion that if the marriage contains fault findings and minor rifts, it is better just to leave it. Why fix it?

I've read stories of relationships being able to survive under much worse circumstances. They wanted it to work, and so they worked to make it last.

My parents also taught me that if you want to find happiness in love, you have to learn to become friends, I forget that sometimes, but really shouldn't. Maybe that is what love is.

Wanted—Your perspective

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POLITICAL INTEREST IMPORTANT TO OUR GENERATION

To the editor,

I am writing in response to Rob Sawicki’s Jan. 30 political column which addressed students’ lack of interest, knowledge and concern pertaining to political issues and politics in general.

Like Rob, I too am disturbed by our generation’s complacency. After graduating from Lehigh University last June, I became actively involved in local and national politics.

In June, I was appointed to be Fairfield’s Republican Party Campaign Coordinator. In order to staff the GOP headquarters and thoroughly campaign for our six candidates, I needed volunteers.

I contacted both Sacred Heart and Fairfield Universities in order to solicit the help of college Republicans. I expected many students would jump at the opportunity to work on a campaign in a Presidential election year.

Volunteers would have had the chance to meet and work with Gov. Rowland, Congressman Shays and Franks and Elizabeth Dole among others. What a great experience and item for a resume. The response to my requests from students can only be categorized as pathetic.

The letters I sent to Sacred Heart student, whom had been identified as College Republicans, went unanswered. I made two trips to your Student Union and was told that the University had no Republican organizations or clubs. That alone is a disturbing sign, especially at a highly rated university.

The response at Fairfield University was also disappointing, even after I requested help in a full page article in their student newspaper.

Students need to understand that politics, like it or not, affects all of our lives. From high taxes to traffic on highways, politics guide our lives, but we can guide politics if we stay informed and vote.

The decisions we make today will shape tomorrow. With our government’s debt out of control and our entitlement programs on the verge of bankruptcy, our decisions and votes today are more important than ever before. Don’t let our generation be known as the one that didn’t care to be informed or take action.

Rob, keep up the fight and don’t get discouraged. In addition, if anyone wants to help in election ’97 or wants to start a chapter of College Republicans, just give me a call at 255-3619.

James Millington

COMMITTEE SUFFERS HIGHER INTERNET CHARGES

To the editor,

The idea of giving students e-mail and access to the Internet was a good idea. Unfortunately, it is difficult for me to take advantage of it as often as I would like to.

I live in West Haven and to call Fairfield is a long distance call for me. Since it costs money to dial up into the network I limit my time dialing up to two or three times a month.

To me, it doesn’t seem fair to those who live long distances to have to pay money for something Sacred Heart offers at no cost to the students. The least the school can do is provide an alternate toll-free number for those of us who are at a disadvantage right now.

Jennifer Drost

POLITICAL COLUMN FAR-FETCHED

To the editor,

I am writing this letter to coincide with that of Denis Reo’s concerning Mr. Sawicki’s column (Jan. 30).

I am in my junior year at Sacred Heart and the observations I have gathered from the majority of Mr. Sawicki’s articles lead me to believe that not only does he jump to unnecessary conclusions, but he shows a liberal Democrat.

True, Newt Gingrich has performed questionable behavior during his administration. However, the Republican Party is not any more corrupt than the Democrat Party.

One word that supports my statement is “Whitewater.”

Kirsten Shattuck

MAKE THIS UNIVERSITY BE ALL IT CAN BE

To the editor,

There is a concern of rather large importance to me, as I believe it is of concern to every Sacred Heart student at heart, the issue of the University itself.

What I mean by this is its future. The University has been growing in the right direction. There is much that the University has given as students, but we must keep in mind that there is more that needs to be done.

I applaud Dr. Anthony Cenera, who has guided this university through its troubled times, and away from the naysayers and misguided souls who intend well, but who can make difficult decisions in times of need.

We as a student body must support our president, for ultimately he has had the leadership that has made a university out of a commuter college, he realized that this school has potential.

I believe that the students need a fax center, so as to make their lives easier. I personally would find such an addition only logical in this technological age. It would also be of very little cost.

As there are places to copy articles, we can simplify things through the use of the facsimile. Also, this community must make academics its primary goal. No university of great note exists on just one virtue, but the most important focus is learning. Learning must be the cornerstone for this place. We can not survive in a world of reactionaries if our school’s foundation isn’t built out of stone.

In conclusion, this is a fine institution, but not one of perfection as no place can be.

We must work hard to defend our school from its detractors, just as we must realize our individual potential, as our school can do. We must not support the agenda of those who believe we can not succeed, our school has proved them to be liars, we must do the same.

Louis A. Bevilacqua

Correction

In the Feb. 6 issue of the Spectrum, the headline on pg. 7 (Features) read “Column for the Mathematically Declined.”

It should have read, “Column for the Mathematically Reclined.”

J.T. Tetreault

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Happy Valentine ... To all of Sacred Heart

Community Connections Crew,

It is hard to express how much you all mean to me. Have a Happy Valentine's Day! RIGADOON! Love ya!

Brian Micena

To Rebecca Lobo,

Let's go a little one on one sometime.

Brian Micena

To my "Bronx Babe,"

I hope that we will see many more February 14s. Miss you & hope to see you soon.

Love always,
Your "Brooklyn Boy" Dice

Angela--

I love you more than words can say.

Jason

To the 5th Floor Girls in West

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Prince,

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Elizabeth

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Love, Chris.

Cathy--

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Love, Jorge Luis III

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Happy Valentine's Day.

Love, Vanessa

To the KGB,

You guys rule! Have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Love, C.

Computer Room Staff and Pub Staff:

Happy Valentine's Day.

Dude.

Happy Valentine's Day Girls!! Remember to keep confidential those snapshots from your back porch. Happy Hour Friday at 6 p.m. -- Yeah!

Love you ladies,

Monica

Love your column.

... Too bad you're taken.

A Secret Admirer

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Brad, Gina, Lora, Corinne, Adam, Stephanie & Lauren,

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.

Spectrum editors—
We will miss all of you!

Love, Erin, Ayoma, Dirt, Dude & Michele

To Brad, Gina, Lora, Corinne, Adam, Stephanie & Lauren,

Mom & Dad Harrison—
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you both!

—"Rizy Bizabeth" (Erin)

Ayoma & Dirt—
Happy Valentine's Day!
"Chomp, chomp..."

Love,
Erin

J.P.,
Don't worry about not
having a valentine. You can
sleep through Valentine's Day!

Love,
MKEW

To Corinne,
Happy Valentine's Day!
"Chomp, chomp..."

P.S. #19?

Love,
Erin

Hey Cool Ann,
Remember, party at
my house on Spring Break...

Hammy

Happy Valentine's Day to
2131 Avalon Gates—

"RRRRR!", naza,
"want tea?" D. Rodman,
D-U-U-R-P, "sorry".

From,
Spectrum Queen

Hey Cool Ann,
Remember, party at
my house on Spring Break.

Hammy

My love Courtyard,
Make me the happiest
man alive by becoming my wife!

Love,
Kee nau

MK, Love you!

Love,
Kee nau

To my Spice Girls in 201,

To 2131 Avalon Gates—

Happy Valentine's Day: We all love you.

Love,
Chris.

From,
Madonna

To Nikki Taylor—

We love you.

SMF,
You are my one and
only True Valentine.

Love,
STP

Hey girls,
You wanna "pub"
crawl?

Catch Phrase player

Mama Luv,
Our radioshow rocks!!

Hey girls,
Thanks for the stories!

Happy Valentine's Day.

Love,
Me

To the girls in 2-102,

To 2131 Avalon Gates—

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Love,
Sandy

To the family.

Love,
Chris.

—Shawn Pattie & "the
Gipper"

To to the family.

Love,
Chris.

—Shawn Pattie & "the
Gipper"

To Mom and Dad...
You're spending Valentine's Day
with Charlie.

Love,
Erin

HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY TO ALL!

—Spectrum

E.H.
Late nights & laughs.
Four down, eight more to go.
It's been great working with
you. Hope you've enjoy it as
much as I do.

M.H.

Ralph,
Your last year as ad­
visor. Thank you for 13 years
of advice and support from
your favorite co-editors.

Love,
Erik & Michele

P.S. Now what?

Stephanie,
Happy belated 21.
Hope it was good.

Michele

Patrick,
You're the best!

Love,
Mary Kay Courtyard

Happy V Day!

Media Club

Granger,
You are so cuddly!!
With love always,
the alien.

Love,
STP

Alexis (a.k.a. Sexy Lexi)—
Happy 18th Birthday!
I love you!!!

Love,
Erik

To Hammy & Momma,
Your apartment rocks!

Love,
Cool AM

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To 2131 Avalon Gates—

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Love,
Sandy

To the girls in 2-102,

Happy Valentine's Day & thank you
for a wonderful semester.

Love,
Ayoma

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Hammy

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Diving right into relationships

Could you be heading into murky waters that spell danger and disappointment?

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

"We idealize one another, and when someone doesn't live up to that ideal, we're disappointed," said Marianne Williamson, author of the book "A Return to Love."

Could you be heading into murky waters that spell danger and disappointment? Diving right into relationships is often said to be analogous to jumping in front of a bus. "You jump in with all sorts of expectations and the reality is very different from what you expect it to be," he said.

Bader advises that relationships start off slowly, with dating and conversation. "Before making a commitment, have the full experience of discovering who the other person is. Ask about the other person. Over time, you will see how good a match it is," he said.

People often project qualities onto others that they want them to possess, such as honesty, trustworthiness and maturity. They convince themselves that the person must be all of these things, when in reality, they could be everything but these things.

"I'm sitting in a room with a man and woman, and in the beginning you would have noticed otherwise. Remember, it is often far more difficult to get out of something than to get into it. To really get to know a person before entering into a relationship and the water will be clear instead of murky."

What is your opinion on this topic? Have you ever jumped into a relationship? Drop a line to Gina at the Spectrum office by e-mail (028606@shu.sacredheart.edu). Responses may be published.

Mathematically Reclined

By Jon Matte

I like to use the idea of "Lotteries" in most of my math classes, usually as a way to get across some of the basic concepts involved with combinations and permutations of objects, or as a way to discuss the concept of "expected value" in a game of chance.

As a side from providing an interesting arena to discuss some mathematical concepts, the notion of a lottery has a fascinating history.

The first lotteries actually appeared during the fifteenth century in France and Belgium. These earliest lotteries were run by individual cities, and their purpose was two-fold. First, the lotteries provided a means to raise the funds necessary for the fortification of defense. Secondly, the money went to aid the poor of the city. The winners of such lotteries would receive goods, materials, or services rendered rather than receiving a monetary prize.

Records indicate that the first lottery that paid cash prizes was probably started in Florence, Italy in 1530.

It was so successful that many other Italian cities also began to offer their own lotteries. When Italian cities united to form a nation, the first national lottery was created.

Lotto, the Italian national lottery, continues today and is regarded as the basis for such modern gambling games as keno, state lotteries, bingo, and the illegal numbers game.

Public lotteries have a long history in the United States as well. The settlement of Jamestown was financed in part by an English lottery.

George Washington managed a lottery that paid for a road through the Cumberland mountains. Several universitites, including Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale and Columbia, were partly financed by lotteries.

The United States Congress even operated a lottery to help fund the Revolutionary War.

Okay, I know...the mathematical concepts behind, say, winning the lottery are totally distinct from the history of such lotteries. Now that you know some of the history behind the games, though, perhaps there is motivation to find your chances of winning Connecticut Lotto next week.

This is where the mathematics comes in. Maybe I'll see you in a statistics class someday, and we can find these answers together.

Send mail & questions to Jon Matte, c/o Spectrum, Sacred Heart University, 3151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06432.
Eating disorders and beauty discussed

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

"This is our representation of a grown woman when we are playing with dolls and it is not reality," said Counselor Jocelyn Novella, holding a Barbie doll in her hand during a discussion last Thursday night in the Mahogany Room.

Novella noted that if a Barbie was converted into a human female, she would have the following proportions: a height of 74, a bust of 30, a waist of 15” and hips of 33.”

"A Ken doll is also disproportionate," said Novella during the talk, which was held in conjunction with Eating Disorders Awareness Week and entitled "In the Eye of the Beholder."

Novella discussed how our culture often sets unattainable ideals of beauty that leave women convinced that their appearance, especially their weight, is inadequate.

Such unhappiness with appearance can lead to low self-esteem and eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia—where women (and even some men) obsessively try to become thinner by starvation or purging, whether they need to lose weight or not.

"It’s trying to aspire to a cultural definition of beauty that really is unattainable," said Novella. "It’s a completely unrealistic goal. If you get into your head an unrealistic ideal, it can ruin your life.”

Negative self images often strike when women reach adolescence, since that is when the body changes rapidly from that of a child to that of a woman.

"When a woman hits adolescence, she’s taught that she will gain her power by what she looks like. Adolescent girls feel they can never quite live up to other people’s expectations," said Novella.

She added that women feel that they need to present themselves in a certain way so that men will rescue them and make them happy.

Perhaps the biggest way our culture tries to present false ideals of beauty, is through magazines and advertisements. Dance under the stars and moon. The dance floor is all yours. A good bottle of champagne.

Some dating suggestions
(From the little black book of dating ideas by John Graham, Stuart Ough and Morgan Taylor)

• Build an enormous banana split for two. Make pig noises as you chow down.
• Go for a drive in the countryside or into the city. Throw out the map and explore the back roads.
• Idle the day away at an outdoor cafe and do some serious people-watching.
• Play racquetball.
• On a beautiful day, lie on your backs and just watch the clouds roll by. Pick out shapes of animals, people, and scenes.
• Feed the ducks.
• Attend a wedding together.
• Go to church, then out to breakfast or brunch afterward.
• Visit a car dealership and test drive cars.
• Ever feel tangled up? Do it for real and practice yoga together.
• Attend a lecture on a topic you'd both enjoy. Share your thoughts later over an espresso.
• For any romantic date, buy the dating essentials—flowers and a good bottle of champagne.
• Drive to the beach or lake. Take along a CD player and your favorite songs. Dance under the stars and moon. The dance floor is all yours.
• Make a date to watch Saturday morning cartoons together.

Happy Valentine's Day

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Personality and TV preference

By College Press Service

GAINESVILLE, Fla.— You are what you watch, suggests a new study by a University of Florida researcher.

An energetic guy is more likely to watch "Hard Copy" after a tough day at work, while the stereotypical lazy guy will watch videos on MTV for hours on end, said Cynthia Frisby, a UF advertising doctorate student.

"My study determined that a link exists between program choice and personality type," said Frisby.

Frisby surveyed 289 people spanning a wide range of ages, education and income.

The subjects answered questions relating to five major personality traits: openness, extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness and emotional stability.

Frisby found the subjects' personality types not only influence what television shows they watched, but also why they watched them.

Most groups of people in the study watched TV primarily for entertainment and escape reasons. But certain types of personalities were drawn to certain types of shows.

Hostile or rude people tended to watch situation comedies for information, Frisby said. "This could be because they are unable to interact socially with people," she added.

Introverts tended to tune in frequently to soap operas and news magazine shows.

Unenergetic people reported watching music videos often and emotionally related talk shows. The results of Frisby’s study could be useful to advertisers. For example, if people are sitting down to watch “Seinfeld” each week primarily to be entertained, an informative car commercial may not be working well with the audience.

“If we can define these shows by personality types, advertising could be much more effective,” Frisby said.
Recipe for love and success

By Christopher Twarowski
A&E Co-Editor

Emma-Kate Croghan is a 23-year-old VCA Film and Television School graduate who has broken the mold of Australian filmmaking. "Love and other Catastrophes," her first feature movie,debuts nationwide in March. It has already won high regards at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival. She is both the director and one of its writers.

The film is a romantic comedy highlighting the day-to-day tribulations and disappointments of five college students as they attempt to make their way living in the 90s. Placed in the setting of Melbourne University, the five soon-to-be friends confront the many sides and emotions of love, changing majors and finding a roommate. They end up discovering that "Ommnia Vincit Amor," "Love conquers all!"

Perhaps all the acclaim is due to the uniqueness of the movie and its creator, Croghan, greatly influenced by independent films such as "Clerks" and "El Mariachi" and movies of the 1930s and 1940s, wanted to make a film very quickly and on a limited budget. It was shot in just 17 days.

She wanted it to be simple, yet full of spirit. Original, yet fresh.

The result was that most of the crew worked on deferred salaries. They did this as an expression for their faith in the project. It also helped that they were all friends and they wanted to see a film like this take off. To keep wardrobe costs down, the actors and actresses wore their own clothes in some scenes.

In a question and answer session following a private screening at Planet Hollywood, Croghan half-joked that they were going to charge the production costs onto their parents' credit cards.

The actual funding was raised from friends and relatives, along with a distribution guarantee from New Vision Films. The Australian Film Commission contributed completion funding once a rough cut was made.

Along with the great amount of freedom the film's creators possessed, came the pressure of shooting everyday.

For most of the crew it was their first job on a feature film.

However, with four of the five leading actors/actresses recently graduating from college themselves, the storyline bordered on autobiographical. All, including Croghan, had college life fresh in their minds.

Price to her feature film debut with "Love and other Catastrophes," Emma-Kate Croghan made two short films while enrolled in the BA program at VCA.

Both "Sexi Girls, Sexi Appliance" and "Desire" were warmly received on the International and Australian film festival circuits.

When asked about advice for aspiring English and media studies students, Croghan said, "Keep to what you believe. Follow your dreams and don't give up.

Dude on Tunes

By Christopher Twarowski

Last Friday night, the band Absolutely Johnathon played in the Outpost. They performed a nonstop show, playing two sets of 45 minutes, each over the course of two hours, harrying over more than 15 originals. The music could be best described as unique. Warm. The songs made you feel good.

The band consists of lead singer Dan Flanagan, guitarist Joe Genovese, bassist Pete Goericke and drummer Joe Morfea.

Formerly, Absolutely Johnathon has always been a strong source of original music. The band is playing in Flanagan's basement and have since performed in a number of special events and benefits.

They have recorded and released two albums, Fug Marvel Narf in 95 and S/N/T in 96. Both contain songs that range from heartbroken folkish ballads to distorted punk. (Their influences vary from the Violent Femmes to Slayer.) They are working on a third, due out by summer. Currently, they are unsigned.

They have an added dimension to their music which sets them apart. In a world of music where the musicians can themselves sometimes become almost numb to their audience, the members of this band were overly approachable. Flanagan joked constantly with the crowd,which though not as many as there should have been, laughed uncontrollably.

Between sets, members could be seen mingling with students outside of the poorly.

When asked about the name of the group, seeing how no one in the band is named Johnathon, Genovese told me that the string creature on the cover artwork of their first album is named AJ. "Everything is everything and at the same time absolutely nothing," he smiled.

Genovese's advice to up and coming bands: "Play from your heart and don't worry about what others think."

Both albums can be purchased for $5 by mailing to: Joe Genovese, 27 Crown Court, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

Forgotten love heals the heart

By Mandy Siwicki
Contributing Writer

In a fit to find something to read, and in a defiant mood, I made my way through the doors of my local bookstore and chose my reading material by the appearance of its cover.

The caption on the inside of the front cover read: "A man with a faded, well-worn notebook open in his lap. A woman experiencing a morning ritual she doesn't understand. Until he begins to read to her." I figured, hey, intriguing enough, right? I had never prepared myself for the tender story that "The Notebook" gave me.

"The Notebook," Nicholas Sparks' best-selling novel, is the story of Noah Calhoun, a native Southerner who has returned home from World War II to find his family's plantation in ruin.

Fourteen years since that memorable summer, Allie has met and gotten engaged to a man she believes she loves and believes she will be able to live comfortably with. Realizing that her feelings for Noah have never dimmed, she makes a last-minute trip to Noah's town to either say her last good-bye in person or to rekindle the flame of a romance that once was--Allie returns to the town where the two fell in love under an ancient oak tree at sunset in the summer of 1932.

The story is told by Noah years later when he finds himself reading his and Allie's story from a worn old notebook to a woman who does not recognize herself nor the man who reads to her.

In an effort to stay sane as he watches his wife look at their world through uncomprehending eyes, Noah reads from the notebook each day in hopes that the tale will trigger something of their relationship in Allie.

With Allie and Noah, we see the tenderness of first love, the complexity of choosing between two "perfect" worlds, and a compelling beauty that is rarely found in modern literature.

One of "The Notebook"'s best attributes is Sparks' simplicity of words in telling his story--the story of his wife's grandparents which begins like this: "I am nothing special, of this I am sure, I am a common man with common thoughts and I've led a common life.

"There are no monuments dedicated to me and my name will soon be forgotten, but I've loved another with all my heart and soul, and to me, this has always been enough."

The story ends with each reader's insight into the emotion that compels each of us to live our lives from day to day.

"The Notebook," by Nicholas Sparks, has been on the Best-Sellers List for several weeks. It is available at all major book stores.
Could 2pac still be alive?

**Theories challenge rapper's murder**

By Mike Nimmons
Contributing Writer

Maybe you remember him from his days as a dancer with the hip-hop band Digital Underground. Maybe you grew up on a fan of his music or films. Regardless, just about everyone has heard of Tupac Amaru Shakur, better known as rapper/actor 2Pac. His latest work, the film "Gridlock'd," was released last week, five and a half months after he was murdered...or should I say allegedly murdered, in Las Vegas, on Sept. 13, 1996.

I conducted a random survey for this article in which I asked SHU students "Do you think Tupac Shakur is still alive?" While 71.9 percent said no, there was 6.2 percent who were undecided, and 21.9 percent who (like me) believe that Shakur is still alive.

Sage Knight, the man driving the car Shakur was riding in when he was shot, as well as all of the "witnesses" at the scene, say nothing and will not cooperate with the police.

Knight, the owner of Death Row Records (Shakur's label) was a close friend of Shakur's. When asked in a recent interview on ABC's "Dateline," if he would tell the police if he knew who was responsible, he stated "Absolutely...NOT! Because it's not my job..."

There are other things that don't add up in this story. On the night he was shot, Shakur was not wearing a bulletproof vest, something he always had on in public.

After the announcement of his death, none of the members of the Death Row clique would make any statements about the murder. Also, the funeral services were canceled for unidentified reasons.

It was reported that Shakur's body was cremated. However, Shakur was a Muslim and it is against Muslim beliefs to cremate. The body was never actually seen.

MTV News reported that he was seen in Cuba recently. Suspiciously, his mother reported in the "Dateline" interview, that all of his money and more than two hundred of the master tapes of his songs are missing.

Speculation can also be drawn from his video for "I Ain't Mad At 'Cha," which portrays him dying and going to heaven. While this could be just an eerie coincidence, this video was supposed to be his last.

In January, a video for "To Live And Die In L.A." came out. This song was released after his death, making it strange that a video was already finished for an unreleased song.

Shakur's last three albums, released after he was shot in Nov. 1994, were much more specific about his own death.

Shakur began to make numerous references to Machiavelli, the Florentine statesman of the 1500s. Shakur referred to him as "his tutor." Machiavelli faked his own death in order to become a living legend.

The most shocking quote comes from "Ain't Hard 2 Find." Shakur states "I heard a rumor I died, murdered in cold blood, dramatized...But that was fiction, some coward got the story twisted, like I no longer existed, mysteriously missing..." These quotes again make it appear that Shakur knew what was coming and possibly had a plan.

Finally, shortly after the shooting in Las Vegas, Shakur's (apparent) final album was released. However, he was still calling himself Makaveli. The title is "The Don Killuminati: The 7 Day Theory." It again has many lyrics referring to Shakur's own death, as well as many references to death and resurrection.

While many believe that he is really dead, there are some that feel he faked his own death, possibly to escape the authorities or his enemies. An unidentified Junior stated, "Tupac was in a lot of trouble and needed a scapegoat." A senior stated, "I just think this whole thing is a hoax...Something big is coming..."

I guess we will all just have to wait and see, because until then, like Shakur stated in a song of his, "life goes on..."

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**A & E Briefs**

Final weekend for 'Same Time Next Year'

Tickets are still available for "Same Time Next Year." This is the final weekend for performances in the Center for the Performing Arts on campus. Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Tickets range from $15 to $10. Call the theatre box office at 374-2777 for details.

**Tuxedo Junction hosts bands**

S.A.T.O., the Ozzy tribute band, will be playing tonight at Tuxedo Junction in Danbury. Shakedown will perform on Sunday night. Call 748-2561 for tickets and info.

**Shows at Toad's**

The Blue Oyster Cult will be performing tomorrow night at Toad's Place in New Haven. On Sunday night the Jerry Garcia Band will perform. Great White will play on Tuesday. For info. and tickets call 642-TOAD.

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**Gallery displays faculty artwork**

The Gallery of Contemporary Art on campus is now showing the "Faculty Exhibit" through March 2. The Gallery, located in the Academic Building, is open to the public Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 7:30 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

The annual exhibit offers works done by members of the Sacred Heart art department, which consists of five full-time professors and several adjunct professors.

"We're showing several different approaches to art," said Jeffrey Smith, assistant to the director of the Gallery, noting the wide range of mediums displayed in the artwork.

The exhibit includes paintings, illustrations, assemblage pieces and graphic design. "Each faculty member was allowed to submit three pieces for exhibition, said Smith. Faculty members represented are William Bramhall, Diana Brownwell, Steven R. Digiovanni, Jack de Graffenried, Judith Randall de Graffenried, Ted Gutswa, Daniel Huydics, Janet Luongo and Virginia Zee.

Some of the pieces on display are for sale while others are just for show.

In conjunction with the "Faculty Exhibit," Luongo, an adjunct professor of art history and professional artist, will give a performance/reading on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery.

Luongo, who has two paintings on exhibit, will present "On My Way Home I Dreamed of Horses," a short dramatic performance.

Also she will present "Misadventures in Art," readings of three short stories inspired by her years of living abroad.

For further information about the exhibit or the performance, call the Gallery at 365-7650.
Sports in brief

Hawley Lounge to host ping pong and billiard tournaments on Feb. 17 and 24

The ACUI is presenting a ping pong tournament on Feb. 17. The previous ping pong competition was cancelled due to lack of student interest. Following the decision to drop the event, an influx of students wanting to compete rekindled the need for another tournament date.

The billiard event calls for the best doubles' teams in the University to challenge each other the following week on Feb. 24. Competition will take place in the Hawley Lounge. Students must see Annemarie Seifert in the Student Union office located in the Hawley Lounge. The entire fee of $5 is paid upon registration.

Student Athlete Council to sponsor events

The Student Athlete Council is proud to announce last semester's contributions to the community. Last year, the S.A.C. brought in 10 boys from the Cariale Elementary School to help the men’s football team. The boys were given signed tee shirts as thanks for helping out.

On Thanksgiving, the S.A.C. ran a cane drive, raising over 1,000 cans from the sports on Campus to help the Golden Hill Mission in the City. The Council will also sponsor a busy list of events for the month of February:

- Feb. 14: In conjunction with Fairfield University’s Athletic Council, Sacred Heart’s Women’s Field Hockey team and SHU’s Athletic Council will take 15 other student-athletes to a local Elementary School to talk to children about topics including drugs and drug rehabilitation.
- Feb. 15: In the spirit of AIDS week, the S.A.C. will show the movie “Philadelphia” at 7 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium.

Pioneer dance team to compete at Regionals

The Sacred Heart dance team will be competing in the New England Regional Dance Competition at Southern Connecticut State University on Feb. 17. There will be a bus going to the competition leaving in front of public safety at 11:00 am. Sign up for the bus in Student Activities.

Late technical fowls SHU victory

By James Thomson

Staff Writer

For the second straight week, Sacred Heart men’s basketball team won one of three games. But in this case, both losses came in overtime, which one was decided by a technical foul.

This past Saturday’s 78-77 defeat at home to UMass-Lowell represented the pinnacle of the Pioneers’ roller coaster week (8-14, 6-8 NECC). Sacred Heart seemedly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won seemingly had the game won when junior forward Louis Frye led team-high 13 rebounds and tallied 2 blocks. Senior Ward Rod Toppin pulled down a team-high 13 rebounds and tallied 3 blocks.

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Cotte leads spikers over USMMA

By Corinne Waldheim

Assistant Sports Editor

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Morrissey led with 14 kills, 14-16 Hector Olivencia, the high scorer on the 1976-77 Final Four team, and 65º Keith Bennett, a three-time All-America on Bike’s early teams. None of the aforementioned, however, hold the collegiate scoring record in the gym. That distinction belongs to Ray Vycza, a 1972-73 Sacred Heart All-America, who registered 50 points against Brandeis in the semi-finals of the Sacred Heart Holiday Classic on Dec. 18, 1972.

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Athletes of the week

Monique Belisle

Belisle, a junior from Voluntown, won the shot put competition at the Collegiate Track Conference Championships for the third consecutive year. Her throw (42’ 1 1/2”) set a new school record. The Track and Field captain’s outing was only 2 1/2“ away from the NCAA Division II qualifying standard.

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trick as I remember. We had played them pretty tight at their place, and we were cocky enough to think we would win.”

Sure enough, the Pioneers stunned their Park Avenue rivals, 64-51. Although yielding at least a foot to the 7-foot-6 Bol, Stevens rebounded the Owls, 46-30, but the Owl’s reserves sank Team’s 83-80 lead with 49 seconds left.

The list of Sacred Heart All-Americas to play in the gym conjures up rich memories, ranging from Ed Czemota, a 6‘9” forward who averaged 32.2 points and 13.3 assists per game in 1992-93, to Darrell Robinson, a 6’5” senior who averaged 17.5 points and 2 blocks.

Following that pivotal win, the Owls went on to lose 73-63 to army. Army defeated the Owls in the second round of the NIT, 110-93. In between, there was Roger Younger, the smooth-as-silk co-captain of the 1985-86 national champions, who averaged a record 32.2 points per game.

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the second period, letting the Wildcats back into the contest.

"We may have gotten a little over confident after we took the lead early, but we were able to regroup and come away with a victory," said Heffeman.

The Pioneers were paced by senior Jon Yackack of Kittanning, Penn., who had one goal and three assists. Seniors Aaron Feast (Cowanville, Penn.) and Mike Bloom (Harrison Township, Mich.) each had a goal and two assists.

Senior Anthony Tedesco (Doylestown, Penn.), Tom Lapointe (Hackettstown) and Adimando, each tied one.

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Spectrumsport

Ceremonies scheduled for SHU Box finale

Special to the Spectrum

Sacred Heart University's 40-year-old campus gymnasium, which has provided the backdrop for a myriad of events ranging from athletic events to Commencement exercises, concerts and lectures, will have its official coda on Thursday, Feb. 20.

The University's men's and women's basketball teams will face New England Collegiate Conference rival Stony Brook in a doubleheader that evening. To mark the end of an era, Sacred Heart men's and women's captains of the past will be introduced in halftime ceremonies during the men's game.

Next fall, the University's intercollegiate athletic program is scheduled to consolidate its operations in the $17.5 million William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, now under construction on the southwest corner of campus. The three-story, 132,500-square-foot complex will house a 2,100-seat arena for men's and women's basketball. "While all of us look forward to moving into the new building, we will treasure always our rich history in the gym," said Director of Athletics Don Cook.

"The legacy of a national championship men's team, many regional and conference championship teams, 18 All-America players and so many other accomplishments will provide a solid foundation for our new facility."

The men's team captured the 1985-86 NCAA Division II national title — the first by a New England university — and seven regional championships, the most recent in 1989. Across 31 varsity seasons entering the current year, the Pioneers won 70.4 percent of their games in the gym, 288 victories against 121 defeats.

"To tell the truth, I think my record would be even better if I was one of those coaches that cried to the officials," he said.

Bike's national championship team compiled a 14-1 record at home, losing only to New Hampshire College, 76-75. The only perfect record in the SHU Box was achieved by Don Feeley's 1976-77 Final Four squad, which won all 12 games in the gym.

Kevin Stevens, the power forward on the 1985-86 national championship squad, selects a game from the previous year as the one he recalls most vividly.

"It was the time we played Bridgeport and they had Manistee Bob," Stevens said. "The atmosphere was incredible, an electric experience."

Hockey ices ECAC foes

By Brad Wilson
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team returned home last Friday for the first time in two months, blanking Western New England College, 3-0 at the Milford Ice Pavilion and traveled to Philadelphia on Sunday to defeat Villanova, 6-3.

Earlier this season Sacred Heart lost to WNEC in overtime, 5-4. This time, Pioneer senior goalie Bill Sawyer of Ogdensburg, N.Y., recorded 31 saves for his first shutout of the season as Sacred Heart knocked off their ECAC South opponent.

"WNEC is a team that has been playing well all season," said Coach Shaun Hannah. "We came out strong, playing great as a team and solid defensively."

"The first time we faced them we didn't play that well, but this time we came together and put forth a great overall team effort," said junior defender Jim Swanson. "We did an excellent job," said Coach Christian Morrison. "They did an excellent job."

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Women's basketball upsets UMass-Lowell at home

By Julie Nevero
Staff Writer

The SHU women's basketball team improved to 13-9 overall and have climbed from fifth to third in the conference.

"They did an excellent job," said Coach Ed Swanson. "We’re peeking at the right time."

The women came out strong, playing tough defense, ranking up points and steals galore. They led at halftime, 41-28, and never looked back, holding a consistent 10-point lead throughout the game.

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Junior Matt Iarracci (8) had two assists against WNEC. Photo by Lora Marcella

Track places second at Conference Championship

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Staff Writer

The SHU women's track and field team finished second among 16 teams in the Collegiate Track Conference Championships last Saturday and Sunday at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. In just their third year of existence, the women recorded their highest finish ever in the championships, trailing the ultimate winner, Southern Connecticut, by eight points.

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the University, Dave Bike and Alvin Clinkscales, remain on the scene; Bike as the Pioneers' basketball coach for the past 19 seasons and Clinkscales as director of multi-cultural affairs. For Bike, there are too many victories in the gym to single out one as the most memorable.

"To tell the truth, I think my record would be even better if I was one of those coaches that cried to the officials," he said.

Bike’s national championship team compiled a 14-1 record at home, losing only to New Hampshire College, 76-75. The only perfect record in the SHU Box was achieved by Don Feeley's 1976-77 Final Four squad, which won all 12 games in the gym.

Kevin Stevens, the power forward on the 1985-86 national championship squad, selects a game from the previous year as the one he recalls most vividly.

"It was the time we played Bridgeport and they had Manistee Bob," Stevens said. "The atmosphere was incredible, an electric experience."

Hockey ices ECAC foes

By Brad Wilson
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team returned home last Friday for the first time in two months, blanking Western New England College, 3-0 at the Milford Ice Pavilion and traveled to Philadelphia on Sunday to defeat Villanova, 6-3.

Earlier this season Sacred Heart lost to WNEC in overtime, 5-4. This time, Pioneer senior goalie Bill Sawyer of Ogdensburg, N.Y., recorded 31 saves for his first shutout of the season as Sacred Heart knocked off their ECAC South opponent.

"WNEC is a team that has been playing well all season," said Coach Shaun Hannah. "We came out strong, playing great as a team and solid defensively."

"The first time we faced them we didn't play that well, but this time we came together and put forth a great overall team effort," said junior defender Jim Swanson. "We did an excellent job," said Coach Christian Morrison. "They did an excellent job."

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Women's basketball upsets UMass-Lowell at home

By Julie Nevero
Staff Writer

The SHU women's basketball team improved to 13-9 overall and have climbed from fifth to third in the conference.

"They did an excellent job," said Coach Ed Swanson. "We’re peeking at the right time."

The women came out strong, playing tough defense, ranking up points and steals galore. They led at halftime, 41-28, and never looked back, holding a consistent 10-point lead throughout the game.

Sophomore forward Jennifer Rimkus of Naugatuck, scored a personal best and 21/2 feet shy of the NCAA Division II qualifying standard. Her throw was only 42 feet 11/2 inches, a new school record. Her throw was only 42 feet 11/2 inches, a new school record. Her throw was only 42 feet 11/2 inches, a new school record.

The legacy of a national championship men's team, many regional and conference championship teams, 18 All-America players and so many other accomplishments will provide a solid foundation for our new facility."

The men's team captured the 1985-86 NCAA Division II national title — the first by a New England university — and seven regional championships, the most recent in 1989. Across 31 varsity seasons entering the current year, the Pioneers won 70.4 percent of their games in the gym, 288 victories against 121 defeats.

Junior Matt Iarracci (8) had two assists against WNEC. Photo by Lora Marcella

Track places second at Conference Championship

By Julie Nevero
Staff Writer

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