Global festival to be held

By Grace Mukupa
Staff Writer

The International Club is hosting the annual International Festival on March 21st from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The show features students, faculty, staff, and community members in a celebration of culture, language, personality, international cuisine, music, and dance.

"This is a good place for people of all backgrounds to show off the aspects of their culture, and to intermingle with other students," said William Diaz, International Club president.

Some students who attended last year's festival shared their experiences. "It was interesting to see how people showed what they have in themselves about their culture. Missing this event is missing a lot," said Jessica Gonzalez, a resident assistant from Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I felt like I was traveling in many countries yet in one place.

Laptop thefts probed

By Michele Herrmann
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Fairfield Police's involvement with an investigation about laptop theft has resulted in the arrest of a Sacred Heart sophomore, said Director of Public Safety Bill O'Connell. On Friday, Feb. 7, a burglary in South Hall was reported to both organizations.

Interviews with students, conducted by Fairfield Police, led to a search of the sophomore's Jefferson Hill apartment.

The student was arrested on Tuesday, March 11 on the charges of third degree larceny by possession and conspiracy to commit larceny third degree. The sophomore was released on $500 bail.

The investigation also discovered a pawn shop in Bridgeport receiving laptops. The store owner identified the sophomore through a photo line up as the person who brought in laptops. Two other SHU students involved with the crime will also be arrested for conspiracy to commit larceny, said O'Connell. One student is the victim's roommate.

The investigation and its relation to past crimes is continuing. During this academic year, five students have been arrested for computer theft.

Taft Commons a 'bad idea'

By Kristyn Mulry
News Co-Editor

Taft Commons has been criticized as a residence for students because of the surrounding Bridgeport area, the building's poor quality, and its distance from the main campus.

Bruce Carlson
Contributing Writer

"We hope to make it the most exciting Kickoff party ever," said Geanne Peloso, president of Student Activities. "We are in the process of planning and are still open to suggestions regarding games people would like and other events," said Geno Peloso, program assistant in Student Activities.

Senior Week events for the Class of 1997 will begin with the Kickoff Party on Tuesday, May 13 and conclude with Commencement on Sun. May 18.

A Senior Week package costing $130 includes admission for students to every event during that week. Students are given the option of purchasing this package or tickets to individual events.

The Kickoff Party on Tuesday starts off with the Senior Week events for participation. Those participating will be divided into two teams—a red team and a white team. Games include dodgeball, hula hoops etc. Ribbons will be awarded to winners.

"We are in the process of planning and are still open to suggestions regarding games people would like and other events," said Geno Peloso, program assistant in Student Activities.

Comedian John Bath from East Coast Entertainment will perform during dinner. The day's events will end with a D.J. Dance Party in the gymnasium. There will be an open beer bar, taco bar, cotton candy and popcorn during the dance party.

"We hope to make it the most exciting Kickoff party ever," said Jhasson Brooks, a senior physical therapy major from Kingston, N.Y. represented the student body at the 34th Founder's Day celebration last Thursday.

Some past and present members (above) of the Honors Program.

Honors Program takes off in new direction

By Kristyn Mulry
News Co-Editor

The Honors Program at Sacred Heart is currently under revision and will take on a new form next fall. Modifications to the program are intended to raise the retention rates of students involved.

Presently, students graduating with a minor in the Honors Program are required to take at least 18 credits of team-taught interdisciplinary courses.

That policy will change for some past and present members (above) of the Honors Program. Contributed photo

Taft Commons is a 'bad idea'

Last year, one car was stolen from the space-deficient parking lot, and five car stereos were also reported stolen. Recently an auto theft was prevented when, Sahi Scott, a senior from New Haven, witnessed the attempt.

"Taft Commons is a very bad idea for students," said Neno Guard Paul Riccitelli, a Public Safety employee. "For the amount of money to live at Taft, it is definitely not worth it."

Some students feel Taft Commons is beneficial for those students who are looking to be more independent. Jovan Williams, a junior from New Haven, enjoys his "options to cook or to eat at the cafeteria."

Director of Residential Life Cathy Raynis said, "a closer building like East Hall would be ideal, but Taft Commons remains an asset to SHU."

The tight community and the service learning program benefits both residents and local high school students. "We have a very strong staff that provides.
**Students extend help in Baltimore**

By Sarah Hanna and Jessica York

A group of 12 commuter and resident students are working with the mailroom to create a smoother, more cooperative environment.

"We are able to work together and accomplish a great deal, while enjoying each other's friendships," said commuter Patricia Kurowski, Campus Chapter treasurer.

Others in the group consisted of officers President Lourdes Gonzalez, Vice President Wayne Kruger; Secretary Sean Otterspoon; and members Shawn Avery, Josue Chevalier, Bill Cyr, Matt Floop, Cory Kiley, Julie Torpey, Debbie Venturinelli, Demented Young, and two advisors, John Koney, R.D. and Phyllis Machledt.

The group engaged in several rebuilding tasks, some new and some which they learned through their work with the local Habitat for Humanity sites.

"I wanted to see other communities and the people they developed because I wanted others to benefit from my work in Sandown," said first-year student Julie Torpey, who started working with Habitat in the beginning of the fall semester.

Potential Habitat owners are required to work between 350 and 500 hours of "sweat equity," depending on the size of their house. "Sweat equity," according to Habitat, is a down payment in labor, rather than money. Owners, however, did more than was required.

"They wanted to do more and continued to work extra hours with the rest of the community even after they had finished," Lourdes Gonzalez, a social work major, went to Sandown to see how a different community approached the problems that were present in Bridgeport.

"Sandown used much more of a holistic approach than Bridgeport," said Gonzalez.

The next work days for the Bridgeport Habitat are March 22 and April 12. Anyone interested can call Jim Westgate at ext. 7519 for more information.

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**Common Cause offers internships in D.C.**

Common Cause is offering internships to students every semester and during the summer at its Washington D.C. headquarters.

Common Cause is a non-profit, nonpartisan citizen's lobbying organization working to make government more open and accountable and reduce the influence of special-interest money in government. The organization was founded in 1970 and has 250,000 members.

Interns do grassroots organizing, contribute research to policy papers and investigative studies, monitor congressional committee hearings, and serve as press office aids.

Visit the Common Cause web site at www.commoncause.org or call Common Cause toll-free at 1-800-926-1064 for more information on internships or special opportunities.

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**Honors: changes to retain students**

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The fall 1997 semester. Students will have the opportunity to take nine credits of non-interdisciplinary courses.

The remaining nine credits will have to be completed in team-taught interdisciplinary courses.

The program has not had a high retention rate in past years. Typically, people remain within the program until they declare a major, said Dr. Carol Batt, assistant director of psychology and director of the Honors Program.

Many students involved in the program are pursuing degrees with high credit requirements, said Batt.

Physical therapy students in the program, for instance, have rigidly defined schedules and many other required courses that do not fall under the Honors category, Batt added.

"I didn't fully understand the requirements and the opportunity," said Angie St. Louis, a senior biology major from Vernon, who took Honors courses her freshman year. She referred to the program as, "A good way to introduce the academic expectations of Sacred Heart.

Batt is optimistic that continued student involvement will grow in the coming years. There are five students in the class of 1998 who are on schedule to graduate with a minor in the program.

"We have much better retention in our sophomore class this year than in years past," said Batt.

To evaluate students for the program, coordinator Phyllis Machledt will examine the student's overall application packet; SAT scores, which must exceed 1000 (GPA and writing) and a writing sample administered at freshman orientation.

Upcoming events sponsored by the program include a visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. April 4 to 5. Seats are still available for the trip.

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**Mailroom service criticized by resident students**

By Dementred Young

Contribution Writer

Debates over mail delivery and availability have surfaced again, causing strained relations, between the mailroom staff, the Residential Life Office and students.

After the occupation of the new residence halls, Avalon Gates and Milford Beach, mail availability has become a problem.

Students have voiced concerns about getting their mail is close to impossible. Some students receive their bills weeks after they had been issued.

"They really need to do something about the mail that goes to Avalon," said Danielle Perrone, a social work student from North Haden, N.J. "We need to get our bills period, let alone on time."

The University is thinking of having the mailboxes in one centralized location on campus, so students can have an easier access to their mail.

"It is still my hope to have a mail system where the boxes are located in a centralized area so that students can have the same mailboxes all four years," said Daniel Connolly, director of housing operations. "This would make the process run much smoother, he said."

Other students say the reason students have problems getting their mail is because of foul play inside the mailroom by the student workers.

"I hear that the people that work in the mailroom keep our magazines," said one angry student, who wishes to remain anonymous.

The mailroom said that incorrect addressing and not mailroom foul play is to blame. "Students are always moving without notifying us of changes in address," said James Laughlin, a long-time employee of the mailroom. "It is mailroom policy to give or throw away magazines that have not been picked up after a long period of time because it is impossible to retain all the magazines to their sender," he added.

Although there are many dissatisfied students, others are pleased with the mailroom's services.

"I have been at this school for four years and have never had a problem with my mail," said Traveras Geter, a psychology major from Bridgeport. "It has always been delivered to me in a timely fashion," he added.

The mailroom and the Residential Life Office credit each other for the large number of satisfied students.

"Dialogue with Residential Life helps in our delivering services," says Mason Cobb, mailroom director. "Continued dialogue is needed to ensure that success continues," he added.

A current idea is for the mailroom to be moved to the weight-room, after the completion of the Pitt Center, but nothing has been confirmed or denied by school officials.
Gambling strikes
By Meghan Moore
Staff Writer

According to Sacred Heart administrators, gambling does not pose a problem on campus. Director of Public Safety Bill O’Connell said, “Gambling has not appeared to be a problem to us.” He added that there have not been any documented reports of gambling on campus.

Illegal gambling is considered a violation of state and local law. In the student handbook, gambling is not mentioned specifically. Instead, the handbook says that any violation of state or local law is against school policy.

“I am not aware of any illegal gambling on campus. There have been no reported incidents,” said Larry Wielk, dean of students.

However, Wielk distinguished illegal gambling from legal gambling. NCAA betting pools, for instance, are not considered illegal.

If one person is in charge of a particular betting pool and charges people to enter the pool, it is considered illegal. The person in charge is making money off of the pool.

According to student-athletes, gambling is not obsolete on campus. Donny Fowler, a senior psychology major and member of both the football and lacrosse teams, said, “I, everybody gambles, it’s not a small thing.” Fowler also said as a member of the ’93 football season, some seniors went through “bookies” to bet on Division I schools.

An anonymous student said, “A lot of people gamble; mostly card games. The amount people bet depends on who you play with.”

In response to why students gamble, the same student responded, “It’s just fun.”

Activities: seniors celebrate graduation
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Peloso.

On Wednesday, a Champagne brunch will be served in the Mahogany Room at 11:00 a.m. followed by a viewing of the video yearbook.

“This year Senior Week should be really great. We have more money than the previous years, and this will be the first time the parent dinner dance will be held at the Trumbull Marriott,” said Silvia Mideros, treasurer of Class of 1997.

This year the class officers are incorporating an overnight trip to Nova Scotia as part of the Senior Week events.

The cruise involves a five-hour bus ride to Portland, Maine where seniors will board the “Scotia Prince” Cruise Line to Nova Scotia, returning to SHU on Thurs., May 15 at approximately 2:30 a.m. No alcohol will be permitted on the bus ride.

The boat will serve two on-board meals (breakfast and dinner) and an overnight cabin will be provided.

Entertainment, bars, a casino and dining facilities are included on board. Seniors are asked to bring spending money for drinks, the casino, and any other personal items or souvenirs.

The Commencement Ball will be held at the Liedles Catering Hall in Stratford on Friday.

Saturday will cover all pre-commencement exercises, Mass and ceremonies, including the inaugural Nursing Capping and Pinning Ceremony at 11 a.m. in the Mahogany Room. This will be followed by the graduation mass, hooding ceremony, and presentation of academic awards in the gymnasium.

A parent and family dinner dance at the Trumbull Marriott will close Senior Week’s events. There will be dancing, live entertainment and a cash bar. Tickets cost $25 per person.

Commencement will be on the Campus Field at 1 p.m.

“Senior Week has come a long way. It is a happy but sad time too. You bond with all these people for five or seven days and then they are gone,” said Denise Sapihn, director of Student Activities.

For more information, please call Deirdre Eller, Class of 1997 president, in the Student Union office at 371-7846.
EDITORIALS

Inadequate housing

Sacred Heart is expanding into one of the largest universities in the Northeast. Many problems have accompanied such rapid growth, including those with housing. Students are living at off-campus sites, such as Milford Beach and Avalon Gates, because of construction delays with East Hall. A majority of resident students are now housed in triple rooms. In some cases, nine students are living in apartments originally built for six people.

Living with eight roommates, students often need to deal with issues of space and crowding that otherwise would not have occurred, which takes their attention from their academic life.

Students’ housing arrangements have a significant impact on their college experience. We feel that, even when the University is expanding, the focus on the students must remain constant.

The University needs to provide the most beneficial residential experience for those who are already a part of the University, and then look to increasing enrollment.

Challenging academics needed

For a university to develop academically and be considered a reputable institution, it is imperative that the courses taught to students be challenging.

Although Sacred Heart is attempting to climb the ladder of academic excellence, we believe that some professors are failing to create a challenging atmosphere in and out of the classroom. Students take these “easy classes” that offer little challenge to their brains.

If professors increase the level of difficulty and challenge in their courses, student performance is sure to rise. Students will be forced to devote more time to their assignments, which should add to the intellectual atmosphere on campus.

Seek no praise in serving others

By Martha Belesis

If you are constantly doing things for the sake of what others think, then you are doing things for the wrong reason. Everyone wants to be noticed. No matter how noble it turns out for someone to notice your efforts, you will be a lonely person.

When you do things in return for something else, you aren’t working from your heart. You’re in it for yourself. And a lot of times, along with that comes quite a bit of disappointment.

I believe we should try to do the best we can for others, not only for ourselves, and we should try to live what we believe. And if we half succeed, we should realize how lucky we are, and walk away from it feeling proud of what you’ve done without anyone else honoring you.

You know that you’ve succeeded when you can do something for someone else, and walk away from it feeling proud of what you’ve done without anyone else honoring you.

No award or plaque, or amount of money can give you true satisfaction. When you can point the finger at yourself, and give yourself a pat on your own back, you have accomplished a lot.

Like I said before, we all want to be noticed, praised and accepted ourselves. It’s a hard, but important step to take.

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Conduct turns system red

Just when you thought the politics of Washington couldn’t be any more mean and divisive, Richard Shelby was there to prove you wrong.

The big story in Washington this week is President Clinton’s nominee for CIA Director Tony Lake withdrawing his name from consideration. This of course follows his public criticism at the hands of Senator Richard Shelby.

A former Democrat, who, after Republicans gained control of the majority in the 1994 elections, switched party affiliation. Apparently he couldn’t stand his party’s politics.

Shelby is clearly one of the low-rent politicians in the history of this nation. Democrats should be embarrassed that he ever associated himself with the party, and glad that he’s gone. Lake has certainly had his problems. He didn’t take his lawyer’s advice to sell his energy stocks when he became head of the NSC, which could be seen as a conflict of interest. That dispute was settled with the Justice Department resulting in Lake paying a fine of $5,000. He also apparently looked the other way when Iran-sending arms to Bosnian Muslims even though America had an arms embargo on that region.

Lake’s latest problem is that his own staffers have seemed to left out telling him important information on Chinese connections to Democratic fundraising. These are all legitimate concerns about a nominee for such an important and powerful position. However, Shelby is conducting a witch hunt. Even Republican Senators Arlen Specter and Richard Lugar saw the request to see Lake’s raw FBI file as excessive.

Shelby disagreed and took it further. When Lake’s raw file didn’t have enough dirt, Shelby wanted to go back to wire taps on Lake’s phone from 1969. At the time, Lake was an aide to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and resigned in protest of the Nixon Administration’s decision to bomb Cambodia. He also requested information on Lake from the NSA, but it is illegal for the NSA to get information on American citizens.

This move forced Lake into resigning out of frustration over the system. Republicans seem to be looking for retribution for Clarence Thomas and Robert Bork. Both were embarrasing displays of the system gone away by Democrats during the Reagan-Bush years.

Shelby decided he was going to get Tony Lake—and he did—in a display that would make Joe McCarthy proud. What about Richard Shelby’s file?

I want to see Richard Shelby’s raw FBI file. We’ll see how willing Senator Shelby is to subject himself to that kind of scrutiny.

Tony Lake is an honorable man. Something Richard Shelby will never be.

This witch hunt is an embarrassment to the system. The unfortunate issue here is that Tony Lake withdrew from contention in a perfect world. Richard Shelby would resign for a conduct embarrassing to the system of checks and balances.

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By Martha Belesis

If you are constantly doing things for the sake of what others think, then you are doing things for the wrong reason.

Everyone wants to be noticed. Regardless of always being recognized for what I was doing. It made me feel good.

But the harsh reality that I learned was that there isn’t always going to be someone around to recognize what I’m doing. No matter how noble it might be, it just won’t happen.

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Letters to the editor...

S.E.T. VOICES LACK OF ATTENDANCE AT STUDENT EVENTS

Dear Editors,

Here at Sacred Heart University, we have an incredible and very hard-working group of forty students who compose the Student Events Team (S.E.T.). Each week, these individuals come together to plan, run, organize and work together to bring students quality events for free.

They work with an extensive budget that comes from the Student Activity Fee that ALL of us pay each semester. Most students do not even realize that they pay roughly $100 each semester to cover the weekly events.

Almost every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights students are treated with free events put on by the Student Events Team. The only problem is that many students do not attend various events and we don't understand why.

Two weeks ago, S.E.T. brought in an incredible acoustic performer named Tony Jarvis. The Mahogany Room was decorated perfectly in a warm, coffeehouse dim setting ideal for performance, serving coffee and desserts. All of the work put into this event and only 10 students came.

While over 1,000 students live on campus, only 10 attended the phenomenal event. Why do people not come to these free events? Is that nobody has the time? Is there no advertising? Do students not come to these free events? Is that nobody has the time? Is there no advertising? Do students not care about any of the events? The Student March 20, 1907 faces this problem, I would urge all students to check out the events once in a while at least, instead of just not even caring at all to attend. I truly believe we need some fun without drinking and give the events a chance without wondering what people will think about you if you do go.

Whether it be the upcoming Battle of the Bands, Comedy Sportz, Singled Out or any other event, simply take a break and show some school spirit by supporting S.E.T. and their events, considering that it is YOUR money. After all, why do the Student Events Team work so hard on these events to find out that nobody will come? They are doing it for you, the students, so the least you could do is express some gratitude by attending their activities. So next time you meet someone on the Student Events Team, I encourage you to thank them for all the hard work they do for you. Lastly, consider this, without S.E.T. there would be no BINGO, no major concert, no bands, no dances, no hypnotists or any other event of the sort.

Mike Dutton
Students Events Team

A SINCERE THANK-YOU FOR THE DESERT JOURNEY RETREAT

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Sister Margaret Palliser for her excellent job at leading the "Desert Journey Retreat" which just ended this past Tuesday. I enjoyed listening to Sr. Margaret's interesting stories and I learned a lot about how Christians are led through their own desert experiences in life. The symbolism she used was great!

Although only a few of us attended the retreat, it sure was a very worthwhile experience, and I would recommend it to anyone in the future.

Thanks again.

Gina Norelli

S.T. DECEPTIVE?

The issue of Title IX applied to college athletics attests that an equal amount of money must be spent on both men's and women's programs. This controversial rule has forced many colleges and universities to drop a men's sport and adopt a women's in order to equalize spending.

The problem is not that as many women participate in athletics as men. For the most part, colleges have football at a school, which is a serious budget drainer when you think of how many kids play and how much equipment costs, but it also makes the majority of the school's money from athletics. A school such as Notre Dame plays to a packed house weekly, and that money pays for not only football but other men's and women's sports.

This new law leaves the men to compete in one less sport due to Title IX. This brings us to the question: how fair is Title IX?

Why should women have the same amount of money given to their athletics when it is men's sports that have the highest attendance and bring in the most revenue?

But in our world today, there must be equal opportunity for everyone, and Title IX ensures this, right? Wrong. This not only affects the amount of capital spent on the sport, but also the amount of money given on scholarships and grants.

The team can't get better without participants which scholarships bring in. Most high school wrestlers also play football, and if they need some money they are left with no choice but to play football in college, because that is where all the cash is. This causes programs to worsen, and ultimately be discarded.

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The fact is Title IX is supposed to give equal opportunity, but actually does just the opposite. It is taking away highly competitive men's sports and adding women's sports simply to meet this new requirement.

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Voice your view... Write a letter to the editor.
Reflections on 'Encounter With Christ'

By Christopher Twarowski
A&E Co-Editor

Many who attended the "Encounter With Christ" on Feb. 20 through Feb. 23 in Lakeside have a tough time describing the experience. I can understand now why. Having participated, I too have a difficult time explaining the experience. Words are almost inadequate. "You can't explain it," said sophomore psychology major Kelly Libby. "It's a spiritual thing."

"A whole new world," said junior media studies major Matt Fortney. "Like a whole new world."

"Indescribable," said junior social work major Kim McNally. "A life-altering weekend."

Peter Trenchard, a junior history major added, "It was a very positive and powerful experience."

It was the third Encounter run through Campus Ministry, and over 50 Sacred Heart students participated. We were accompanied by 10 other students from St. Joseph's College in Hartford.

Though a community affair, it was unique to the individual. Everyone experienced it in their own way.

For me, the few days were just that. An encounter with Christ. This sentence fragmented is deceiving though, because so much is contained inside those words. We did nothing out of the ordinary. There were no glowing white lights, no dimensional visions. We prayed. We shared. We laughed. Some cried.

We sought a mere glimmer of someone who was already there. Who had always been there. Who will always be there, whether recognized by ourselves or others or through a fading red-orange sunset. Jesus.

By the year 2000, there are to be expected between 100,000 to 125,000 children who have lost at least one of their parents to AIDS.

"Children affected by AIDS fall through cracks of virtually all systems they touch, as do their caregivers. The federal and state welfare reform presents a whole new set of challenges," said Shelly Geballe, director of citizens for AIDS.

Other topics that were introduced were co-guardianships, kinship adoption, welfare reform and standby guardianships.

Geballe said that these programs will benefit the kids in case of the loss of a parent. These programs allow the child to live with others who are able to share responsibilities for parenting, plus many other duties.

He may be masked at some times, but He is always there. Personally, this is something I rediscovered. My mother died about three years ago. Wife, daughter, mother of five.

I cannot even begin to attempt to relay to you the pain and other emotions my family experienced. Not that we are completely over them either, but I strongly believe Jesus to have been with us through it all.

Social work educational forum discusses children and AIDS

By Wayne Kosminoff
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, March 12, the nineteenth annual Educational Forum for Social Workers and related professionals was held in the Schine Auditorium.

The program was to inform the public about AIDS and how it affects children.

Laura, a five-year-old who has been infected with AIDS for a year and a half lives comfortably in an apartment with her mother, sister and dog. Her father died of AIDS, and her mother has been hospitalized many times. She was forced to move around quite frequently because no one could take care of her.

Laura has frequent nightmares and does not sleep well at night. This is because she fears her mother will die if she closes her eyes.

The case presented was an example of a child with AIDS, and the realization of how a child is affected by the loss of a parent with what is feared as the event of the century.

AIDS is the most potentially devastating widespread calamity of the century.

It has been determined that more and more cases of children will lose their parents to this horrible epidemic.

"By the year 2000, there are to be expected between 100,000 to 125,000 children who have lost at least one of their parents to AIDS," said Sandra Gossart Walker, the program coordinator for HIV-affected children and families and clinical instructor.

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Attention English majors/minors

The English Club meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Hawley Lounge. Anyone interested in joining this club can call Jen Hudson at 336-5484.

Prep for Success Seminar this evening

Prepare yourself for many successes! Attend a seminar at 5:30 p.m. this evening. Call the Career Development Office today at 371-7975 for location and further information. Also, in April, there will be two more Prep for Success Seminars offered--April 22 and April 8, both at 1 p.m.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Lenten Concert tonight

A concert of music for Lent will be performed by the SHU Chorale and Chamber Ensemble in the Chapel tonight at 8 p.m. The Chorale, the University's new select chorus, is making its first public appearance in this concert that is sponsored by Campus Ministry and the music program. Admission is free.

Caribbean Coffeehouse tonight

Come explore the Caribbean in the Outpost tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. A group called Linc Carnival will perform a blend of Caribbean music including Soca, Reggae and music on steel drums from Trinidad. A history of the music and the instruments will also be presented. Free to SHU students with I.D. Refreshments will be served. Come early!
The toys of Sacred Heart students

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

You've been sitting at your desk studying for hours, and your eyes start to wander around the room. You wish you were doing anything but reading over the theories of quantitative physics.

So, you close your book, and reach for an alien figurine. Then you decide to construct a helicopter out of legos. Then Mr. Potato Head starts to look like a lot of fun.

Just for a few minutes, you're not thinking about physics. Instead, you're crossing over to your more playful side, the side that you frequented when you were a kid. The side that played with toys.

Mary Head, a small business community officer for Chase Manhattan Bank, gives a lecture entitled "Entrepreneur I: Financing the Startup" which was one of many lectures at the Women's Leadership Conference held on campus last Friday.

By Zeon Wilson
Contributing Writer

In a society camouflaged with vague colors of equality, we often become blinded by the consumption of our attention into our own world. It's not until we are confronted by obstacles of discrimination against ourselves do we then give sight to this reality that effects us and others.

Women's issues explored at on-campus conference

In reality, it's not as quoted, "all men are created equally," said Hitomi Osako, a junior from Tokyo, Japan added.

Osako also collects small objects that she keeps on her desk. "I have found plastic giraffes that came in cocktails in Orlando, where I went over Spring Break," she said.

Samantha Rabel, a sophomore from Stratford, keeps duck band-aids and a red fish-shaped pencil case in her backpack. "When someone needs a band-aid, and I pull out one of those, they just get hysterical. Also, when I go out to pull out a pencil I get a laugh. Toys make it interesting," said Rabel.

Kevin Högås, a junior from Brooklyn, NY, is loyal to his toy collection that includes Sega, WWF wrestlers, sports equipment, water guns and pet sand monkeys.

"A couple of my roommates have bought me playing around with my sand monkeys and they laughed and shook their heads," he said.

Kristyn Mulry, a senior from Woonsocket, Mass., said that her roommate has toys such as slippery balloons, round cylindrical toys, squeaky soccer balls, Dalmatian figurines, McDonald's Happy Meal toys and matchbox cars.

"If you're studying, it's great stress relief," said Mulry. "Toys provide people with an outlet from their academic work and the seriousness of studying. They also allow people to be kids again, even if it's just for a few minutes," she added.

Kay Bee Toys, at the Trumbull Mall, has a great selection of toys for those who want to get back in touch with their playful side.

Marvin Medina, a sales associate at the store, said that Star Wars toys are currently very popular. "It's really hot now, especially for kids our age. It's nostalgic, since it came out when we were little kids."

According to Medina, board games, Supersoaker water guns, street hockey and rollerblades are fast-selling items among college students.

With Easter coming, it's soon going to be Pez dispensers, rabbit figurines, plastic eggs and marzipan lambs. Isn't it fun to be surrounded by toys?

Clinton opposes cloning

President— examine ethics

College Press Service

While cloning sheep and monkeys is an apparent success, scientists should hold off mixing cells in petri dishes to duplicate human beings, President Clinton said.

In his first detailed statement on cloning, the president banned federally supported human cloning and urged private labs to impose a similar moratorium.

"Any discovery that touches upon human creation is not simply a matter of scientific inquiry; it is a matter of morality and spirituality as well," Clinton told a March 4 news conference.

"Although breakthroughs in animal cloning could result in significant advances in medicine, the president noted "like the splitting of the atom, this is a discovery that carries burdens as well as benefits."

Today is the 1st day of spring.

Have a beautiful Easter vacation! From the Spectrum staff
Junior actor shines in the spotlight

By Stephanie Smith
A&E Co-Editor

Justin Venech

Venech began acting in his senior year at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, Long Island. His first play was Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water." At Sacred Heart, Venech has performed in several shows. His favorite roles have been Demetrius in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and John Proctor in Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." Venech also enjoys singing in the cabaret shows.

For the Student Art Exhibition, Venech submitted his best works. "I'll take anything that comes along, from public relations to acting or directing, in movies, television or the theater," he said.

Last semester he had an internship at Fox News in New York City. Venech worked in public relations and got a feel for the different departments in the entertainment industry. "To be perfectly honest," said Venech, "I have always dreamed of singing on Broadway and I would love to play Willie Lowman in "Death of a Salesman.""

His schedule is "tough, but well worth it," Venech said. "The busier I am, the happier I am."

As an RA, he is on duty two nights a week at Avalon Gates, a job requiring him to stay in, or close to, his apartment there and go on rounds every hour. He also must attend regular staff meetings weekly.

Now with "The Skin of our Teeth" in production, Venech has rehearsal four nights a week. "I'll take anything that comes along, from public relations to acting or directing, in movies, television or the theater," he said.

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Venech thinks positively about his busy schedule. "All my work keeps me out of trouble," said Venech, smiling.

Students' work on display in the Gallery

By Christopher Twarowski
A&E Co-Editor

The Student Art Exhibition opened last Sunday in the Gallery with a reception that highlighted many of the University's best works.

Sixty-nine pieces were displayed. They included: oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, graphite drawings, charcoal illustrations, photographs, computer graphics and three-dimensional graphics. Fifteen other works were exhibited in the showcase located outside of N114.

The exhibit was an important event for many, according to Clara Melchionno, the art club president. "It is that one time a year when we can really show our works to the rest of the University," she said. "It's a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their highest achievements. We really are good."

Every art student was eligible to submit their best works for the show. Three judges determined award recipients.

Gold awards were won by: Beth Ginsburg, Linda Nemergut, Maren Niemann, Kristine Raab, Ana Mariela Gandara, Linda Nemergut, Maren Niemann, Yuki Sato, Susan Smith and Kathy Tanguay received silver awards.

Honorable Mentions were given to Joe Bender, John C. Bender, Scott Copeland, Ana Mariela Gandara, Yuki Sato, Rayna Smith, Carmen Lucia Solares and Jeremy Staub. Scott Antifanaro received the Charles Ridolfi, Yuki Sato and Carmen Lucia Solares. Chris Beleznay, Scott Copeland, Ritsuko Miyamori, Linda Nemergut, Maren Niemann, Kristine Raab, Ana Mariela Gandara, Linda Nemergut, Maren Niemann, Yuki Sato, Susan Smith and Kathy Tanguay received silver awards.

"Considering the small size of the art department, I think the quality of the work is exceptional," said J.C. Bender, a senior art major whose watercolor "The Dapper Dog" won an honorable mention. "The hard work and time spent by all the art students is evident when you walk around the gallery and observe their pieces."

The exhibition will run until April 12.

A& E BRIEFS

'Battle of the Bands'

The "Battle of the Bands" is to take place this Saturday in the Gym. Set-up will begin at 3 p.m. and the music will start at 5 p.m. Admission is free for students and $3 for non-students with a can of food to be donated to the Merton House. The event is to last until midnight.

'101 Dalmatians' in Schine

The Student Events Team is sponsoring the presentation of "101 Dalmatians," starring Glenn Close this weekend in the Schine Auditorium.

Show times are: Saturday at 5 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m. and Monday at 9 p.m. Admission is free for SHU students and $2 for non-students. Free popcorn and juice will be served.

Lenten concert in Mahogany Room

The "1997 Friends of the Institute Concert" will take place this Sunday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. Featured at the concert will be the Cantabile Chorale. The event is sponsored by REAPS and tickets cost $35. For reservations, call 371-7867.

Film history lecture

David Sterrett will be lecturing on the French New Wave director, Jean-Luc Godard, in the Media Studies Room in the Administration Building on Sunday night at 7 p.m. The event is free and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

Compiled by Chris Twarowski & Stephanie Smith
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9:30-1:30pm Ryan Matura Library

Criminal Justice Network Day - April 17
Gain exposure to Internship and Career Opportunities
2:00-5:30pm Mahogany Room

Corporate Recruitment Day - April 18
Companies include GE Capital, Macy's, People's Bank, Regional News Network, American Skandia and more!
9:30-5pm Ryan Matura Library

Public Relations Forum - April 23
Learn about the Public Relations Field from the experts!
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9:30-5pm Ryan Matura Library

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This year's International Festival will feature a cafe setting where you will be welcomed to a cultural experience. The hut-style booths that line the walls will offer a different piece of the world.

Aside from the decorations, clothes and food of each country at the booths, you will find groups putting on performances through the duration of the Festival. These include elegant ballroom dances (courtesy of the Ballroom Dance Club) and a martial arts demonstration (courtesy of the SHU Martial Arts Fighting Team) as well as a rendition of our National Anthem (performed by the Acapela Group).

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Everyone loves an underdog in March

By Rob Sawicki

When the NCAA men's tournament brackets are announced, each team is placed and ranked within a region. It is the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee's way of telling us who they think is superior in each match-up. The fact that lower seeded teams can beat those deemed superior is the reason we all sit around our televisions watching the endless coverage every March.

This year is no different. There were stunning upsets in the first round. Like Coppin State, a 15 seed, shocking South Carolina, a no. 2 seed — and a team picked by many to reach the Final Four. Coppin brought Texas down to the wire, and finally lost a heartbreaking second round Sunday. Tennessee-Chattanooga also offered up its own serving of upset to Georgia.

Upsets are why people watch. Why, when they're not checking to see how well they're doing in the office pool or rooting for their favorite team. Away from the sordid fans, as well as those who picked UNC to go to the Final Four, the whole country was galling for Fairfield University last Thursday night. No matter where you were, you were waiting for David to slay Goliath. No sixteenth seed has ever beaten a number one. Every year we watch, hoping we will see the first.

On Sunday, Providence, the only remaining team from the once powerful Big East, moved on to the Sweet Sixteen by running past perennial powerhouse Duke. The Blue Devils just could not keep up with the Friars. Providence is a 10 seed in its region. The Friars pulled a minor upset in the first round, and followed up with Sunday's shocker over second-seeded Duke.

I'm sure the upsets aren't over. There's a lot more basketball to be played. It is a tournament where anything can happen. It's not like the NBA playoffs. It's hard for an upset when you have to beat a team four times to eliminate them. We all remember Duke's fabulous upset of UNLV in 1991 (I remember since I was the only person to pick Duke to win that game and go on to win the tournament).

It was a great moment. UNLV appeared to be as invincible as the Chicago Bulls. The Runnin' Rebels were undefeated, and the defending champions after having routed Duke in the title game the year before by 25 points. Duke just had to beat UNLV once to give us one of the great moments in sports. The Blue Devils did just that. If Duke had to play UNLV in a seven-game series, perhaps that would have been the only time Duke would have beaten them. Instead of a great upset, UNLV would have won the series 4-1, and few would have cared. Great moments like that, and Coppin State and Tennessee-Chattanooga and Providence are the reasons we watch. Any team can beat any other team on a given night. No one ever said that any team can beat any other team four times in seven games.

The next time you watch the Bulls rip through someone in a playoff series four games to one, imagine the one game they lost being the only game in the series, and how much more exciting it would be.

That excitement is what drives us to watch the NCAA tournament every year.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, March 20
Baseball at Quinnipiac College, 3 p.m.

Friday, March 21
Men's Volleyball at York 5 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs Quinnipiac College 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Men's Lacrosse at Quinnipiac College 1 p.m.
Baseball at American Track and Field at Providence, noon

Sunday, March 23
Men's Volleyball at Columbia Union, TBA

By Colleen DeBaise

College Press Service

BLACKSBURG, Va.—Virginia Tech officials say they're so embarrassed last season by the wild misconduct of football players who they've set new sanctions for athletes who break the law.

The new plan, proposed by a student and faculty committee, will impose a mandatory punishment on any athlete charged with a crime. Only a handful of universities have established separate policies for student-athlete behavior. Most simply follow the guidelines set by the university's student code of conduct.

"Playing athletics at the intercollegiate level is a rare privilege afforded very few students," said Virginia Tech president Paul Torgersen. "We expect the [athletes] at Virginia Tech to uphold the highest values of sportsmanship, honor, integrity, and respect, for others."

He added: "If . . . athletes are not up to this standard, they won't be playing for us."

The tougher sanctions are in response to a string of arrests that implicated some players. An athlete who pleads guilty or no contest to those charges will be permanently kicked off the team.

Also, any athletes charged with a misdemeanor will be subject to sanctions by the athletic director, ranging from a warning to dismissal from the team.

Torgersen said the university also would expand the number of support programs available to athletes, such as peer mentoring and drug awareness programs.

"We . . . understand that the role of a student-athlete brings special pressures and responsibilities," he said.

Virginia Tech athletic director David Braine said he would take steps to improve the recruiting process.

"We want to try to do everything we can to get the right kinds of kids to begin with, help them succeed in the college environment, and clearly communicate our values and expectations of civil behavior," he said.
SHU spikes Brooklyn, fall to Mt. St. Vincent's

By Julie Nevero
Staff Writer

The men's volleyball team split in games this past week to move to 12-7. Sacred Heart defeated Brooklyn College, 3-0, on March 30, as the Pioneers were finally able to avenge a loss from earlier in the season. The latest defeat dropped them back to 7-3.

Heading toward the end of its regular season, the SHU men's volleyball team stands at 12-7.

BOWLING FINISHES SIXTH IN REGIONALS

By Corinne Walheim
Assistant Sports Editor

When five senior starters graduated last year, the Sacred Heart men's bowling team needed to rebuild, yet had high hopes for the 1996-97 season. The Pioneers, who fielded two teams with the addition of talented recruits, concluded their season last weekend with a sixth-place finish in the Regional finals in Baltimore.

Freshman Tony Lopes led the team with a 204 average. He was followed by sophomore Jim White (202) and junior Marc Kozac (201).

The team will be in action this weekend at the Columbia Union Tournament in Baltimore.

PIONEERS FALTER TO DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION C.W. POST

By Brad Wilson
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's lacrosse team dropped to 2-1 as it was defeated by defending Division I national champion C.W. Post, 14-5, last Saturday in Brookville, N.Y.

Sacred Heart, which was second in scoring among Division II teams last season (15.20 goals a game), was held to its lowest point total since 1995 when Southampton defeated the Pioneers 10-4 in the ECAC Tournament final.

"We ran into a team that wanted to prove they deserved to be number one and we were simply outplayed in all aspects of the game, from ground balls to offense to defense," said Coach Tom Mariano.

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead 19 seconds into the first quarter behind a goal by senior midfielder Jason Colapinto of Deer Park, N.Y.—the only time Sacred Heart led in the contest.

C.W. Post's Dave Loiacono responded with a goal just over a minute later. Loiacono had four goals and four assists for top-ranked C.W. Post.

Senior attackman Chuck Chioldo of Stratford led Sacred Heart with two goals, increasing his team leading total to nine on the season.

Colapinto had one goal and one assist and sophomore Chris Lukowski (West Genesee, N.Y.) and freshman Chris Spaterella (Garden City South, N.Y.) each netted one goal.

Seniors goalkeeper Art DeGartano of Beacon, N.Y., posted 24 saves for Sacred Heart. The Pioneers return to action Saturday at 1 p.m. when they visit in-state rival Quinnipiac, a team they defeated 13-8 last season.

On March 26 the Pioneers will play their home-opener against Wesleyan at 3:30 p.m.

"The guys are focused for our next game," said Mariano. "There is a lot of lacrosse left to be played this season and we're still in the mix with everybody."