Sacred Heart mourns a true pioneer
Founder of the University, The Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, dies at 84

By Brian Corassani
Assistant News Editor

On Saturday morning, The Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, retired bishop of Bridgeport and founder of Sacred Heart University, died following a long illness at St. Joseph’s Manor in Trumbull. He was 84.

Bishop Curtis began his priesthood as a Pastor in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. in 1937. By 1957 he was ordained Bishop of Newark and Pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark.

In 1961, Pope John XXIII appointed Bishop Curtis to be the second Bishop of Bridgeport.

During the Second Vatican Council in 1962, Bishop Curtis was selected as a member of the Committee on Faith and Morals and the Committee on the Sacraments.

Bishop Curtis was a strong proponent of Catholic education. In the past, he had cited the Foundation of Outstanding Catholic Schools in the Bridgeport Diocese as his favorite project.

After his installation as Bishop of Bridgeport, he began a high school building program for the diocese. Kolbe-Cathedral High School in Bridgeport, St. Joseph High School in Trumbull and Immaculate High School in Danbury were all results of that program.

In 1963, Bishop Curtis founded Sacred Heart University as a co-educational diocesan commuter school. Today Sacred Heart University is the third largest Catholic University in New England.

The Administration of Sacred Heart University was saddened by the loss of Bishop Curtis.

“I mourn the passing of a mentor and a friend. Bishop Curtis was an exceptional spiritual leader, a visionary churchman and a profoundly dedicated educator. Founding Sacred Heart University to educate people in Connecticut was an act of dedication to the religious spirit of this whole community,” said Dr. Anthony Ceresa, president of Sacred Heart University.

His life and passing have also touched many others in the Sacred Heart community.

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Eyes peeled at Parkridge
Community Watch formed by students

By Wendi Plescia
Co-News Editor

In the past two weeks there have been five car break-ins at Parkridge. Due to these occurrences, some of the students residing at Parkridge have decided to form a Community Watch which will educate residents in safety and to make the environment safer for students and their belongings.

The first meeting was held on Oct. 16 in the Parkridge Community Room.

“A lot of students showed up for the meeting, which I feel is a positive thing,” stated Jason Slattery, a junior criminal justice major from Syracuse, N.Y. Slattery is one of four students who decided to get this program underway.

The other students who are leading the program are Tony Todt, senior resident assistant at Parkridge, John Wool, a junior media studies major from Irvington, N.Y. and Brian Jambo, a junior psychology major from Albany, N.Y.

The purpose of this program is to be more effective in meeting the complex needs of elder patients,” said Dr. Michelle Lusardi, principal investigator of the project. “We have a strong program and the grant will allow us to interact in a special way.”

Grant upstarts Elders 2000

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

Funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Sacred Heart University has received a three-year grant worth $367,281 for Elders 2000: An Interdisciplinary Team Approach to Educational Opportunities in Geriatric Rehabilitation.

This new multi-disciplinary project aims to train health professionals in serving the elderly and will combine the resources of the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Nursing programs.

“This has been a long time goal of mine to bring people of special training together to

People's Bank looking to recruit

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

Representatives from People's Bank Headquarters in Bridgeport came to campus Monday evening to speak with students interested in applying to the bank's Corporate Professional Development Program.

At the session were two May graduates of Sacred Heart University, Jeff Fortier and Tim Brosnan, who were recruited into the program last year.

"It's a dynamic business and a company completely dedicated to excellence," said Fortier, a corporate trainee in the credit card department at the corporation.

Fortier said that before working for the bank, he had preconceived notions about banks. "I didn't like banks," he told the group. "I thought they were cold and only grew by buying out other banks. But I saw that People's was very different and they were growing by finding opportunities and places they could serve."

People's Bank works to rebuild the state's inner city neighborhoods. It has over 110 branches, 3,300 employees and $7.8 billion in assets.

Brosnan said that he was surprised to find the morale high at People's Bank.

"People generally like working there, and the people are happy with the work they do."

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Class of 2001 changes structure

By Wendi Plasencia
Co-News Editor

Due to the recent removal of Jim Kelly, former President of the Class of 2001, many changes are now taking place.

Kelly was removed from office because he did not fulfill certain disciplinary standards that are required of a student to hold any student leader position.

"I think since I won by such a great margin that there is no reason why I should be removed from my position as president. It is quite obvious that the freshman population wants me to be their president," stated Kelly, an environmental science major.

According to Al Precourt, the assistant director of Student Life, "A candidate needs to fulfill certain requirements. The student needs to attend on a full time basis, a 2.25 GPA needs to be obtained by a president, good disciplinary standing, and must take a minimum of twelve credits."

Audrey Marrone, the former vice president, has now stepped up to replace Kelly.

"Now that I am president I want students to know that I am a representative for them. I am here to make the year run smoothly," stated Marrone, who is debating between Spanish or psychology as a major and is from Smithtown, N.Y.

Since taking over the position, Marrone has held all of the positions that were open after the election was taken place.

The position of treasure has been filled by Elizabeth Mangione. The three senior positions are now filled by Jen Foisy, Keysha Whittaker and Kelly Gordon.

"I am very excited and glad that I applied for the job. I am looking forward to working with everyone else too," stated Foisy.

There are new committees that have been put into place that Kelly Gordon used to run.

"These committees were formed to get people involved and keep people informed on campus," stated Marrone.

These committees are Public Relations headed by Katie O’Neil, the fund raising committee headed by Kim Blik, and the activities chair lead by Diana Bellinger.

"If any student has any questions or comments they could call me at 860-235-7975," stated Marrone.

Grant to allow in depth research

By Bruce Carlson
Co-News Editor

Sacred Heart University students and faculty will soon have access to the latest technology in neurobiology due to a new $94,500 grant by the National Science Foundation.

"I am excited about what this grant will mean to our ability to give the students a state-of-the-art education in the sciences, preparing them for careers in today's competitive world," said Dr. John P. Griffin, assistant professor of biology.

The newly renovated and constructed Anatomy and Physiology Labs will provide the necessary space for the new equipment, which will be installed before the end of the spring semester.

"This is a very significant asset to the University and to the instruction and research of our students and faculty. This is exactly the type of grant which responds to our needs," added David Barnett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, in a recent letter.

The University has provided a "matching fund" of $40,500 to assist the grant. This money will allow students and faculty to participate in summer research programs and aid in purchasing the equipment.

"It is an up-and-coming field, and new technology is always needed. It will be a big advantage to have an edge over other competitors," said Peter Carlow, a senior biology major from Beverly, Mass.

Students will be able to perform hands-on tasks on various lab equipment and face-to-face discussions with researchers and different recordings such as their own electrocardiogram (EKG) results.

"This will provide a neat and dynamic experience for students interested in this technology," said Griffs.

This type of learning is "real and not just in a textbook," and therefore will promote student attention and involvement, explained Griffs.

Some equipment will be arriving at Sacred Heart next month.

Recruitment:

University's top contact visits

By Wendi Plasencia
Co-News Editor

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Bellingier also looks for employees who have the "customer focus" that the banks pride itself on.

People's Bank considers all majors for the program; therefore the applicant need not necessarily be business majors. It has carefully analyzed its inter- view process to isolate those who possess the qualities that the bank is looking for.

"The bank offers benefits such as a dollar for 401K plan, and full payment of college tuition, books and fees for any employee wishing to further his or her education in any area. They are given shares of stock in the bank, and graduation presents for students who complete the program, the bank pays for," said Bellingier.

"We believe that employees who feel helped by the corporation are happier employees," Bellingier said.

"I am very excited and glad that I applied for the job. I am looking forward to working with everyone else too," stated Foisy.

**Faculty member publishes book**

By Brian Coreasantti
Assistant News Editor

A recently published book has been released which was written by a member of the Sacred Heart Faculty.

The Critical Responses to Gloria Naylor is Co-Edited by Sharon Felton of Tennessee and Dr. Michelle Loris, an English professor at Sacred Heart University.

The book is a collection of essays on the works of contemporary African-American author Gloria Naylor. Naylor received her honorary degree from Sacred Heart University in 1994 and also gave the Commencement address that year.

"She (Naylor) is a growing emerging voice in American literature. She has an innovative, creative and individualistic style," said Loris.

The critical essays covered in the book are on Naylor's four novels, including The Women of Brewster Place and Mama Day.

Now that the work is over and the book is published, Loris feels a great sense of satisfaction. "I feel wonderful. I feel a sense of accomplishment. I feel the book is a fine contribution to the scholarship of Naylor," she said.

"This is a scholarly, academic book. Our aim is that it pay some tribute to her as an important and emerging voice in American literature," she added.

The book can be found in the Sacred Heart University Bookstore or through the publisher, Greenwood Press.

**Public Safety Releases**

Public Safety releases from Oct. 7 - Oct. 20

**Public Safety incidents from Oct. 7 - Oct. 20**

Oct. 7: 10:59 a.m.- Staff member reported a computer CPU stolen from South 106.

11:45 a.m.- Visitor reported her purse stolen from the Mahogany Room.

1:34 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by employee changing a smoke detector.

4:00 p.m.- West Hall resident reported her vehicle vandalized while parked in the South Lot.

5:14 p.m.- Parent of resident student called, concerned about their son. Public Safety was able to locate the student and have him call home.

10:43 p.m.- South Hall resident reported being harassed by other hall residents.

Oct. 8: 10:15 a.m.- B&G staff member reported one of the black batons at Jefferson Hill was missing.

2:06 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported a broken window in their apartment.

7:51 p.m.- Visitor reported his wallet stolen from the Pint Center.

9:12 p.m.- Public Safety was advised to be on the lookout for a resident of the Jewish Home who wandered away from the home; at 9:18 p.m., the resident was found.

Oct. 9: 3:17 p.m.- Resident student reported receiving a threatening phone message.

4:31 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm, 3rd floor pull station. Fairfield Fire Dept. responded.

8:11 p.m.- Fairfield Police advised Public Safety to be on the lookout for a vehicle which was reported driving recklessly. Public Safety found the vehicle parked in the Tennis Court lot and notified Fairfield Police.

8:26 p.m.- Student suffered a bloody nose at Pint Center.

10:30 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported a theft from their motor vehicle.

Oct. 10: 1:30 a.m.- Noise complaint received from Jefferson Hill resident student.

3:11 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received.

4:01 a.m.- Public Safety Officer heard a car alarm sounding in the Jewish Community Center Parking Lot; a window had been broken and the radio stolen.

8:40 a.m.- Parkridge resident reported their vehicle, parked on Geduldig St., had been broken into and the radio stolen.

Oct. 11: No Incidents Reported.

Oct. 12: 10:08 a.m.- Athletic Department reports one of the University vans was vandalized while in New York.

12:16 p.m.- Student reported receiving a threatening phone call.

Oct. 13: 12:04 a.m.- Smoke Detector in Jefferson Hill Bldg. activated by a resident smoking.

10:20 a.m.- Motor vehicle accident reported at Park Ave. and Jefferson St.; Fairfield Police notified.

7:30 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported their vehicle, while parked on Park Avenue, was broken into.

Oct. 14: 4:48 a.m.- A Public Safety Officer observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of Jefferson Hill Apt.; when approached, the vehicle left the area.

10:13 p.m.- Resident student reported receiving a harassing phone call.

Oct. 15: 7:48 a.m.- A shuttle driver was informed a student, on Old Town Road, was in need of medical attention. The student, who was suffering an asthma attack, was found and an ambulance was called; student was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Oct. 16: 2:30 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by smoke in a room.

2:37 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by a violated smoke detector; unknown cause.

2:42 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by a violated hallway smoke detector; unknown cause.

3:20 p.m.- Commuter student reported the theft of their motor vehicle from the North Lot.

6:44 p.m.- Public Safety was informed by the University of Bridgeport Security Dept. that males had been attempting to enter their residence halls to allegedly sell fragrances; these males were also reported to have been at Fairfield University.

6:57 p.m.- Vandalism reported to the South Hall elevator.

Oct. 17: 2:48 a.m.- Ness Officer at Taft reported a vehicle, while parked in the street, had been broken into and the radio stolen.

3:46 a.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported her wallet stolen from her apartment.

4:43 a.m.- Ness Officer at Taft reported a male vandalized a vehicle parked on the street and attempted, unsuccessfully, to steal radio speaker. The perpetrator's description, and that of his car, were given to Bridgeport Police.

1:40 p.m.- The parent of a Parkridge student called Public Safety requesting an ambulance respond to transport her son to the hospital for an injury he suffered during a rugby game the previous day; ambulance was called.

2:27 p.m.- Professor reported an ill student in the Science Wing; Public Safety responded and transported the student to the Health Center.

4:08 p.m.- Ness Officer reported a Taft resident reported their vehicle broken into while parked on the street.

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**Public Safety incidents from Oct. 18 - Oct. 20**

Oct. 18: 1:45 a.m.- South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

2:47 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm reported.

Oct. 19: 12:16 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm, 6th floor; room smoke detector activated.

1:23 a.m.- Parkridge resident reported his vehicle was hit while parked in the lot.

3:16 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm, 5th floor; room smoke detector activated due to smoking.

5:00 a.m.- Taft resident reported Public Safety assistance removing a male who was unwanted on the property.

Oct. 20: 12:21 a.m.- West Hall student was disorderly and threatened another student; Public Safety responded.

2:08 a.m.- Parkridge Officer reported a suspicious male in a vehicle on Geduldig St.; when the officer approached, the vehicle drove away.

3:01 a.m.- South Hall fire extinguisher was discharged in the 2nd floor kitchenette.

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University a reality in this world," said Sister Margaret Palliser, director of Campus Ministry.

A memorial mass for Bishop Curtis will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.

"This project creates an opportunity to combine new educational initiatives with service activities for a population in the Bridgeport area that has significant and diverse health care needs," said Emery.

Since many clients in the Bridgeport community are Spanish-speaking, Professor Pilar Peral will serve as the Spanish consultant to the project.

The University is in the process of providing highly advanced training for its faculty and developing new course work for students. The first geriatric courses will be offered in Fall 1999.

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Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.

"This project creates an opportunity for itself to grow and to be successful," said Loris.

The book can be found in the Sacred Heart University Bookstore or through the publisher, Greenwood Press.
EDITORIALS

Farewell to Sacred Heart's founder

The Sacred Heart University community is at a loss with the recent death of its founder, the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis.

Bishop Curtis served as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport from 1961 until his retirement in 1988. He strongly believed in the importance of a Catholic education and launched a high school building program for the Diocese of Bridgeport. In 1961, Bishop Curtis conceived the idea of a Catholic university. Two years later, his dreams came true when Sacred Heart University was officially founded in 1963.

In this time of mourning, the entire SHU community is blessed with the opportunity to be thankful for our educational experience. We are also given the opportunity to reflect on the short history and vast growth of the University.

Although recent students, faculty and administration were unable to know Bishop Curtis on a personal level, we should all be grateful for his tremendous vision and determination to see it through.

Make use of a gym you already paid for

How much does it cost to join a gym? Most decent gyms cost $500 - $900 a year. With this membership, you can use Cybex machines, free weights, stairmasters, treadmills and ergometers.

They usually offer step and slide classes as well. If you go to the gym, you usually have to take a bus, train or an automobile. The cost of the fare, gas or wear-and-tear on the car begin to add up.

What if you were provided free transportation? What if the gym was two blocks from your home, or a half mile. Even three miles would be considered close.

Well if you were offered all this for $150, would you consider it a bargain? At SHU, we consider it close.

By MIKE DUTTON

Will all of the hard work invested in college ever pay off?

As a senior who will graduate in just seven months, I am starting to worry about my future. Starting? Tell that to my parents or my boyfriend and they will tell you that I’ve been worrying for quite some time now about what I’m going to do after I graduate.

I see the world out there as scary, and it frightens me. I hear horror stories of people working their whole lives just to pay the rent, finance a car and make student loan payments. I hear stories of people who are afraid of getting sick since they have no health insurance to cover the doctor’s bill. And these are people with college degrees who just couldn’t get a lucky break in the business world.

I am not sure of exactly what I want to do when I get out of school and that adds to my fears.

What? A senior who doesn’t know what she wants to do after graduation? I’m willing to bet that I don’t stand alone though.

Thankfully, we have an office as helpful as career services here at SHU that doesn’t leave its seniors standing alone in their job search.

There are a couple of atmospheres that I have always thought would be fun to work in (an airport or a hotel) but then I wonder whether those jobs would pay enough and that seems to be what it all boils down to if you intend to live on your own.

I am wondering if all of the hard work I have invested in college will ever pay off. Will I ever be able to afford an apartment or a better car than one that breaks down without warning and requires $2000 worth of repairs? (My 1996 Honda Accord did just that and it now sits idly in my parent’s driveway.)

It’s tough out there as I’ve seen through what my two sisters have encountered when trying to make ends meet in an expensive world.

I admire my parents for being able to send three daughters to college and live in a peaceful neighborhood in the country. “God’s country” they call it.

I admire all of their hard work and sacrifices throughout the years. I’m sure they would have loved to travel to Italy or rent a summer home by the ocean, but they valued education instead and did not care about luxuries.

So, what is the solution to not knowing exactly what to do after graduation?

What I have decided to do is trust that God will send me in the right direction. He always does. He even led me to this university and I’m sure of that.

It is mostly during the times when we feel we have no direction in life that we really have the most direction. We just have to silence ourselves to hear the subtle callings of what to do.

Can’t see over the hill now, but that is because I must climb it by concentrating on my last year and making sure I am headed in the right direction. I must adapt because...
If the SHU Fits

by Jeremy Staub

The SHU Voices

What has been your most worthwhile class at Sacred Heart thus far?

Dennis Fuzie
Sophomore/Mastic, N.Y.

"Accounting."

Aaron Chrostowsky
Sophomore/Marlborough, CT

"Political Science with Dr. Rose."

Phil Tartaglia
Junior/Wayne, N.J.

"Web design."

Joe Trank
First-year student/Salisbury, N.Y.

"English."
LAP TOP COMPUTERS ARE STILL CAUSING HEADACHES

To the Editor:

I believe that the computer problems on campus have reached an unacceptable level.

Three weeks ago, I turned in my computer to Comp USA to be repaired.

Over the weekend, and no phone calls from Comp USA later, I came back to pick up my newly fixed laptop. One problem...it wasn’t fixed. It wasn’t even sent out.

Warrantech, Comp USA’s warranty administration company, did not authorize my laptop to be returned and did not honor their warranty on my laptop. Two batteries are expected to go, therefore they are not covered, according to the Comp USA representative.

I went over to the help desk, and got Dan Jopp to speak to the Comp USA representative for me.

Dan said that it was a warranted item and should be fixed. But the Comp USA representative did not have the kind of pull to authorize the service for my laptop. He could not even get a return authorization number for me. This made me angry. Not only would they not fix my computer, they wouldn’t authorize it to be returned to diagnose any other problems. This was ridiculous, and finally this week Jopp was able to get the product returned for repair.

I have been out of a computer for three weeks and I need it to type up papers and other things.

This is ridiculous. I paid for a warranty that covers everything. I should not have one instead of the run around. I think this university has to act on this problem and other problems with Comp USA. In order to see to it that their customers get the service and speedy turnaround that they expect and paid for. This is garbage.

Mike Banks
Sophomore

Letters to the editor

DID RIVERA MISS THE WHOLE POINT OF HIS COLUMN?

To the Editor:

I have been reviewing Brian Rivera’s columns in the past issues of the Spectrum. Let me say that I am not at all impressed or pleased. Unless I am mistaken, the purpose of his position is to represent the student body at the student government meetings and the purpose of his column is to report what happened at those meetings. On the whole, I have not seen this happening.

Mr. Rivera’s articles, aside from being grammatically ridiculous, are unclear and too vague. He reports that meetings took place, but not what happened during the meeting. For example, in the Sept. 18 issue, he told us that they met, “with our administrative links and the four deans this past Monday morning to further achieve our goal to strengthen the communication between the students and the Administration” (page 4). That’s great that the meeting took place, but now would you like to tell us what happened at that meeting? How are you going to strengthen the communication links? This should be an important part to discuss in an article.

I have also talked with other people who have noticed this problem. They agree that his section of the paper should involve more aspects of Student Government and should discuss what is happening at the meetings. They also feel that he does not always have the correct or complete information before he writes his column.

In the Sept. 25 issue, Mr. Rivera congratulates the new Executive Board Members. “Jaime Vaccarino, vice president of the Student Government Clubs, Councils, and Organizations and newly elected freshman class president” (page 4). At first I thought that this meant that Mr. Vaccarino was freshman class president as well as VP of CCO. As it turns out, Mr. Rivera just did not know the new president’s name.

This column is an embarrassment to the student body. It is not serving its intended purpose and is poorly written.

Mr. Rivera, you are not a cartoon character, so please do not end your articles with phrases like “That’s All Folks” (Oct. 2, page 4). It is not fitting of a person in your position nor is it professional. I suggest improving this column immediately or discontinuing it.

Katherine R. Hippeli
Junior

AN APOLOGY TO RESIDENTS OF PARKRIDGE TOWNHOUSE ONE

To the Editor:

Let this serve as an open letter of apology for the housing conditions encountered as members of our residential community approached move-in day. A response to your public discountenant requesting “answers and actions” published in the first issue of the Spectrum dated September


As a matter of procedure, each of the 600’s residence hall rooms and their common areas are viewed several times over the course of each summer by our department to check conditions and progress of all in-house and continued work as scheduled in coordination with Residence Life’s summer housing needs. A thorough cleaning of the apartments is the “final” scheduled work provided by the Building & Grounds Department before occupancy.

Your complaints of dirty apartment and carpeting, appliance malfunction and furniture problems were all valid. This summer, a decision was made to replace your carpet. Unfortunately, the carpet installer placed the carpet in the wrong townhouse. This error was not caught and corrected prior to your arrival. I apologize for the appearance you encountered.

Townhouse One was occupied on August 13. It was not scheduled to be occupied for two more days...August 15. Occupying a residence before a scheduled move-in date must never stop us from doing our job in the future.

However, it can confuse and interfere with the scheduled “final” cleaning and inspections. In the case of your residence, the carpeting error probably could not have been fully rectified in a couple of days, but corrective measures could have been initiated.

Again, I apologize for any misunderstandings and contributions to the circumstances(s) that prevented timely inspection.

As of September 18, all items reported to us (by you the residents) have been hopefully taken care of your satisfaction.

We are grateful that you have brought these concerns to our attention, and regret that you had to endure this unfortunate experience.

Larry Williams
Director of Buildings and Grounds Department

This letter was also sent to the residents of the apartment and their parents.

JOIN THE COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

To the Editor:

I wanted to write to explain to you that a new organization has returned to campus. The time is now for the College Democrats! It is correct that this organization will help to further democracy and free exchange of ideas to our school’s public forum. The College Democrats is a twenty-year-old organization established originally to bring together young, energetic, bright and concerned college students.

We continue this tradition of debate to challenge political as well as ideological issues that affect our lives. It is up to us to make our voices heard. For these reasons, we have returned.

I really can’t say enough about this organization. It has awesome potential to grow and to influence our future in so many ways. From saving financial assistance for students, to preserving the environment, we hope to influence the way people feel about politics. More importantly, we hope to encourage all to involve themselves in our democratic government.

I invite all to become involved in College Democrats. Be a part of history and contribute to a growing cause. Democracy!

Joseph P. Mora
Treasurer
SHU College Democrats

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China: next to arrive at SHU

Extraterrestrials: Reach out and touch one

By Carmela E. Chisholm
Co-Features Editor

It's a dark, lonely night on a long, backwoods, country road in Maine. The trees cast black evil shadows over the pavement and all the street lamps are dim. Suddenly, a bright light fills the windshield and you slam on the breaks. As you slip into a deep state of unconsciousness, you notice that the clock reads 10 p.m.

A moment later it seems, you are sitting in your car, stopped in the middle of the road. Your watch now says 10:25. Twenty-five minutes have disappeared somehow. You think to yourself, "What just happened to me?"

This example is a common scenario that comes to mind when people think of alien abduction; symptoms of time loss, a bright light, and of course, a dark Stephen King-esque road in Maine.

Aliens, alien abductions, and UFOs have been hot topics for countless movies, books, and events throughout human history. Even before mankind built cities and countries, they wondered about other possible life forms in the universe. Speculation about extraterrestrial life can even be found in ancient literature.

What is it about aliens that capture our imaginations so powerfully? Why do we automatically assume that aliens would come to Earth only to conquer and enslave us?

If extraterrestrials were to look at our television waves, it would be obvious that we are fascinated with the concept of life on other planets. Recently, we've had movies including Contact, First Contact, Independence Day, Event Horizon and Men in Black. But in general, do human beings believe in aliens? The popular opinion here at Sacred Heart seems to be yes. Some students even have proof.

Eric LaBonte, a junior psychology major from Chicopee, Mass., said, "Sure I believe in aliens, haven't you met my roommates?"

However, most everyone else had the same opinion as Elena Serendi, a first-year student from Waterbury, Conn. "I believe in them, because I think it's ridiculous to think we're the only ones in the universe, especially since there's so much more out there than we've already discovered."

While most people said they did believe, there were a few who were skeptical. Al Precourt, assistant director of student life, commented, "I am intrigued by it, but I never actually sat down and thought about it."

Of course, aliens could gather quite a bit of other information from our movies about them. The fact that we are para-normal and perhaps even afraid of them would be blatantly obvious. Almost every media form that has portrayed aliens has shown them to be the enemy, the attacker. Aliens are depicted as invaders who have no other motive, than to exterminate the entire human race to use Earth's resources. As shown by past examples, humans would probably do the same thing if they had the upper hand.

But what do most people think would result if aliens found or contacted us? Sara Ignudo, a junior biology major from Waterbury, Del., explained, "I think they'd try to determine our culture and our way of life. I don't believe they would try to invade us and be enemies from the outset."

"I think they'd try to compare technology to see if they could help us or if we could help them," commented John Campoletano, a junior biology major from Long Island, N.Y.

Perhaps aliens aren't going to make the first attempt at contact. If not, should humans make the first move to contact them? "No, we should try to contact them because it would be far too expensive and my phone bill is too high already," added Precourt.

"We should try to contact them, to know how far they've gotten with their resources and to see how much more intelligent they are," concluded Campoletano.

No matter what is out there in the far reaches of the galaxies, people need to keep an open mind. After all, humans haven't discovered every species yet, and they're 'right here in Earth's own atmosphere. Just remember that anything is possible, even a long distance call from E.T.

Harvest weekend is back

Hypnotize yourself for fun

By Samuel Santiago, Jr.
Contributing Writer

The event is free for full time SHU students, $3 for non-students and a identification card may purchase tickets. To get hypnotized, be at the Outpost at 9 p.m.

On Oct. 31, get ready for a Halloween night you will never forget. The Warrens, well-known experts and seekers of the supernatural, will be at Sacred Heart at 9 p.m. in the Pitt Center. They will let you see and hear things you have never seen or experienced.

"They are fun and interesting," said Vanessa Filenous, a senior media studies major who saw The Warrens on one of their previous visits. "The films that were shown were very interesting, stories about Bridgeport's cemeteries made it even more interesting and close to home."

If you would like to see the Warrens speak, purchase your tickets when they go on sale on Oct. 27 in the dining hall. Tickets are $3 for non-students and a Those with a Sacred Heart identification card may purchase a ticket for just $1.
CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Come out and support the senior class
On Oct. 26 the north lot will be filled with vendors selling a variety of goods. Tables cost $25 for all private vendors and $15 for all clubs and organizations. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Jenn at 396-6153.

College Democrats meetings
College Democrats meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the library. Snacks will be provided. For more information contact Dr. Margaret Palliser, O.P. at Campus Ministry.

Chemistry seminar for graduate students
Dr. John Wood of Yale University will speak on Natural products and other opportunities for graduate students in chemistry on Oct. 24 at 2:30 p.m. in SC 103. Refreshments will be served.

Accounting Club
The accounting club is looking for new members. For more information contact Charles at 378-6565.

A unique martial artist

By Wayne Kosminoff

Green belt Brian Polovoy blocks a punch against 3rd degree black belt Danielle Fournier, former junior olympian team member. Currently both are members of the SHU martial arts team.

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'Liberty Belles' to ring proudly at SHU

By Stephanie Smith
A&E Editor

"The Liberty Belles" opens tomorrow night at SHU's Center for the Performing Arts. "Belles" is a new musical revue about a female singing team from World War II, written and directed by Maureen Hamill, who also appears in the show.

The show focuses on the lives of four women from diverse backgrounds who are suddenly joined during WWII by a New York talent scout searching for a female singing group to perform at a bond rally.

The women become known as "The Liberty Belles" and are sent to England to entertain troops at an air force base. Musical numbers include well-known 1940's tunes such as "Accentuate the Positive," "The White Cliffs of Dover," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "I'll Be Seeing You."

Hamill has entertained audiences throughout the country with her acting troupe and has most recently performed on the U.S.S. Intrepid, a WWII aircraft carrier that has been converted to an Air and Space Museum in New York City. She has conceived and directed several shows at The Center including "Positively Porter," "Thanks for the Memories, 1945," "American Pie," "Two Step, Truck Stop," and "Broadway Moments."

Hamill has also directed and performed at The Center in the musicals "Jerry's Girls," "Side by Side By Sondheim" and "Man of La Mancha."

This year at The Center she will be directing "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" and "Broadway Moments II."

In "Belles" Hamill plays Maggie Dorsey. The other "Belles" are portrayed by Carolyn Kennedy Graupner of Easton, Donna Martire of Stratford and Molly Totten of New York.

Other cast members include Kevin Miller, Robert S. Fallon, Rick McKinnon, Andrew Gentrew, Janna Beth Short and Jillian Caruso.

"Belles" runs through Nov. 2. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices are $15 for general admission, $12.50 for seniors and students and $10 for groups of ten or more.

For further information or to reserve tickets, contact the theater box office at 374-2777.

This week at Toad's Place

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Senior Mike Galluzzo of Sacred Heart, and friends Tom Hamilton and Jerry McDonald formed the band, Bridge, in 1992. Since then, Bridge has produced two demo tapes and a 7" single. They have played at locations ranging from the Hard Rock Cafe in Boston to The Outpost at SHU.

Galluzzo, the band's drummer, gained an early interest in music with the help of his father. At eleven years old he met his future bandmates in Boy Scouts.

"I always wanted to play the drums," says Galluzzo. "I was never really interested in any other instrument."

Bridge has played at Sacred Heart three times in the past two years, twice at The Outpost and once at last year's Greek Weekend Carnival.

The band plays a variety of cover tunes, including "Run Around Sue" and "It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)." Galluzzo says the band prefers to perform its own material.

"We're an original band," he says. "We don't try to get shows playing covers — we want to play our own stuff."

Most of Bridge's songs are written by guitarist Hamilton, with help from Galluzzo and bassist McDonald. Their songs come from personal experience. For instance, "Undertow," a track from Bridge's first demo tape, was written after Hamilton and McDonald nearly drowned in Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundies.

Galluzzo is the only member of Bridge attending Sacred Heart; Hamilton and McDonald both live in Massachusetts. Galluzzo is currently majoring in criminal justice major, treasurer for Lambda Sigma Phi, and a past member of the Cum Laude Society and the Pioneer Marching Band. He is also interning with the Detective in charge of Homicide for the Bridgeport Police Department.

While he loves playing with Bridge, Galluzzo considers it more of a "serious hobby" than a career.

He hopes to work in Federal Law Enforcement as a criminal investigator.

He has already taken the Federal Marshall's Exam and the Border Patrol Exam.

While it is unclear whether Bridge will return to SHU anytime soon, Galluzzo says that production will remain constant.

"We're just gonna keep writing and playing songs."

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A & E BRIEFS

Rock and Roll of the '80s returns

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The Waldheim Report

Athletes and students join the madness

By Corinne A. Waldheim

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New Hampshire defeats men's soccer

By Matt Duda

Staff Writer

On paper, it looked as though Sacred Heart’s men’s soccer team didn’t have a prayer of competing with New Hampshire College last Saturday. The Pioneer’s entered the game with a record of 3-9-1. NHC was ranked fourth in the country and boasted a record of 11-7-1 and scored a goal in 11 of 11 games.

To make the situation worse, the team uniforms were left behind at the Pitt Center. The Pioneers faced the prospect of having to play NHC in the Penmen’s away uniforms. Disastrous was avoided thanks to the efforts of volleyball coach Scott Carter, who transported the uniforms to Franklin Pierce University.

 Sacred Heart had opportunities to score against NHC, but they couldn’t capitalize. One shot hit the crossbar, and a one on one breakaway opportunity was ill-fated. Sacred Heart goalie Scott Glibowski and senior James Hood feel the effort against New Hampshire is a good omen for the rest of the Pioneer’s season.

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**Women's volleyball over .500 mark**

By Julie Nevero
Assistant Sports Editor

Sacred Heart University women’s volleyball team has had a good couple of weeks. The team traveled to Southern Connecticut State University on Oct. 14 and to Franklin Pierce College for a tri-match last Saturday. The ladies went 3-1 in the matches and improved on their overall record standing at 11-10, bringing them above the .500 mark.

SCSU in three games (15-11, 15-2, 15-5) where Chell offered eight kills and shared the lead for the match with sophomore Trisha Moore who also had eight kills.

On Saturday, the tri-match consisted of teams from New Hampshire College, Stonehill College and FPC. SHU defeated FPC in three games (15-11, 15-3, 15-12). Sophomore Kelly Wehr led in kills with 11 while teammate Danielle Brown had six and middle hitter Moore added five to the victory.

Senior setter Melissa Amore had 33 assists on the night and also led in digs with 14. GHC also fell victim to the Lady Pioneers in three games (15-10, 15-9, 15-10). This time, Moore led in kills with 18, Wehr followed with 12 kills and 10 digs. Amore had a team high 44 assists in the games.

Field hockey wins again

By Christian Koskorelos
Staff Writer

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The women remain optimistic until a memorable score from Hynes, just under the 11 minute mark. Hynes reached the ultimate goal when she scored her 100th career point.

In the second half, the Lady Rangers scored with 15:30 remaining to make it 1-1. The Lady Pioneers needed composure, because at 6:02, Drew scored again.

**Pioneer football falls to Merrimack**

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

During the Columbus Day weekend break, the Sacred Heart football team lost a home contest to C.W. Post. The Long Island, N.Y. college trampled on the Pioneers, 62-10.

The second home contest attracted 1,238 spectators. Senior wide receiver Dave Galligani (Bethlehem, Pa.) set a new school record for catches in a game with ten.

Last Saturday, the Pioneers traveled to North Andover, Mass to face Merrimack College, where they lost a closer battle to the Warriors, 17-7. Their record fell to 1-5.

“We were disappointed we came out on the bottom of it. We put ourselves in a competitive situation in the first football game,” said Coach Tom Radulsiki.

Terrence Washington (Forest Hills, N.Y.) currently leads the team in rushing with 383 yards and is tied for touchdowns with Peter Flora (Secaucus, N.J.) who has two.

On defense, senior co-captain Adam Fuller (Tewksbury, Mass) leads in solo, 30 assisted. Eric Wood is second with 46 (28, 18).

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**Gregory leads equestrian**

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Sports Editor

On Oct. 12, the Equestrian team finished third at the St. Joseph’s Horse Show at Good Shepherd Farm in Yaphank, N.Y. The team is currently ranked third in the region behind Stony Brook and Fairfield.

“It was a very successful outing for the team,” said Coach Maureen Lutz.

Justin Gregory, the team’s leading rider, earned a blue ribbon over open fences. He placed second in open flat. Also winning blue ribbons were Lauren Ludwig in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter and Naomi McKayi in open flat. Ludwig qualified for regionals in Yaphank. Next week she will compete in novice.

Nicole Fischel placed second in on flat. Heidi Bemdt also placed second in novice flat. Christine Fuller won finished second in fences.

The team will compete on Sunday at the Suffolk Show in a sight yet to be determined.

Cross country team breaks personal bests

By Emily Greenough
Staff writer

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