Student Government elections on the way

By Wayne Konminoff
Associate Editor

This Wednesday, Student Government will hold their 35th annual elections in the Dining Hall at 2 p.m. Each of the 28 candidates will deliver speeches expressing their intentions for the upcoming year.

According to Carla Gray, the current president of Student Government, aside from the speeches, the two candidates running for executive vice president must participate in a debate.

Voting will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Students may also participate in voting on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The results will be posted on the showcase outside of the Marketplace at 7 p.m.

Some candidates running are:

By Gina Norelli
Editor-in-Chief

Since major road construction began on Geduldig and Park Avenues earlier this semester, Parkridge has been a safer place, crime-wise.

Compared to the car vandalism, drive-by shootings and apartment break-ins at Parkridge last semester, this semester has been a much quieter one.

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Encounter builds spirituality

By Joe McGuilgan

Students should be aware of budget

BY TED MILLER

Astronaut candidate to speak at Sacred Heart

NASA Astronaut candidate Joan E. Higginbotham will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Science Symposium on April 21. Higginbotham began her career at the Kennedy Space Center in 1987. She will discuss her experiences at NASA and provide insight regarding career opportunities in aerospace.

The symposium brings together leaders in academics, business, industry and government, as well as students to discuss the future of science and technology in Connecticut.

The event will be held at 8 a.m. in the Mahogany Room. For more information, call 365-4802.

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Parkridge: Construction causing crimes to drop significantly more

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Liz Sarlo, a junior from Bronx, N.Y., who lives in a Parkridge townhouse, believes that the construction has caused several problems. Since she has had to park down a side street, a male resident called the police on her last week because he didn't want her parking in front of his house.

"When it rains, the mud that we have to walk down is slippery and dangerous. Also, the loud blasting they are doing is screwing up our cable reception," said Sarlo.

Sarlo said that her townhouse door has been found open at least seven times this semester because it doesn't lock properly. She said that even though maintenance worked on it in October, it wasn't fixed properly.

Kimberly O'Connor, another townhouse resident from Holyoke, Mass., said, "It has affected my sleeping, my grades, everything. It has disrupted my entire schedule, basically. I do not think it is any safer, especially when they are blasting dynamite."
McLernon speaks about SHU

By Terrel P. Scott

Contributing Writer

At a journalism class press conference, the Reverend Michael McLernon, director of Pastoral Ministry, shared his views, issues and concerns for Sacred Heart.

"I do not think we establish, for those we invite into this community, what our own standards are," said McLernon. "As a university, our mission statement is a wonderful piece of rhetoric."

McLernon said the University should offer students, "a challenge and a calling, to make a meaningful difference in the world."

Referring to perceived failures of the SHU community, McLernon said, "any institution is imperfect." Because of its humanity, faults and failings, the University needs to be, "always conscious of the fact that it does not meet its own goals."

The mission statement is "a wonderful goal and idea to have," but we do not always meet it, he added. McLernon singled out several issues on campus that need to be addressed, including the problem of cheating.

"Cheating in an academic community is like adultery in a marriage. It absolutely destroys the integrity of the academic community," he said.

At SHU, cheating is considered normal and, "the big issue is whether or not you will get caught," said McLernon. "Whether or not it happens is really the issue," he added.

Also, McLernon thinks it is unfair that SHU first-year students are not challenged with a set of moral principles and academic expectations. He also mentioned substance abuse on campus that "students and/or the faculty and Administration do not face up to."

"I am just saying that there is a substance that is abused on this campus by a number of students," said McLernon, referring to alcohol. "It interferes with their ability to learn," which is the very reason they came here, and to grow into mature responsible human beings," he added.

"We say, 'hey, that is the way it is.' This was heard from students, Student Government, faculty and staff, and administrators," said McLernon. "It is said that, 'It is not as bad here as it is at UConn,'" said McLernon.

"Well, UConn is not Sacred Heart and UConn does not have our mission statement and UConn does not say it believes about itself what we believe about ourselves," he added.

On the question of constructing the pub rather than a chapel on campus, McLernon said, "I would much rather see a student union go there than a pub. I think that would contribute much more to the quality of the students than just a place to drink."

About sexuality on campus, McLernon said it is neither respectable nor loving but assaultive and exploitative. "I know from my background and training in psychology that that is true," added McLernon.

Sexuality on campus has moved from an examination of what marriage is to a pretense of being married, which is a "sin" and a "disaster," according to McLernon. He said relationships should transform, temporary and shorter with an emphasis in the investigative stage.

This does not even have a chance to work out," he said. "The relational part of life was lost. It was just a chance to happen because people, "jump right into bed," he said, "and the sexual part of that relationship is so compelling every time."

"Universities should be places where we find ourselves where we become rooted again, said McLernon. "If we are not doing that, then we are not doing our job," he added.

"If college people are going to examine reaffirm their values there has to be some kind of dynamic, intellectual and social conflict to obtain the desired result," said McLernon.

"I guess what I want to challenge the Administration to be is always open to the fact that we are not meeting that and we need to look at it as a whole."

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

Public Safety Releases from Mar. 15 to Mar. 21

Mar. 15: 1:52 a.m.- Jefferson Hill Res. Life staff requested Public Safety assistance in bringing up a party; Public Safety assisted.

2:43 a.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported student causing a disturbance; Res. Life and Public Safety responded and addressed an alcohol violation.

2:48 a.m. - South Hall resident because it due to alcohol consumption; AMR ambulance was contacted and transported student to the hospital.

4:02 p.m.- South Hall resident reported their vehicle was vandalized while parked in South Lot.

10:25 a.m.- South Hall resident reported the theft of room keys and property from their room over the weekend.

Mar. 16: 8:51 a.m.- Faculty member reported the theft of a computer "sprinter" from West Hall.

2:30 p.m. -Student reported her purse stolen from the library; it was recovered with cash and credit cards missing.

Mar. 17: 4:43 a.m.- Officer observed a vandalized vehicle in the South Lot. A window was smashed, however nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Mar. 18: 2:16 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by contractor cutting sheet rock.

Mar. 19: 8:13 p.m.- Resident student reported his laptop computer was stolen while it was left unattended in a Science Wing classroom.

Mar. 20: 4:01 a.m.- West Hall NISS Officer requested assistance with a disorderly student; Public Safety Officer responded and assisted.

11:54 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm reported; no smoke or fire.

Mar. 21: 12:33 a.m.- Res. Life staff reported an alcohol and marijuana violation in a student's room. Public Safety assisted the Res. Life staff with confiscating the alcohol and marijuana and documenting the incident.

1:25 a.m. - Student observed three males take a fire extinguisher and run into South Hall. Public Safety responded and found in a student's room the stolen fire extinguisher, alcohol and other stolen property. The items were confiscated and the incident was documented.

3:00 a.m.- South Hall Res. Life staff reported a visitor urinated into the third floor kitchen refrigerator. Public Safety responded and identified the visitor; incident documented.

3:18 a.m. - South Hall Res. Life reported someone knock over the soda vending machine.

5:34 a.m.- Officer observed a vehicle in the S-Hill parking lot with a smashed windshield and a bent radio antenna. At 7:37 a.m. the owner of the vehicle, a resident student, reported the damage. Blood was also found on the windshield and hood. Fairfield Police responded to take the report.

9:03 p.m.- Officer confiscated fireworks from a student's room in South Hall.

10:19 p.m.- Officer observed students attempting to bring a case of beer into S-Hill; the students ran away upon observing the officer, leaving the case of beer. The beer was turned over to the R.A., who poured it down the drain.

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involved; this is their opportunity to vote. Students are always complaining and finding the negative flaws about SHU. This is their time to turn the table."

Yet Gray, who will be graduating and getting ready to move into the work force, says she enjoyed her reign as student government president. "I had a great team to work with. My favorite thing was coordinating social events for the Executive Board. I would just like to wish all the candidates the best of luck, and I wish them well in managing and showing their pride."

Other students running for student government are: Tom McCabe and Ted Miller for Student Government President. Kelly Reo, Class of 1999 vice-president and Mattie Cardo, Class of 1999, president. Each of the candidates-- responded to what they would like to happen if they were elected to their new positions.

McCabe said, "I would like to follow in the footsteps of our Student Government President. I would like to continue to help create a unified student body."

McCabe added that he feels that he is ready to govern to the students needs.

Ted Miller, his competitor said, "Over the last year, I can see SHU continue to grow, but the interests and 'advertised' personal attention cannot be overlooked. Clearly, because people continue to come up in relation to the physical plant of the University and the library. In terms of changes, I plan to start a campus wide diversity initiative building school spirit through diversity week."

Cardo said, "If I do get the position as president for the Class of 1999, my main goal would be to unify the Class so our senior year will be the best."

Reo said, "If elected president for the Class of 1999, I would like to use my position to participate in activities and programs."

Elections: Student Government hopefuls discuss future issues

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EDITORIALS

Our apologies for an unfair editorial

The Spectrum Editorial Board would like to extend a sincere apology to everyone who participated in the trip to El Salvador over spring break to build a basketball court for a community in need.

Last week's editorial, which said that the hoops were a bad idea, was unfortunately written with little knowledge of what occurred there. It assumed a lot, and as we discovered, was false in fact.

Editorials are written on a rotating basis. Our eight editors have at least one opportunity each to contribute every semester. This newspaper is a learning experience for all members, and is often the first experience that one has with a newspaper. Editorial writing takes practice and experience to master. That particular editorial was the first that the individual had written. The person did not mean any harm nor did the editors who published it.

The Spectrum staff would like to applaud participants in the El Salvador trip for their successes in adding joy, hope and love to El Salvador. We are sure that God must look upon us from heaven with a smile.

Crime is down, let's keep it that way

Crime is down at Parkridge — a step in the right direction. The main reason for the decrease in problems there is road construction. Crime on campus is a constant problem, and it's time to stop pointing fingers. Public Safety is doing all it can, but is understaffed.

They have made tremendous improvements patrolling this semester and are to be commended. For a small Catholic university, crime shouldn't be as big a problem as it has become this academic year.

Now, it's time for students — every one of you — to take some responsibility for our own actions, and be aware of situations that could invite crime.

We must be alert to potential crime and not rely solely on Public Safety. Nor should we castigate Public Safety and Residential Life for a job to do, but it is our job to monitor our own behavior and act like mature, responsible adults.

There's more than nothing to do on campus. Look around!

Over the course of the semester, I have heard nothing but complaints from students who attended the university. Such statements that have come forth from the mouths of students are:

"There is nothing on this campus to do, especially at night!" "It's unfair that freshmen have parking spaces," they would say.

As far as parking, when students first arrived to come to the University, they knew what they wanted.

They wanted a small school. Although the Spectrum board of editors decided to go with 15 or 20 young talented artist? By Kelly A. Libby

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the unsigned editorial that appeared in the March 19 edition of the Spectrum. The editorial, "Why have parking spaces?" was written with pure ignorance and complete lack of knowledge about El Salvador or the purpose of our trip. I was one of the students who went on the Spring Break week trip to El Salvador and am quite offended by the editorial.

I decided that I would speak to someone in the Public Safety section who had written the article and I was able to speak to the Editor-in-chief and Publisher, Gina Norelli.

She told me who wrote the article. I understand that the purpose for the editorial section is for people to express their opinions but if that person had been as unbiased as the writer in our delegation helping out a needy community, then he or she should have been able to sign his or her name.

I feel that this was quite cowardly and unfortunate that the person did not do any research to back up his or her opinion.

Our purpose for going to El Salvador was to build a basketball court for the village that we lived in for over a year, as the author stated. Yet the Sacred Heart delegation did and gained so much more than simply moving piles of dirt and laying cement. I think that the Spectrum as well as many Sacred Heart students are totally missing the point of why we went to El Salvador.

We were given the opportunity to meet the people in El Salvador. As the author stated, but nothing was as cherished as the relationships we formed with a very few special children. They were honest, caring, affectionate children who would not even consider stealing from anyone in the village and certainly not from the delegations. These children came to our house day and night. All of these children wanted to do talk and play with the Americans and that is what we did with any free time we had.

Three twelve year old boys, my friends, Jose, Orville, and Avilio would sit on our floor each night for hours until they had to go to bed. We would show picture simply because they wanted to give something back to us. Not once did these children take one item.

Believe me, if they had wanted to, they could have. I am quite offended and I found it incredibly insulting to read the statement that building basketball court would promote stealing. How is this possible?

I find it difficult to read that the author implies that these people are poor, that they would steal. Does this mean that people in El Salvador have no pride or pride they would succumb to stealing? There is no such correlation between their economic status and a lack of moral.

Whether the Spectrum staff continues to bad mouth our wonderful opportunity to help the people in El Salvador, we, the delegation know what we did was incredibly beneficial to both the community and for each one of us.

We touched the lives of children and that is what it is all about. It doesn't matter if we built a basketball court. What matters and is more important is that we had a wonderful time with the children and that is what we did.

Sincerely,

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Editor's Note: Upon request from the individual who wrote last week's lead editorial on El Salvador, the person's name has been removed from this letter. As a rule, newspapers keep the lead editorial section of the editorial pages anonymous.

Congratulations on your newborn twins,

Dean Wielk! Best of luck to you.

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Do you think Student Government's proposal to build a pub will pass?

Jeremy Stewart
East Haven
Senior
"No. I think it is a good idea though, because it will increase student body unity."

Arizbet Arredondo
Guatemala
Graduate Student
"I don't think it's going to pass, but they should use the space for a new chapel."

Dennis Wuestkamp
Holland, Penn.
Junior
"Yes, because students need a place on campus to relax and hang out."

Kelly Libby
Enfield, Conn.
Junior
"I don't think it will pass, but they should use it as a pub or student union."


March 26, 1998

The SHU Voices

Compiled by Kerrie Darress
To the Editor:

On March 19, I spoke with the editorial board of the Spectrum regarding the editorial that appeared in that day’s issue of the paper. I spoke with you regarding the matter in writing and you chose to submit the article I had submitted given the experiences of the El Salvador delegation. Thank you for your courtesy in allowing me to meet with you and for your invitation to contribute further to the Spectrum. As I said at that meeting, I will withhold decision on your invitation until I have seen some of your comments and those of others concerned by the contents of the March 19 editorial.

I feel, however, that I owe it to the other participants and supporters of this and earlier El Salvador delegations (as well as to Sister Elena and the people of the village of San Hilario) to follow up with a written response to the paper’s treatment of this work of the year’s delegation. I anticipate that this letter will appear, exactly as you submitted it, in its entirety, in the March 26 issue of the Spectrum.

I am able, I hope, to speak with you, described our meeting as a “learning opportunity.” The lessons to be learned were and are lessons in personal and organizational responsibility. When our student delegations or El Salvador, we do as representatives of the Sacred Heart University community and of the United States itself. They go as individuals to perform the community service for and with the people of a very poor village in one of the poorest countries in the Americas. They go out of a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others, a sense of responsibility which reflects the values and ideals on which our country and our university were founded.

The people of El Salvador have suffered through years of war and, brutality and exploitative economic and political system kept in power there for many decades, not only because the Salvadoran government had the political and military support of our own government. We as Americans must accept some share of responsibility for this history. At profound risk to their own lives, the people of San Hilario and many others across El Salvador took personal responsibility for securing the changes now underway in their country, changes that are now allowing them to enjoy a time to live in freedom and dignity. The number of war-wounded amputees visible in San Hilario attests to the terrible hardships endured by the people in the name of responsibility.

To those who were tempted to argue that the poor in America are more deserving of our concern, I would respond that we owe a moral and ethical debt of responsibility to both the poor in the US and to the people of El Salvador.

Responsibility is the very essence of the community and people of San Hilario and of the work done with and for them by the delegations from Sacred Heart University. It should be what guides all of us in our daily lives and in our work, particularly around the world in this. It should also guide the thoughts, actions and concerns of all the staff of the Spectrum.

Sadly, the editorial that appeared in the Spectrum on the 26 to March 7, whatever the intention and the optimism of the implication of the challenges and community and of the community of San Hilario and of the motivations and work of this year’s Sacred Heart student delegation. Your editorialist clearly did not know what he or she was talking about and, therefore, had no business making the judgments he or she did. And those on the editorial staff who played any role in allowing such a disrespectful and irresponsible piece of work to print must share the blame with its author.

For the record: Poverty and hunger certainly exist in El Salvador and specifically, in the village of San Hilario. However, in the total of weeks I have personally spent in the village, I have never seen or heard of anyone (let alone children) being either homeless or starving, or as your editorial would have readers believe. It may be possible (I did, that a child, in El Salvador or elsewhere) will steal a basketball when one is not otherwise readily available, so I am not suggesting that all children everywhere and everywhere in El Salvador and specifically, in the village of San Hilario.

Responsible criticism of the trips to El Salvador is possible and would have been acceptable. What appeared in the March 19 editorial was not responsible and most certainly not acceptable. The evidence to support those arguments and criticism is, as I stated in my letter, my concern. I urge that any statement which asserts that a visit to El Salvador is an “insulting impression of the country and our university were founded.

The basketball court in El Salvador is a place to which I invite you to join me in coming to understand the poverty and the magnificence, the human beings and the human beings of the people of San Hilario and the Sacred Heart delegation. The district government has ever donated some of the materials, and local school children and villagers of San Hilario have participated directly or indirectly in any way to the project. The basketball court has been put into the village of San Hilario.

When I spoke with you, I feel bad for you and hope that you will understand the enormity of the work of the people of San Hilario. They now stand as a monument of solidarity and friendship between SHU and the community of San Hilario and the people of a very poor village in El Salvador.

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Africa obtains first place at SHU international

By Keyshia Whitaker
Co-Features Editor

On March 20, the International Club sponsored its annual International Festival.

With the number of Sacred Heart students from outside the U.S.A. on the rise, the International Festival was the perfect opportunity for all students to share their cultures with others.

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“Life’s professions exhibited

By Amber Schaper
Co-Features Editor

Still undecided as to what to major in here at SHU?

Don’t worry, this Tuesday, from 3-7 p.m., in the Mahogany room, the Majors Fair will be held, sponsored by the Office of Academic Advisement and the Dean of Freshmen, Michael Bozzone. All majors, pre-professional programs, and career services will be represented.

“After this year will be a fair theme, which will include free ice cream, popcorn, and cotton candy.”

“This is an opportunity for students to talk one on one with the faculty in their major,” said Francois Collazo, Coordinator of Academic Advisement. “Students will all be assigned an advisor right there at the fair,” she added.

“As we are all human beings, we tend to put off our decisions.”

The fair is an opportunity for all students, part-time or full, who haven’t decided on their major to gather information on their chosen field of study and talk to the professors on staff.

They will answer such questions as: what can I do with a major in media studies? How will this help me to find a job? This can also help those who would like to change their major to see what else Sacred Heart has to offer.

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As of now, the university has 27 majors (including a new one, human movement) and 8 pre-professional special programs. All first-year and undecided students are personally invited to attend.

For more information, contact Collazo at 365-7585.

Professor devotes time to Native Americans

Sacred Heart’s Doctor Gerald Reid gives back to the Mohawk community

By Donna Serpe
Contributing Writer

For 19 years, a Sacred Heart University sociology professor has been giving back to the Native American Mohawk community.

Dr. Gerald Reid has been devoting his time and efforts researching and helping the Mohawk reservation of Kahnawake in Canada.

Reid developed many friendships and bonds with Native Americans living on the reservation. He has returned from a fall sabbatical where he had been conducting research on the political development of the community.

My research covers from the year 1870 through 1940 or so,” said Reid.

“It involves the response of Mohawk people in the community to the Canadian government’s effort to assimilate and cultivate the Mohawk people.

Reid started working with the community when he helped develop the curriculum for the social studies program at the middle and high school level.

Since he began doing his research, he has written several papers.

“I was recently asked to submit a paper to a French language journal that focuses on native people in Quebec,” said Reid.

By conducting this research, Reid is not only satisfying his interests, but helping those in and outside of the community.

“My main goal is to address and answer questions involving aspects of community history that there is little written about,” said Reid. “This is to help people not only in the community, but those outside that are interested in the history of the Mohawk culture. So I was satisfying my own interests as well as those of others,” he added.

Aside from his research, Reid finds the time to share his knowledge on Native Americans.

“I was asked to do a fellowship at Yale University,” said Reid. “I will be giving a seminar titled “Race, Gender, and the Culture Industry.”

Reid has been a sociology and anthropology professor at Sacred Heart for eight years. He teaches classes on Native American and cultural anthropology.

For the past six to seven years, Reid has taken students up to the reservation. This year’s trip is planned for mid-April.
By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Editor

The Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University presents "West Side Story," opening tomorrow night.

The musical, directed by Kevin Miller, is a modern adaption of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." It tells the tale of Tony and Maria, starcrossed lovers caught in the turmoil of a war between rival gangs.

"West Side Story" features Sacred Heart students and staff, including Carolyn Volpe, Andrew Gentzow, Cristen Carpenter, Al Precourt, Ed Donahue and Sandra Morrill. Also featured are actors and actresses from the surrounding areas, including Carolyn Volpe, Andrew Gentzow, Cristen Carpenter, and others.

Of its most famous supporters Conn.'s techno legend played a hardcore song during his set at the radio104 fest proclaiming that it was the only uncompromised genre of music left.

And as with any type of music it brings with it its own subcultures, in this case the whole Straight Edge Movement. Contrary to the mass mediated philosophy that most pits are drug/alcohol induced frenzies brought about by dance numbers with vicious gang fights as rival gangs the Jets and the Sharks fight constantly for bragging rights in their area of the city. With a cast of over 30, "West Side Story" incorporates large-scale fight scenes and violence.

When Jet Tony falls in love with Maria, the sister of a Shark, each side is forced to consider the validity of the war.

This adaption of Shakespeare's tragedy tells the timeless story with more realism than romance, although he sentient element is not lost.

"It's a really fun, alive show," says Benjamin.

Stage manager Jim Abert says "It's classic. If you've never seen the show done live, go see it."

"West Side Story" is timeless," says Miller. "There's always going to be gangs, there's always going to be tension on the streets."

He adds, "It's just as relevant now as it was back in the 50's.

Choreography is by Cyndi Zajic, sets are by William Stark and lighting is by Frank Veres.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and the show will run through April 5.

Tickets range in price from $10 to $15, and can be reserved by contacting the theatre box office at (203) 374-2777.

Welcome to the subculture: Hardcore, straightedge, and much more!

By Matt Flood
Contributing Writer

In one of the hottest undergroud cultural trends as of late, Hardcore is making a huge push to the mainstream.

With the signing of H2O by Epitaph Records (featuring artists such as Nofx, Bad Religion, Rancid etc) as well as M. V. Y. slowly getting around to showing videos by biggername HC acts such asвит and Sick of It All the attention is slowly getting due. Despite a seemingly violent chaotic appearance the hardcore fans are a generally tight knit community that has a real love for their music and their scene.

With the notoriety of high profile not coast acts such as Hatebreed, Tree, Madball, Sum of all Fears etc., hardcore continues its rise in popularity.

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There is also a very strong push towards a vegan extreme of this lifestyle whereas the individual doesn't consume any products that include animal derivatives.

Started in the eighties by Ian Macaye (front man for 80's punk/hardcore bands Minor Threat and Fugazi) it has blossomed into a country wide youth movement towards turning away from artificial physical stimulants. Typical signs of a XE include large black X's on the back of the bands, the letters XXX, or drug free, or Straight Edge T-shirts, pins etc.

For more info on the whole movement check out any number of Zines, or any local hardcore show.

Pickle's Poetry Jar

Pink Rose Confessions

Deep shades of surrounding ground. Countless are the rose petals lying on the ground.

A thought in the air all hope underground. All ears are awaiting no particular sound.

A broken glass of one or four. Covered by the petals lying on the floor.

A tear drop rolls the sun is set. Painful sweet memories of the day we first met.

No more choices. No more clues.

This old man has no more to lose... He has lost EVERYTHING.

His love is gone And with her, his heart. Loneliness tears him apart. No more hope. No tears left to cry.

He is too tired of believing the lie.

But he holds head up awaiting the precious sound of the gentle whispers from the rose petals lying on the ground.

end.

by Kevin Horgan

A&E Editor

April 5 H2O with other bands to be announced (including JJKIER...yeah!) are performing at the Tun Inn in downtown New Haven for an early all ages show. Check WWW.Elevatormusic.com for more information.
Leonardo and the ‘Iron Mask’

By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Editor

With Leonardo DiCaprio having announced his desire to take a break from Hollywood, the message is out to his fans—catch him while you can. His newest film, "The Man in the Iron Mask," is the perfect opportunity.

"The Man in the Iron Mask" is in revolutionary France, where King Louis (DiCaprio) allows his people to starve and pursues his own pleasures. The true saga of the movie, though, is that of the legendary Musketeers. Jeremy Irons is Aramis, a priest, John Malkovich the dual role. He is arrogant one minute, a babe in the woods the next. His role, though, acts as the background for the story of the aging Musketeers.

Byrne, Irons, Malkovich and Depardieu are a dream cast for this film. Each plays his own role with flair only experience can bring.

Byrne’s D’Artagnan is torn between loyalty to the king and his friends. He is quiet, wise and tough; the object of admiration for the young Musketeers. Aramis is the brains of the three rebels, and seems to know everyone’s actions in advance. Irons plays him solemnly, but not without wit and fancy.

Malkovich plays Athos, who has dedicated his life to his son. When his son is killed, his rage drives his actions. The plot focuses on Athos a lot, and Malkovich fills his part with emotion and fervor.

Porthos, played by Depardieu, is the comic relief of the group, even despite his depression. His is unable to face his advancing age and drowns himself in liquor, longing for his days of glory.

"The Man in the Iron Mask" is a great tale of love, betrayal and loss. Besides that, it’s a lot of fun. The costumes are dazzling, and the stars sparkle. With the plot’s twists and turns, and the spectacle of the setting, this film will leave you wanting more.

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Strangefolk sounds good
Vermont band gains following

By Marianne Cardo
Contributing Writer

Strangefolk’s musical style is a blend of rock, folk and bluegrass. Their powerful lyrics combined with their music adds up to a captivating whole.

Strangefolk started out in Burlington, VT, is beginning to sweep the northeast with their inventive musical arrangements. Strangefolk are Reid Genauer, Luke Smith, Erik Glocker and Jon Trafford. When they get together on stage, their talent thrives from the beginning of the show right through to the encore.

Strangefolk has often been compared to Phish because of their lengthy jam sessions, but their sound is different. Strangefolk is even more entertaining live than recorded. Their dancer-friendly shows leave plenty of room for longer versions of their songs. They are known to play for hours to a crowd that doesn’t stop dancing.

I saw them in the city over the summer," said Lukowski. "They played until three in the morning. The show was so good, I lost track of time." Check local listings for Strangefolk performances.

The following are the winners of Academy Awards, presented Monday night. James Cameron’s "Titanic" was the big winner, taking home 11 Oscars out of 14 nominations.

BEST PICTURE: "Titanic"
BEST ACTOR: Jack Nicholson, "As Good As It Gets"
BEST ACTRESS: Helen Hunt, "As Good As It Gets"
BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"
BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Kim Basinger, "L.A. Confidential"
DIRECTOR: James Cameron, "Titanic"
FOREIGN FILM: "Character," the Netherlands
SCREENPLAY (WRITTEN DIRECTLY FOR THE SCREEN): Robin Williams, "Good Will Hunting"
SCREENPLAY (BASED ON MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED OR PUBLISHED): Brian Helgoland and Curtis Hanson, "L.A. Confidential"

ART DIRECTION: "Titanic"
CINEMATOGRAPHY: "Titanic"
SOUND: "Titanic"
SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: "Titanic"
ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE: "The Full Monty," Anne Dudley
ORIGINAL DRAMATIC SCORE: "Titanic," James Horner
ORIGINAL SONG: "My Heart Will Go On," James Horner and Will Jennings
COSTUME: "Titanic"
FILM EDITING: "Titanic"
MAKEUP: "Men in Black"
VISUAL EFFECTS: "Titanic"
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: "The Long Way Home"
Faculty & staff honored at 35th Annual Founders’ Day

Edward G. Donato, M.A., 30 years, Associate Dean and Adjunct Associate professor of history.

William T. Gnewuch, Ph.D., 25 years, Associate professor of biology.

Francis E. Huttanogor, M.B.A., 25 years, director of divisional budget enrollment plans and Student Affairs.

Michelle C. Loris, Ph.D., 25 years, professor of English and psychology.

Edward J. Taylor, Ph.D., 25 years, Associate professor of psychology.

Grant Walker, Ph.D., 25 years, Associate professor of sociology.

David A. Blake, B.A., 20 years, head coach of the men’s basketball team.

Michael Bozzono, M.A., 20 years, Dean of Freshmen and Adjunct Associate professor of English.

John E. Jalbert, Ph.D., 20 years as an instructor of philosophy.

Richard R. La Torre, M.A., 20 years as an adjunct assistant professor of mathematics.

Sheryl Madison, 20 years as an administrative assistant of Athletics.

Carol A. Pappano, M.A., 20 years, performing as an adjunct assistant professor of mathematics.

James Durso, Jr., M.A., 15 years as adjunct assistant professor of philosophy.

Dhia A. Habibush, Ph.D., 15 years of service as a professor of chemistry.

Diana D. Mrotek, Ph.D., 15 years as an associate professor of management.

Frederic W. Sailer, B.A. 15 years of service as Theatre director.

Nancy L. Sidoti, M.A.T., 15 years as coordinator, Stamford Admissions University College.

Glee L. Wahlquist, Ph.D., 15 years as professor of nursing.

Nancy K. Whitmore, 15 years as supervisor of Accounts Payable.

Lucjan T. Orlowski, 15 years. Professor of economics and finance.
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The junior attack from Syracuse, N.Y., netted two goals and had two assists to lead the team in the hard-fought BC game. Lukowski added to his team-high in points 13 (3 goals, 10 assists).

Chris Lukowski
Men's Lacrosse

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sixth Annual Sports Banquet on April 20

SHU will honor 29 athletic programs and student athletes at the All-Sports Banquet Monday, April 20 in the Pitt Center at 6 p.m.

Tennis teams to host "Youth Tennis Day"

The SHU men's and women's tennis teams, along with Ivan Lendl's Grand Slam Tennis and Golf Camp, will be conducting a "Youth Tennis Day" on Saturday, April 4 at the SHU tennis courts at 9 a.m.

Men's Baseball yet to play due to rainouts

The men's baseball team suffered a week of rainouts and thus, has yet to begin its season. The Pioneers will face Division I Fairleigh Dickinson (Tuesday), Marist (Wednesday) and Yale for a double header in Saturday.

TO PLACE YOUR AD, CALL 371-7963

SPORTS SCHEDULE

March 27 - April 2

Friday
(M) JV Baseball @ Dutchess CC, 3 p.m.
(M) Tennis vs. UMass Lowell, 1 p.m.
(M) J V Baseball @ St. Francis,12 p.m.
(M) Volleyball vs. UMass Lowell, 1 p.m.
(M) JV Baseball @ Westchester CC, 1 p.m.
(M) Baseball @ SCSU, TBA
(M) Softball vs. SCSU, 1 p.m.
(W) Softball vs. Monmouth, 3:30 p.m.
(W) Lacrosse @ Quinipiac, 3 p.m.

Join Athletes and Students at the second annual, "Running with the Pioneers" Saturday, April 25
All proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Students praise the Pitt Center

By Marianne Carda
Contributing Writer

When the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center opened last September, students, athletes and faculty and staff were all smiles. With the first academic year of its existence coming rapidly to a close, the smiles have still not worn off.

Much of the University community takes full advantage of the variety of free weights and weight stations, rowing machines, bikes, treadmills and stairmasters. Others are attracted to the whirlpools and saunas located in the locker rooms.

"The Pitt Center offers so much," said junior Meredith Betz of Canton, Mass. "That's why so many students enjoy going there."

The Pitt Center also holds an aerobic and dance room where students can participate in aerobic classes, ballroom dancing and karate classes.

Why do students enjoy working out? Some frequent the Center to feel good and other go to relieve stress.

"I go to the gym because it helps me relieve tension," said junior Chris Lukowski of Syracuse, N.Y. It has everything you need to get in shape.

Some students believe that the Pitt Center is a big improvement from the University's former weight room. The Pitt Center has so much more to offer than the old gym," said sophomore Dawn Gessner from East Marion, N.Y. "I think more students are going because there is more room and more equipment, it finally looks like a real gym."

Although there is a great excitement surrounding the Pitt Center, the demands of school work still comes first for students.

"At first I was motivated to work out because the Pitt Center is so nice," said junior Lisa Grande from Medford, Mass. "Now it's hard to fit that time into my busy schedule."

Some students see the Pitt Center as their tuition dollars being put to good use. The Pitt Center was well worth the wait," said junior Elizabeth Hyer of Babylon, N.Y. "It is helping students get in better shape."
Pioneers lose tough battle to BC, 10-9

Laxmen still have yet to win a game this season

By Matt Duda
Staff Writer

Things looked good for the Sacred Heartmen's lacrosse team after playing 15 minutes against Boston College last Saturday. The Pioneers held a 5-2 advantage and it appeared that they would top the Eagles for their first win of the year.

Instead, the Eagles mounted a comeback and edged SHU 10-9, leaving the Pioneers stunned. The loss dropped SHU's record to 0-4.

"It was a tough loss," said junior attackman Ray Gogarty (Deer Park, N.Y.). "The game was tight, it could have gone either way." Gogarty scored one goal against the Eagles.

Senior Tom Hodge, who leads the team with nine goals, knotted the score at nine with 10:23 left in the game, but the Eagles Pat Cavanaugh fired in the game winner with 1:08 left.

Junior Chris Lukowski (Syracuse, N.Y.), who brought his team leading point total to 103 with two goals and two assists in the game, thinks that the team is still improving.

"Every game we keep doing more and more things better," he said. "But we're only playing three quarters and 12 minutes."

Junior Kenny Martin (White Plains, N.Y.), who tallied once, thinks the team needs to keep focused when playing well.

"We get too relaxed, too satisfied, when we could be doing better," he said.

MEN'S LACROSSE

SHU started the game working well on offense, scoring five of its nine goals in the first fifteen minutes of the game.

Senior captain Brian Staunton had two goals, TJ Howard had a goal and an assist, and Jeff Nietupski rounded out the scoring.

Martin and Staunton each had a goal and Lukowski netted two to give the Pioneers a 4-1 lead with 1:37 remaining in the first period.

BC scored twice within the first 90 seconds of the second period and managed to cut SHU's lead to one (6-5) after Eagle senior Kevin McLane netted another one for BC.

BC scored quickly again, opening the third period with two goals, and claimed the lead (6-7) for the first time in the game on a give and go score by junior Chris Zakia.

Hodge evened the score for SHU but BC answered right back with a goal from sophomore Dan Hayden to regain the lead.

It was a scoreless fourth period battle until Nietupski evened the score once again for SHU but the Pioneers couldn't hold on as BC kept their cool and scored.

On Saturday, Southampton visits Campus Field for a 1 p.m. contest.

Sacred Heart and Southampton are archrivals. SHU pulled out a one goal win last season. Southampton enters the game ranked fourth in Division II.

SHU will host 1998 Pro-Bowler's US Open

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Contributing Editor

Sacred Heart University has hosted many exciting entertainers and sporting events over the years including the Maya Angelou, Adam Sandler and the Special Olympics but on April 11, the fastest growing Catholic University, at (203)878-3557.

The University's latest and greatest addition, the William H. Pitt Recreation Center, will be the site of the finals of bowling's premier event. Portable bowling lanes will be installed in the 2,500 seat arena.

"We are very pleased that the U.S. Open coordinators think enough of our beautiful building to have Sacred Heart as the venue for their event," said Director of Athletics Don Cook. "I think it speaks well of the facility." The Open will commence at AMF Milford Lanes on April 3, where a total of 180 men and an equal amount of women, both professionals and amateurs, will compete for a purse of $375,000 ($187,500 each for the men and women).

Reigning champions Dave Husted and Liz Johnson will be on hand to defend their proverbial crowns.

Husted, who set precedence in 1996 when he became the only man to win the Open three times, will attempt to break his own record with a third consecutive win.

A victory for Johnson would also be a first. Husted and Johnson both compete professionally.

SHU made its first appearance at the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in Carson City, Nev., under the leadership of current coach Bob Burlone.

"Not only is it terrific for the University and the bowling programs but it is also terrific for Fairfield," said Burlone, regarding SHU's involvement with the U.S. Open.

"Hopefully people in the area will go out, pick up a ball and try it," said senior Elizabeth Sarlo of Bronx, N.Y. Sarlo bowled for the women's program from 1995-97.

That same year Sacred Heart introduced a women's team. In 1994, they also qualified for the championships, placing 11th. In December, they qualified for the 1998 IBC at the Colgate Invitational in Laurel, N.J., and will travel to Madison, Wisc., for their fourth consecutive National appearance, to be held April 15-18.

The Pioneers are currently ranked tenth on the Bowling Writers' Association of America Intercollegiate Bowling Poll.

Bowling team alumnus and SHU graduate Jennifer Swanson joined the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in February. The Shelton resident finished 24th in Jacksonville, Fla. at the Visionary Bowling Products Jacksonville Classic.

Before turning pro, Swanson began her career as a prolific junior competitor and evolved into an amateur standout, earning honors as the 1996 New England Bowling Association Rookie of the Year. She was the first woman to win that award.

Last Wednesday, Swanson joined the SHU bowling program to conduct a clinic for junior bowlers at the host center in Milford. Members of the teams will volunteer their time for the prestigious event.

Also making an appearance were U.S. Open amateur qualifier Brian Baghosian of Middletown and Debbie Rosendahl of East Hartford.

"I believe the call I received from John was triggered by the success of the program," said Cook, regarding John Stohigian, the marketing director of Strike Ten Entertainment, which STE manages and promotes the U.S. Open, and provides a wide range of marketing services for the $10 billion bowling industry.

"I think the students will come out to see it," said freshman Curtis Thompson of Windsor Locks, a member of the bowling team. "I know I am looking forward to it." The finals will be conducted at 3 p.m. on April 11 and televised on ESPN the following afternoon from 4:00-5:30. All students are encouraged to attend the event and can purchase tickets by contacting AMF Milford Lanes, located 15 miles east of the University, at (203)878-3557.