Sacred Heart University files for bankruptcy
Cernera announces SHU filing for chapter 11 and closing in two years

By Wayne Kosminoff
Associate Editor

During a 3 p.m. press conference, which was supposed to declare Sacred Heart’s five-year strategic plan yesterday, Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, announced that SHU filed for chapter 11 and declared bankruptcy. Cernera, who held the conference at Bridgeport’s City Hall, said SHU only has enough funds for two years. He added that SHU will be sold to Real Estate Tycoon William H. Pitt.

“Basically, the University has run into a major rut,” said Cernera. “We certainly do not want to shut down this fine institution, but there is nothing we can do.”

According to the Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of Finance and Administration, there are two reasons why SHU has fallen.

“One of the main reasons is based on the fact that faculty members and Administration are making too much money,” said Madonna. “Dr. Cernera is a major factor in this decision, because he is making so much money we just can’t support the University any longer.”

“The other is the computer systems. In 2000, all the computer systems are going to have to be reset because the CPU and networking systems are going to have to be reset and will take up a lot of money.”

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Housing expanded to Bridgeport Motor Inn

By Brian Cerasaniti
Co-News Editor

Due to several complaints about cramped housing over the past few years, Residential Life and Housing Services will be renting out more housing next year.

As of next fall, 35 rooms at the Bridgeport Motor Inn will have to ‘work’ there part-time, according to Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life and Housing Services.

“In response to concerns from patrons of the Inn, Raynis said that the University worked out a deal with the Bridgeport Motor Inn to keep the prostitution business alive and well there.”

“Since Sacred Heart students will be in a much more comfortable living environment, we felt they should be required to give a little back to the Inn. We decided that all SHU students who get housing at the Bridgeport Motor Inn will have to ‘work’ there part-time,” said Raynis.

Upon hearing this news...

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Flik plans big expansion

By Elizabeth Hyer
Co-News Editor

In a meeting between Flik International and Sacred Heart staff, it has been decided that Flik needs to take more initiative in its food service.

A plan has been devised that will extend Flik’s contract for another 20 years, providing they outsource to other food companies to offer students more choices on a regular basis. Though the University is closing down in two years, Flik will remain on the premises for whatever business that Pitt decides to transform the property into.

“We are looking into different companies, but Flik has the final word,” said Larry Wielk, Dean of Students.

Chip Kennedy, director of Dining Services, is really interested in the new plan. After deliberating with Sacred Heart officials for more than a month, Kennedy is ready to begin preparing for next semester.

“have been talking to many companies that will help to expand the dining services department.”

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Public Safety really cracks down on crime and crooks

By Joe McGiligan
Staff Writer

New concerns are being raised because of the early spring weather. SHU Public Safety has been able to implement the use of bike patrols. The criminals on the campus are having growing concerns.

“I steal a lot of things from people,” said a sophomore who enjoys stealing.

“I have been taking my Johns to the Bridgeport Motor Inn for years, where am I supposed to go?” said Sharon C. Bradley, a local Bridgeport prostitute.

“I’ve been frequenting the Bridgeport Motor Inn for years. They have the best service in Fairfield County. I’m going to have to look for a new place to visit, it’s going to be a real pain,” said D.J. Singley, a Bridgeport resident.

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Rosie to speak at graduation

By Elizabeth Hyer
Co-News Editor

It has been decided by the head of the Public Relations Department that Rosie O'Donnell will be the speaker for this year's graduation commencement address.

"We are very excited to have this one-time-paroxysm-they-year," said Dean Golembesi, director of Public Relations, "Rosie is an inspiration to us all!" The University is planning on giving her an honorary degree in media studies and they are also giving her every top honor available.

"We feel that Rosie deserves the media studies degree, especially since it is her best program the University has to offer," said Dr. David Harnett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Besides, why give her a physical therapy degree when we have given so much to media studies?" The University is in the process of getting the cafeteria ready for the commencement exercises, and Flik International is preparing a gala feast for everyone in attendance, which is hoped to not go over 125 people.

"Our chefs are in the process of preparing a menu for everyone at graduation," said Chip Kennedy, director of Dining Services. "We are trying to create something really different with our chicken nuggets and garden burgers for the vegetarians, it should be a tasty culinary treat!"

President Cemera, who will be leading the (Barum Circus during graduation is sorry he will not be in attendance.

Cernera to open youth shelter

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-News Editor

Dr. Anthony Cemera, president of Sacred Heart University, announced Monday that he will be starting a shelter for Wayward Youths, to be run out of his house. The shelter will house juvenile delinquents and other troubled youths and provide food and lodging for them until they can get back on their feet.

"It is my way of giving back to the community which I have taken so much from. I am looking to help out the youths of today so that they can be a success when they get older. My dream is for all the children who come here to leave the shelter successful enough to afford a four-year Sacred Heart University tuition bill," said Cemera.

Area homeless shelters and juvenile delinquents have been notified that Cernera is looking for teens and young adults for his shelter.

"Dr. Cernera has proven time and time again that he cares deeply about this community, and this is more proof of that. He is truly a child of God and a shining example to all of us," said Sister Mary-Margaret McMillan of the Our Lady Ever Virgin of the Immaculate Assumption of the Blessed Trinity Homeless Shelter in Bridgeport.

Flik: Large expansion part of long term goals

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"After supporting the proposition for the new pub, I definitely feel that a big name restaurant will help to promote Sacred Heart and help with the low retention rates that we are currently facing," said Bertsch.

"I also think it will be a good way to get me and the rest of the gang to loosen up with the kids. It may help some faculty members to realize that they needn't be afraid of you-know-who, because everyone will be partying at Deja SHU."

Some possible bids go will go out to Houers, Ruby Tuesdays, and McSorely's Ale house.

"We are really hoping to get McSorely's on campus. I mean come on, it is one of the oldest and most well-established bars in the metropolitan area. Besides it's either them, the Page, or that other place, and I think we need to make a change in our students' drinking habits," added Wiel.

Write for News!!! Send applications and measurements to Brian. Interview and wet t-shirt contest to follow. Men need not apply.
Art department relocates

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-News Editor

In response to complaints about their current location, the art department at Sacred Heart University will be moved to a more suitable location next fall.

Concerns over lack of ceiling space and natural light prompted the move from the administration.

Construction will begin immediately on a 2,000 square foot ditch to be dug in the quad. The ditch will be eight feet deep and accommodate all classrooms currently in the art department.

The students have been bugging us for more natural light and now they 're gonna get all the natural light they want. And as far as ceilings go, well they 're gonna be pretty damn high now, aren 't they?" He added.

DeGraffenried, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "Lighting for evening classes will be provided by large aluminum trash cans the students will be able to start a fire in, similar to those seen in the slums of most major cities."

"We figured since they 're art majors, they 'll be homeless in a few years anyway. Might as well get used to what it 'll be like," said Harnett.

The proposal was approved after months of complaints from art majors that their facilities was unsuitable. A petition was circulated and given to the Administration and a meeting with their parents was also arranged.

"After they started burning crosses on my lawn, I figured it was time to give them what they wanted," said Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University."

Reactions from the art department was mixed.

"I do appreciate that the University is trying to satisfy our needs, but what if it rains?" said Ted Gutawa, chairman of the art department.

"The proposal is a good jumping off point, but I think we need to develop it more," said Jack DeGraffenried, advisor to the Art Club and associate art professor.

When told about the new location, Katherine Hippeli, president of the Art Club who helped lead the charge for a new space, fainted and fell to the floor. She was later treated and released at St. Vincent's Hospital and last seen entering a local Bridgport gun shop.

Construction is set to begin after final exams and should be completed a week early.

"I mean, all they 're doing is digging a ditch. It shouldn 't take that long," said Harnett.

Bursar bursts from bursing

By Gina Novelli
Editor-in-Chief

Student Accounts workers called Public Safety early Monday morning to report that the Bursar, Michelle Kansky, had burst from too much bursing.

University officials said that they knew that it was just a matter of time until she burst. Bills were coming in to her office faster than she could keep up with.

"My dispatcher received the call at 9:25 a.m. and said that Kansky went to the window in her office with her face bright red, opened the window, and burst," said William O'Connell, director of Public Safety. "To use the analogy of blowing up a balloon with too much helium. Something has got to give. With Kansky, there were just too much paperwork. More than one person could handle."

Kansky was brought to St. Vincent's Hospital via ambulance and is in stable condition. The Spectrum was able to reach Kansky's doctor by telephone on Tuesday night.

"She had an episode of what we call 'Burstings,'" said Robert Jones, M.D. "In my 25 years as a doctor, I have only encountered three cases of bursing bursts. Her case was mild, but serves as a red flag."

Kansky was able to accept a large floral arrangement to Kansky after O'Connell's suggestion, in hopes of avoiding a lawsuit. "If the administration gets sued, they 're through," said O'Connell. "I did warn them that if she ever burst, they would be liable for not exercising proper precautionary actions. But do they listen to me?"

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Crime: Public Safety to crack down on crooks

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leads from the old mail room up to the Pitt center," he adds. "I still don 't know what the hell it is, but I kind of like it."

The added pressure of the extras on campus do not seem to bother Lebreque. "I am confident that I will still be able to get what I need, when I need it." O'Connell warns the criminals of SHU to beware. "You never know when my boys will sneak up behind you," he said.

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASED

Public Safety incidents from Mar. 22 to 28

Mar. 22: 12:55 a.m.- Disturbance reported outside of West Hall. Public Safety tactical squad and K9 unit responded. Three arrests were made and order was restored at 1:20 a.m.

Mar. 22: 7:55 a.m.- A student in the Third Hall kitchen fire caused by someone leaving the stove burners on. Fairfield Fire Department responded and contained the fire to the third floor kitchen. The kitchen sustained extensive smoke, soot and water damage.

9:23 a.m.- Faculty member reported all 30 students in her class received perfect scores on her exam; investigation is underway; 10:31 p.m.- Public Safety assisted Res. Life with a marijuana violation in West Hall. Students were found smoking poor-quality marijuana. Better weed was provided.

11:45 p.m.- Public Safety assisted Res. Life with an intoxicated Residential Life and Housing Services Director in South Hall. Upon entering, the Director was found finishing off a keg with several other South Hall residents. Public Safety assisted in providing another keg.

Mar. 23: 2:12 a.m.- Student reported the theft of a number two pencil from his unlocked room in South Hall. Fairfield Police Detectives responded and dusted the room for fingerprints.

10:19 a.m.- Motor vehicle accident reported on Park Avenue at entrance to campus. Fairfield Police responded and arrested one driver for DUI. The other driver was transported to the hospital via Public Safety for injuries sustained in the crash.

12:35 p.m.- Public Safety responded to an ill student in the cafeteri. Officers discovered the student was drinking an expired beer. Flick was notified and new beer was ordered.

Mar. 24: 10:25 a.m.- Troumbull Police requested assistance with disorderly students at the Troumbull Shopping Park. Public Safety Officers responded to assist. Three SHU students were arrested, one SHU Public Safety Officer was treated at the hospital for injuries received while making the arrest.

6:42 p.m.- Student reported the theft of six laptop computers from their room in West Hall. When questioned how the student came to own six laptop computers, it was said that he had taken them from other rooms and hadn 't yet sold them to a pawn shop.

8:34 p.m.- Public Safety responded to break up a fight between two gang members on campus. Lacrosse team 's 'Lex-Men' was attacking a rival member of the Rugby team 's 'X-Men.' Officers provided more suitable weapons and the fight continued.

11:56 p.m.- Public Safety Officers responded to a soda violation in South Hall. The soda was confiscated and beer was given, as in accordance with University policy.

Mar. 25: 4:21 a.m.- Power outage on campus caused by a motor vehicle accident on Park Avenue. The vehicle struck a telephone pole, knocking the pole to the ground. Power was restored by 11 a.m. FBA reported extensive food losses in their freezers and refrigerators.

6:34 p.m.- Public Safety assisted Res. Life staff with another soda violation in South Hall. The same students as above were given two cases of beer and written up.

Mar. 26: 8:35 a.m.- J-Hill student injured while attempting to scale the side of the building. The student fell and was treated by Public Safety for a broken arm and leg and transported to St. Vincent 's Hospital.

10:34 a.m.- Public Safety responded to an alcohol violation in the Administration Building. Alcohol was confiscated from President 's Office and distributed to South and West Hall residents.

Mar. 27: 2:15 a.m.- Burglar alarm received at the Media Studies area in the Administration Building. Alcohol was confiscated from President 's Office and distributed to South and West Hall residents.

Two students were found hiding under a table. They were arrested and charged with burglary.

11:17 a.m.- Received report of five students "streaking" through the Academic Building.

3:45 p.m.- Received another report of five professors "streaking" through South Hall.

9:45 p.m.- Fire alarm received in West Hall. Cause was due to smoke from an animal sacrifice going on in a student 's room. Students explained it was part of their religion and were left to continue.

Mar. 28: 1:18 a.m.- A private helicopter, experiencing engine troubles, had to make an emergency landing on the Science Wing. According to one source, "Johnny went to school one day, but Johnny is no more. What Johnny thought was H20 was H2SO4."
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(THE SPECTRUM)
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EDITORIALS

The fish are coming home, YES!

With the recent news of the Sacred Heart closing in the next two years, obviously you would think this is a tragedy. But it really isn’t. In fact, the Spectrum staff welcomes a new aquarium. We think it would be great to have all sorts of mammals and fish here. Maybe some of the illegal pets can just stay right here. Heck, why not make this University into a zoo? Oh, wait, it already is one.

The Spectrum is going to miss classes and the food around the campus; and we are sorry about the jobs that will be lost. But personally we welcome the fish, and hope they have a happy home.

At least some of us feel believe that fish in this case have the advantage. Through a group poll, we found that people feel it’s great that the fish can swim for free. At least we hope they don’t have to pay $20,000 a year to swim here. But nevertheless, we wish Pittsburgh the best of luck with the land and hope no sharks take over the aquarium administration.

So, we believe, Mr. Pitt, that you should definitely make this campus into an aquarium.

Get recruited by the bottom of barrel!

The Spectrum would like to say that Career Services is doing the best it can with what it has. Ok, so maybe they’re not getting the good companies like People’s Bank, GE, Physician’s Health, Macy’s, American Airlines, etc. but those companies rarely recruit at Yale or Harvard. This is SHU and the closest we come to ivory is poison ivy in the woods.

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A resident cat’s reflection on life at Sacred Heart

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My apartment has been broken into several times this semester and the robbers left the door opened. Naturally, I got out. Probably for the money they pay, they should be given more space.

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The SHU Career Services office is making damn sure that students get hired somewhere and to ensure that, they’ve implemented a new program in which they have lower status companies come to campus. Workers in Career Services believe that the lower jobs are the safest bet because percentage-wise, more students will be hired right out of college that way. They advise starting at minimum wage and working your way up.

So, before you think that McDonald’s, Caldor and Flik are so below you to ever work for, think again. Even Joe’s Fish + Chips isn’t so bad. You do want to be hired, right?
How do you like living at Sacred Heart?

Blubb
Parkridge
"The dynamite blasting in the morning is my biggest pet peeve. Luckily, I rise at an early hour, so I'm usually up and about when it begins."

Loretta
West Hall
"The elevator is a little rough, but I'm adjusting. I've been peeing on that weird brillo pad sculptures outside. What the heck are they there for?"

Yuffa
J-Hill
"I usually hang with the guys when they have their keg parties. I meet a lot of snazzy hounds."

Zagg
South Hall
"I like prowling around through the hall watching the white apparitions. We do have ghosts here, ya know."
Letters to the editor

EL SALVADOR RESIDENT FUMES AT THE INFAMOUS MAR. 19 EDITORIAL

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my outrage about your editorial about the El Salvador trip. As a resident of the San Hilario, I cannot express to you the utter disgust I felt after reading the editorial in question.

You should also know that I faxed a copy of your editorial to the town’s witch doctor.

Expect inflamed canker sores and burning genital warts for the rest of your days.

When the hard working men and women from SHU return to our community next year to build our first ever sporting goods store (we currently have no basketballs to use on our court), we hope you will treat them with more respect.

Juan Carlos Rivadencio Martinez

DUTTON’S MENTOR IN JAPAN SAYS THAT HE’S THERE TO STAY FOR MANY MOONS

To the Editor:

I am Mike Dutton’s mentor in Tokyo, Japan and I just wanted to bring to your attention that he is an amazing student. He came over here and didn’t speak a word, yet has mastered the entire Japanese language in just two weeks.

He refuses to take off the kimono though. He even wears it to bed. We told him that this wasn’t necessary, but he insisted.

He would wander around the streets in the middle of the night, looking for someone to talk to. We were all sleeping so we couldn’t help him. Eventually, he adjusted to the time difference.

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WHAT... you can't write?

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Be sure to sign all letters.
It seems that at colleges across the nation, one word unites. Jerry.
Yes, at ten (on channel 11), eleven (on channel 6), and twelve o'clock (on channel 21), it is easy to find droves of stressed out college students surrounding a television set.

The object of their adoration? Jerry Springer.

"I never miss Springer. It is so true to life. During the week, me and my girlfriend never miss it. This weekend, I am going to watch the Springer Too Hot For TV tape with my fiance. Those people are so insensitive," said Shuram Ajerk, an international student from India.

The Jerry Springer Show is one of the hottest, trashiest, naughtiest, fast-talking, fist-fighting, bad-mouthing, are-these-people-for-real talk shows. It's a zoo out there! There are many pets here.

Ryan is a spider, Cathy is a turtle, Fang is a wolf, and Jeff is a snake. What do all of these names have in common? No, they are not your roommates, but they are living in students' rooms.

According to recent Public Safety reports, there have been 23 students over the last several weeks who have been caught with pets in their rooms. Some students are storing these pets in their offices; they're just a little smaller," said O'Connell.

More and more students are getting pets to make them feel more at home. Although fish and plants are the only pets allowed in Sacred Heart's dormitories, individuals have brought cats, dogs, spiders, and even snakes.

According to Bill O'Connell, director of Public Safety, "The guards will jump up at the fights, he'd just be another contestant to the ground. The guests are then seated in front of millions of eagerly waiting fans. Guests go flying on the Jerry Springer Show.

Guests usually just get a chance to throw a few punches or pull off a wig. There are plain-clothes security guards strategically placed around the stage. The guards will jump up after the first few fatal blows have been thrown, and tackle the combatants to the ground. The guards are then seated back in their seats, as Jerry shrugs and says, "Hey, I'm just the host."

It seems that with the crowd Jerry draws, SET has booked him to host a show in the William H. Pitt Center.

SHU students will have first chance to get screened to air their dirtiest secrets.

The show is scheduled to be taped on April 18, 1998 at 7 p.m. However, if Springer cannot make it, auditions will be held for Springer's part.

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Rock climbing peaks

Special to the Spectrum

Why should you risk your life to struggle up a rock, face and arms aching from the strain of holding on or you dangle hundreds of feet about the hard ground, the fear of falling making your heart race out of control? For the "adrenaline buzz," says Nancy Feagin, a world class rock climber and the star of all those killer Reebok ads. And because "it's a great way to test yourself," according to Sarah Wieland, a 1994 Junior National Rock Climbing Champion. Plus, it's an amazing workout. Here's what the rock-climbing crazies all about and what you need to know to reach the top:

Death-defying definitions:
Free climbing is when a climber uses her hands and feet, and a rope is used as backup in case of a fall, not as a means of upward mobility. Bouldering is climbing on racks small enough that safety ropes are not needed. Belaying is the process of securing a climber with rope. Rappelling is the process of sliding down the rope using a friction device.

Rudimentary rockers:
Warriors during the Middle Ages developed scaling techniques for climbing over enemy castle walls. Recent rockers: Rock climbing is happening at health clubs, indoor climbing gyms, and high school gyms across the country, and outdoors in local parks. "Kids just come here to hang out—even if they're not climbers," says Doug Dupuis, a program director and staff instructor at Paradise Rock Gym in Denver. "We have a high school intramural climbing league called the Denver Climbing League and we have meets on Saturday nights. It's a social scene."

"I like looking down from high places and saying, 'Whew, this really is cool,' says Feagin. "Dealing with a small section of rock or how you're going to get to the top. This ability to concentrate carries over to other tasks in life."

Shu-shut-offitis:
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For instance, did you know that smokers are susceptible to a disease known as nicotiosis comecialis. This disease not only gets a person addicted to cigarettes but it makes the victim addicted to only one brand of cigarettes. They cannot smoke any other brand for fear of turning into a humpy, useless heap of tar. There are several strains of this virus such as Parliamentanism and Marbotiosis, which are the most common forms on Sacred Heart's campus.

Another disease, unique to our college is Shu-shut-offitis. This debilitating disease causes the sufferer to forget how to drive and become dependent on public transportation. Symptoms include: being unable to leave the house except at half past the hour, running uncontrollably after maroon colored cars, and the ability to stand and wait in one spot for hours without losing consciousness.

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Spice Girls and Manson to play at SHU

By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Editor

British pop stars the Spice Girls will perform as the headlining act at this year's Spring Concert.

The Spice Girls — Baby, Posh, Scary, Ginger and Sporty — will use the performance at Sacred Heart to kick off their world tour. They will also preview for the SHU crowd three tracks from their forthcoming album “Spice Rack.”

“I can’t wait for the show,” said Julie Nevero, a junior from Peoria, Ill. “Sporty Spice is my idol!”

S.E.T. had difficulties in booking the Spice Girls, especially with their packed calendar. The group has announced that as a part of the tour they’ll also be stopping at many other colleges around the country.

They also announced that as a special treat, shock-rocker Marilyn Manson will open the show.

“We really hope everyone comes out for the show,” said Denise Sutphin, director of Student Life. “After all, they’ll all be signing autographs after the show. Except Baby Spice, of course. She hasn’t learned to write yet.”

The Spice Girls announced the concert in a press conference last week held in the William Pitt Health and Recreation Center. They also announced that as a special treat, shock-rocker Marilyn Manson will open the show.

British pop sensation the Spice Girls (left) will headline this year’s spring concert. Shock-rocker Marilyn Manson (right) will be the opening act.

There are rumors that the group are a bit worried about their appearance and the behavior of some of their fans. Paula Abdul has threatened not to appear.

Overall, the Spice Girls are excited about their performance at SHU.

“It should be great fun,” said Ginger Spice. “Besides, we’ve never been to Canada before. Girl power!”

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SHU finds history

Cave paintings in art dept.

By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Goddess

While installing a ventilation system for the subterranean SHU art department, construction workers discovered a piece of history.

Five neolithic cave paintings were found beneath the walls of the art department in what is now the hallway leading to Studios 1 and 2.

It’s amazing, we’ve actually got works of art in the art department, said Mike Giaquinto, director of Buildings and Grounds. “Of course, in order to fully view them, we’ll have to move the art department out of this facility.”

Authorities are currently debating whether the paintings should be moved, or left in their current location.

I mean, hell. The only problems I can see at this school is the SHU-caused curse, which is in the dorms. I’ve actually done in the past two years.

To support his theory, von Aushenbauch, a scientist called in to analyze the possible damage, said, “This is a rare case. The paintings are valuable and not easily damaged.”

There is fear that the paintings will be destroyed if the art department is forced to move, and the style seems surprisingly modern. If I didn’t know better, I’d say these paintings were actually done in the past two years.

This section was written, designed, laid out and bled on by Tara S. Deenihan. Except for Flood. Pitt me. Write for A&E.
Leonardo is SHU’s ‘Hamlet’

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DiCaprio will be arriving for rehearsals on April 15, and will stay at an undisclosed location. Rehearsals will be closed to avoid security problems.

In a press statement released last week, DiCaprio said, “It will be great to work on stage again. I really miss that. I’m looking forward to working with the students from Sacred Heart, as long as no one tries to follow me home.”

Tickets are already selling rapidly for the production, which opens May 12 in the Theater and will run all summer. The play will run only three days a week, though, since it lasts eight hours.

“It’s a lot of lines to remember, but it will definitely be worth it,” said Volpe. “After all, it is Leonardo DiCaprio.”

A special viewing will take place on the morning of May 9 for SHU students. The first 200 students in line in front of the Theater will receive tickets to the special performance.

For more information, contact the Theater box office.

Students fight ska

By Tara S. Deenihan

A organization called S.O.S., Students Opposed to Ska, has begun protest actions against concert programming at SHU.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Sacred Heart University President gave a riveting performance at the Barnum and Bailey Circus last Saturday evening as he walked a tightrope 50 feet above the floor without a net. His routine has already guaranteed him a spot on this year’s team at the Circus of the Stars.

Anthony J. Cemera
Tightrope Walking

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Battle of the Deans Cage Match in Pitt Center

There will be a Battle of the Deans cage match in the Pitt Center on Saturday at 8 p.m. Former Dean of Students, Kevin Kelly’s title will be up for grabs as Deans from the University’s four colleges battle it out for the title of “SHU’s Toughest Dean.” For ticket information call Gary Reho in the Pitt Center.

Mo Vaughn speaks to athletes about drunk driving

Red Sox first baseman Mo Vaughn will speak to SHU athletes about his experience with drinking and driving. The former AL Most Valuable Player will speak about his new book entitled, “If I can beat the system, so can you.” Some of the topics included in the book are refiPs on how to avoid taking a breathalizer and driving. The former SHU basketball player, said junior captain Jessica Bresnahan. “She’s a huge long range threat, but also scores well inside the paint.”

“We are both very happy that we can still play together,” said Jolly. “We’re also excited to be part of the Sacred Heart team.”

Hoops: Holdscaw, Jolly to join Lady Pioneers squad for 1998-1999 season

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“IT will be a great weekend,” said junior high and triple jumper Meghan Warnock. “Seeing the looks on the faces of the kids when they perform well will be so rewarding.”

The Pioneers will leave for L.A. on this afternoon at the JFK airport and will return to SHU early Monday morning.

TRACK: Members of team travel to LA to aid pro-athletes with children’s clinic

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On Friday and Saturday, the children will attend sessions ranging from sprinting (100, 200 and 300), throwing (shot put, discus and javelin), jumping (long, triple and high), hurdles (100, 400) and distance (mile and two mile).

The Pioneer athletes will assist the pros in each of the areas.

On Sunday, the children will compete in the clinic’s version of the Olympic Games. The children will be assigned to teams while the SHU athletes, Morrison and the pros help officiate the meet.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be given to the top three finishers in each event. Sunday night there will be an awards banquet and dinner for all of the participants.

“It’s not just a clinic for the kids,” said SHU high jumper Jay Reed. “It will be a learning experience for us as well. It is a chance for us to help the kids with what we know while learning from the pros at the same time.”

Contact: Gary Reho @ (203)-555-5555

SPORTS SCHEDULE

April 3 - April 9

Friday

(M&W) Log Rolling in Quad, 2 p.m.

Saturday

Battle of the Deans, mixed tag team cage match in Pitt Center, 8 p.m.

Sunday

(M&W) Bungee jumping vs. SCSU from Pitt Center rafters, 2 p.m.

Monday

FLIK Championship pie eating contest in the Outpost, 9 p.m.

(W) Lacrosse @ Villanova, 4 p.m.

Tuesday

(W) Basketball scrimmage vs. Tennessee, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

(M) Tennis @ UNC, 2 p.m.

(M&W) Curling @ Milford Ice Pavilion, 8 p.m.

Thursday

(M) Wrestling vs. WWF Superstars, 3 p.m.

(M) Volleyball @ Florida, 7:30 p.m.
by Julie Ann Nevero
Sports Editor

Tennessee forward Chamique Holdsclaw and guard Kellie Jolly will join Coach Ed Swanson's Lady Pioneers squad next year for the 1998-1999 season.

The two applied, visited and were accepted and recruited to Bishop Loughlin in 1995, but did not choose to attend. Why the sudden change of heart?

"I didn't like that at Tennessee. I'm just a number in a classroom," said Jolly. "I wanted to be part of a school that has a better sense of community.

"I've always liked the school and the team, but I didn't like the facility the team played in," said Holdsclaw. "I like the new Pitt Center and have seen the team play. I think they have what it takes to succeed at the national level."

Holdsclaw and Jolly know plenty about succeeding at the national level, having led the Lady Vols to their third consecutive national title Monday night defeating Louisiana Tech, 93-75, in Kansas City.

For Holdsclaw, it was her seventh straight national title, having been a part of four New York State titles in high school. The national Player of the Year had 27 points and 10 boards in the game, while Jolly scored a career-high 20 points hitting four of her five three-pointers.

Swanson said the recruiting process was difficult because Lady Vols Coach Pat Summit refused to release the athletes.

"They play a tempo unlike any other team I've coached," said Summit. "They're the most exciting team I've ever seen and I think they belong here."

"I told them (Holdsclaw and Jolly) that they would play essential roles on this team," said Swanson. "We've enjoyed one of our most successful seasons this year and we want to be even better next year and these women have the strength and determination we need to do so."

The Lady Pioneers finished their season second in the conference at 13-3 and 19-7 overall and the Lady Vols were the only undefeated team in the nation at 39-0. SHU players share the enthusiasm of their coach and will welcome Holdsclaw and Jolly with open arms.

"It will be a great real experience to play with Holdsclaw," said sophomore forward Heather Yablonski. "She will add so much to our team."

"Jolly is a great all around athlete," said Bike. "I'm absolutely thrilled," said Looflirpa. "I wouldn't be surprised that we didn't sign him," he said. "I think he could be the next Christian ever was."

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"The dorms are pretty nice, and that stadium (The Pitt Center) is awesome. I'm going to study sports medicine, and I guess that's a good school for it."

"Looflirpa took an official visit to Sacred Heart in February, and watched the Pioneers beat Albany State 89-75. "Coach Bike and all the players seemed really cool," he said. "I have a feeling that this program is going. They'll be Division I in '99. I think we can make it to the Final Four within next year."

"I've had the privilege of meeting some of these athletes before," said Morrison. "It will be great to work with them this weekend."

"I am honored to be part of such an event," said SHU stephele Chante Jamison. "It should be a real fun weekend."

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"I'm looking forward to playing for the SHU basketball program."

"The clinic will aim help childrens clinic Members of track team aid pros in childrens clinic

SHU signs 7'2" superstar to 1998-99 roster

By Matt Duda
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart men's basketball team received word last week that Alexander Looflirpa, a 7'2" senior from Bishop Loughlin High School in New York City, has signed a letter of intent to attend Sacred Heart next season. "I'm absolutely thrilled," said Sacred Heart coach Dave Bike. "I was the most dominant player in the nation the past two seasons, we expect big things from him."

Looflirpa was selected as a first team All-American high school player his junior and senior seasons, we expect big things from him. Among the publications that bestowed the honor on him. "I have discussed it with Don Cook and Dr. Cernera. They were both in favor of it. This young man is going to do a lot for the basketball program and the University," Bike said.

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- The clinic is a three-day affair and will be attended by children from all over the country. SHU was selected by the USA Track and Field Association after entering a contest. Coach Christian Morrison and his teams were interviewed and chosen for the project by members of the association.

- Members of track team aid pros in childrens clinic

- Among the pro athletes to attend are the 1998 Olympic double gold medalist in the 200 and 400, Michael Johnson, heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersee, 100-meter gold medalist Florence Griffith-Joyner, 1992 100-meter gold medalist Gail Devers and bronze medalist Gwen Torrence and distance runners Lynn Jennings and Suzy Hamilton.

- Legendary track and field coach Bobby Kersee will also attend.