Nine cars vandalized at Taft Commons

By Joe McGuligan
Staff Writer

The first time Reinhart’s car was broken into, it was parked on the street. He lost $800 worth of stereo equipment. “This time I was parked in the lot right in front of the backdoor. Both times they clipped my alarm so it must have been going off for at least 20 seconds,” he adds. “They only took my radio this time which is worth about $250 to $300. The problem is when they clipped my alarm they messed up, because now my car does not start.”

According to sources at Taft, seven cars on the street had nothing taken from them but each had a window smashed in. “I’m going to look into our budget to see if there is enough money to add extra staff at late night hours,” he said. From what he knows, only one student reported a radio missing.

Chris Reinhart, a junior from Long Island, N.Y., was the student whose radio was found missing. “This is the second time this year that my car got broken into. The first time was the second day of school last semester.”

By Wayne Kosminoff and Amber Schaper

 Sacred Heart University’s Masters program of Occupational Therapy, slated to begin in September of 1998, has been postponed until the anticipated date of August of 2000. The program, which has not yet been approved by The Board of Governors of the State of Connecticut, Commissions of Higher Education, anticipated a four to six month license period; however, due to budgetary oversight of the Board of Governors, licensing was pushed back an additional five to eight months.

The program, which was designed to help individuals become occupational therapists, teaches students to help aid individuals recover from injuries and return to their normal life style. However, the State does not find Sacred Heart’s setup appropriate.

According to Beverlea Tallant, Director of Occupational Therapy, in November she submitted an application for the approval of the program. Tallant feels once the program is approved, the University will successfully benefit from the wait.

“We are pleased with the response... We are going ahead with the plan to build East Hall as scheduled.”

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Public Safety Incidents from March 22 to April 16

Mar. 22: 3:53 a.m. - West Hall New Officer reported two intoxicated males attempting to gain access to the hall. Public Safety Officers responded and resolved the situation.

Mar. 23: 12:48 a.m. - West Hall fire alarm activated. Activated by a spray cleaner.

9:31 a.m. - Taft resident reported their vehicle was stolen from the rear parking lot over the weekend. Bridgeport Police notified.

3:30 p.m. - West Hall fire alarm received; no smoke or fire.

5:45 p.m. - South Hall resident who previously reported his laptop stolen remembered he had a friend borrow it.

16:5 p.m. - Student came to Public Safety to report three males breaking into a vehicle in the North Lot. Public Safety Officers responded; the black Honda with the three males were in the left campus on Park Ave. towards the Merritt Parkway. Fairfield Police were contacted. Fairfield Police reported the license plate on this black Honda is from a tur Mercury. The vehicle in the North Lot which was entered was a small, but it did not sustain any damage, nor was anything stolen.

Mar. 24: 12:15 a.m. - Resident student reported receiving harassing phone calls.

10:51 a.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; unknown cause.

11:02 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident reported in the North Lot; two vehicles involved, no personal injury. Fairfield Police notified and responded.

10:26 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; caused by dust in the detector.

11:15 p.m. - South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls, both on campus and at home.

Mar. 25: 10:10 a.m. - Student fainted in the Science Wing; student regained consciousness, felt better, declined treatment and returned to class.

9:18 a.m. - Faculty member reported a cable to a VCR had been cut.

Mar. 26: 12:15 p.m. - Resident student reported receiving harassing phone calls; police notified and are investigating.

2:27 p.m. - Employees at Lindeman Drive reported finding falling and injuring themselves; no medical attention required.

3:51 p.m. - Parkridge resident reported their vehicle damaged while parked on Crestview Drive.

9:43 p.m. - Student playing intramural in the gym was injured; treatment or transportation was declined.

10:06 p.m. - South Hall resident reported being dizzy after suffering a concussion; she was taken to the hospital and was discharged.

Mar. 27: 1:21 a.m. - West Hall Res Life staff assisted considerable with three male students; Public Safety responded and escorted them out of the building.

3:13 a.m. - South Hall resident reported a large crowd in front of the building and someone was throwing golf balls at the building. Public Safety responded, the crowd was dispersed; Officer spoke with a student who reported her window was broken.

12:44 p.m. - Fire alarm caused by cigarette smoking.

12:48 p.m. - Faculty member called to report students had been splashed with a liquid in the Science Wing during an experiment. Officers responded. Three students were splashed; only one received burns on their skin, who was transported to Health Services.

8:19 p.m. - Parkridge Officer reported a suspicious vehicle in the area; Officers advised.

Mar. 28: 1:59 a.m. - West Hall NESS Officer reported a visitor uninvited in the elevator.

3:12 a.m. - South Hall intoxicated and combative student brought from his room by Public Safety.

2:58 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm caused by cigarette smoke.

5:58 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; no cause found.

7:11 p.m. - Officer observed a vandalized light fixture in South Hall.

8:27 p.m. - South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls; police investigated; no robbery.

9:22 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; no cause for alarm found.

9:40 p.m. - Visitor reported a woman collapsed in front of the main building; Officer responded. Woman declined assistance.

9:51 p.m. - South Hall resident requested an ambulance due to a severe migraine headache; she was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

10:54 p.m. - J. Hill Res Life staff requested assistance with an alcohol violation; a beer bottle was involved.

Mar. 29: 22:28 a.m. - Officer reported someone had urinated in the South Hall west elevator.

6:13 p.m. - South Hall resident reported falling and injuring her ankle; Public Safety notified; no ambulance needed. At 8:30, she decided to have a friend drive her to the hospital.

6:20 p.m. - South Hall resident reported their vehicle stolen from the South Lot.

Mar. 30: 9:18 a.m. - Minor motor vehicle accident reported by Buildings and Grounds near their building.

Mar. 31: 8:20 a.m. - Staff member reported the fence at the field near the shed had been vandalized.

9:27 a.m. - J. Hill fire alarm trouble received; caused by a malfunction.

Apr. 1: 1:48 a.m. - Officer observed a vehicle window smashed in the South Lot.

3:41 a.m. - West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Apr. 2: 1:23 p.m. - South Hall resident reported a laptop computer missing from their unlocked room; Fairfield Police investigating.

3:50 a.m. - A second South Hall resident reported their laptop computer missing from their room; Fairfield Police investigating.

4:54 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

7:13 p.m. - Two students were stuck in the South Hall elevator. Fairfield Fire Department was called, responded and freed the students from the malfunctioning elevator at 7:55.

8:16 p.m. - Resident students provided Public Safety with information relative to the stolen laptop computers.

Apr. 2: 12:01 a.m. - Res. Life staff member reported receiving a threatening phone call.

12:04 a.m. - Public Safety assisted Res. Life staff investigating a reported marijuana violation in South Hall.

12:42 a.m. - Fairfield Police on campus investigating previous evening's broken window investigation in the South Lot.

1:48 a.m. - South Hall resident interviewed about the above incident became disorderly, punched the wall and door and injured his hand; at 2:19 he was taken by a friend to the hospital.

2:00 a.m. - South Hall resident reported being threatened by another resident.

2:55 a.m. - Officer observed a discharged fire extinguisher at Parkridge.

5:06 a.m. - Fairfield Police Officer on campus after obtaining statements from students identifying two students responsible for the vandalized motor vehicle.

10:05 p.m. - South Hall resident called to report a student was threatening him. Public Safety and Fairfield Police responded; both parties given verbal warnings for breach of peace.

11:33 p.m. - Officer observed computers in a South Hall room which may have been vandalized.

Apr. 3: 12:05 a.m. - South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

3:12 a.m. - Physical Therapy called to report an employee was having chest pains; 911 was called. Fairfield Police, Fairfield Fire Dept, and AMR Ambulance responded; patient was transported to the hospital.

1:48 p.m. - Staff member reported his vehicle was hit and damaged while parked in the visitor lot.

8:53 p.m. - Parkridge Officer was informed two males were attempting to break into a vehicle in the JCC lot. The suspect vehicle drove away; description was provided to the Bridgeport and Fairfield Police Depts. A vehicle parked in the JCC lot had a smashed window.

11:16 p.m. - South Hall resident reported a fire at the golf course. Public Safety notified and identified students who had set the fire. Fairfield Fire responded; Fairfield Police to investigate.

Mar. 4: 2:56 a.m. - Two J. Hill residents were injured when one was banging on the window when it broke, injuring one student's arm and the other's leg. Medical treatment was declined.

3:49 a.m. - J. Hill fire alarm trouble received; incident caused by cigarette smoke.

9:08 p.m. - Parkridge Officer observed a discharged fire extinguisher.

9:26 p.m. - Parkridge Officer and Res. Life staff observed an alcohol violation.

10:41 p.m. - Public Safety Officers assisted Res. Life with an alcohol violation at J. Hill.

Apr. 5: 12:59 p.m. - Officers responded to a report of an unconscious student in the West Hall elevator. Officer reported the student conscious but disoriented. She was taken to her room to be watched by her roommate.

4:31 a.m. - South Hall resident was disoriented with Res. Life staff members; Public Safety assisted.

4:54 a.m. - West Hall resident reported finding the mirror in the sixth floor bathroom smashed.

2:53 p.m. - A child fell on the sidewalk outside of the Academic Building; ice was applied to her knees; no further medical attention requested.

7:30 p.m. - West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

8:22 p.m. - Resident student reported their vehicle stolen from the North Lot; Fairfield Police notified; found the vehicle in Fairfield.

Apr. 6: 2:29 a.m. - J. Hill resident reported someone threw a ball through their window, breaking it.

8:25 a.m. - Student reported their vehicle hit and damaged while parked in the North Lot.

1:31 p.m. - Staff member reported the theft of telephone equipment from the Science Wing.

2:13 p.m. - Student reported his vehicle was vandalized while parked in the South Lot; Fairfield Police notified.

Apr. 9: 12:12 a.m. - South Hall marijuana violation investigated.

12:39 a.m. - Res. Life staff observed an alcohol violation at J. Hill; Res. Life staff notified.

8:54 a.m. - Fire alarm in the Academic Center dining hall caused by cleaning crew.

8:18 p.m. - Parkridge Officer reported a townhouse door was found open; he secured it.

Apr. 10: 5:26 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm activated; cause was accidental.

Apr. 11: 4:43 p.m. - Officer responded to a fire extinguisher outside of J. Hill.

10:22 p.m. - Staff member reported an injury which had occurred last Tuesday.

Apr. 12: 9:53 p.m. - Parkridge Officer observed an open apartment window; appeared as if entry had been attempted. Officer went into the room to secure the window and found drugs and drug paraphernalia. Bridgeport Police and Res. Life responded to investigate.

Apr. 14: 2:24 p.m. - J. Hill student suffered a seizure; Fairfield Police, Fire and AMR Ambulance responded. Student transported to hospital via ambulance.

3:49 p.m. - South Hall resident reported items stolen from his room over Easter Break.

6:33 p.m. - South Hall resident reported items stolen from his room over Easter Break; Fairfield Police investigated.

8:54 p.m. - West Hall fire alarm received; no smoke or fire.

9:51 p.m. - Officer reported a trash can was on fire in South Hall, and that it had been put out by students using a nearby fire extinguisher. Officers responded.

Apr. 15: 1:28 p.m. - South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

5:22 p.m. - Staff member reported fire alarm received; incident was caused by burns from food.

Apr. 16: 11:08 a.m. - Computer Center reported unauthorized access was gained to the University's computer system.

3:19 p.m. - Parkridge resident reported that money was missing from his room.

10:19 p.m. - Parkridge Officer observed a student, who was restricted from Parkridge, enter the building. Upon the Officer's request, the student left the premises.
Mock date rape trial held by Lambda Sigma Phi

Registration changes

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-News Editor

The Registrar's Office has implemented a new system for course registration this semester. Instead of just registering for next semester's classes, sophomores, juniors and any seniors coming back for a fifth year can register for the entire academic year.

"We're adding this time for the sophomores, juniors and seniors to have the opportunity to see their advisor and plan for the whole year," said Douglas Bohn, University Registrar.

First year students and next years incoming first year students will not be able to register for the full year's courses this time, but Bohn says they will be able to next time it is offered.

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Bohn said courses that were registered for the Spring 1999 semester will be collected and processed over the summer. Adjustments will be made for classes that get more students in them than others.

Students who have already registered say that the process has gone well this year.

"For me, I like it. I think it has gotten a lot better in the last few years," said Rielle Giannino, a junior from Monroe.

Some SHU students wish that computer capability to register we...
Drinking: Alcohol abuse continues to be a major issue on college campuses

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Winerip's article cited that while there is no shortage of alcohol-related incidents on college campuses in America, there is a noticeable shortage of solutions. "It is not even clear whether more college students are dying from alcohol these days, or if it is a matter of the media paying attention to the issue lately because of a few sensational cases," said Winerip.

In his research, Winerip found that several public health experts said they knew of no long-term national statistics on college alcohol fatalities. Winerip did find however, that students today have a more conservative attitude toward alcohol abuse than their predecessors. According to Winerip, in 1980, 9.5 percent of college students nationwide said they abstained from alcohol; by 1996, 17 percent did. Also, in 1980 only 5 percent reported drinking daily; today, 3.2 percent do. Even the numbers of binge drinkers may be declining; in 1980, 44 percent reported binge drinking; today only 38 percent do.

The Sacred Heart 1997 Cooperative Institutional Research Program's annual Freshman Survey gathered by Heather Kim, director of research at Sacred Heart, found that the percentage of drinking of incoming freshmen in the past year significantly within the last five years. In 1992, 68.7 percent of males who were incoming freshmen said they drank beer whereas in 1997, 71.8 percent admitted to drinking beer. In 1992, 55.9 percent of both males and females stated they drank or other liquors while in 1997, 69.7 percent admitted to this form of drinking.

An informal study at Sacred Heart asked students of all classes and ages about their drinking habits. Out of 15 students, five said they drink two to three times a week, six drink one to two times a week and the other four drink a couple of times a month. Eight of the 15 students drink socially, six admitted binge drinking and only one student did not drink.

The rest of the counseling at Sacred Heart is done in the classroom. The topic (of binge drinking) is clearly addressed at orientation for incoming freshmen," she said. "Often times, if a student has been hospitalized or is doing a lot of binge drinking each night, a roommate may make her or him come up here," she said. "Also, there are judiciary cases in which the student has to come up here for assessment."

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EDITORIALS

Safety uncommon at Taft Commons

Recently, nine cars parked on the street and a parking lot of Taft Commons were vandalized. We suspect that this was due largely to the fact that the crime was too easy to commit by whomever or whoever committed it. The place must have looked very inviting in the wee hours of the morning... perhaps as inviting as Parkridge looked to the person(s) who broke into the townhouses.

We'll ask a question we've asked many times before...where is Public Safety during thefts?

Where is Public Safety when cars were whisked off campus earlier this year? We need more officers to patrol on and off campus.

Occupational Program delayed

The Occupational Therapy Masters Degree Program has been postponed to an anticipated (not promised) date of fall 2000. It was supposed to be ready for fall of this year, and then pushed to January of 1999. This was because the Connecticut Department of Higher Education had budgetary restraints that lengthened the time for approval to as much as 12 months. Financial and budgetary reasons at Sacred Heart have delayed it even more because other priorities came up, such as the need for East Hall and the addition to South Wing.

Our hearts go out to the students who were counting on this program being available when promised. We wonder how it must feel to have invested so much money and time into SHU with the belief that the program would exist when promised. Now what? What does one do when their plans are shattered?

It's a nice gesture that the University is trying to get these students into graduate programs elsewhere, but we believe they should do more. They should monetarily compensate these students for the trouble that this has caused.

In the future, maybe the Admissions Office can be upfront and say that many things have been delayed here, and there are no guarantees whatever that a "promised" date can be a trusted date. Also, maybe they can take a closer look at their literature, that doesn't always say that something is promised and thereby infers that it already exists. They may raise a few students, but it won't be in vain.

Our April Fool's issue brought about laughs and cringes

For those of you who don't know, the last issue of the Spectrum was our April Fool's edition. Overall, the reaction from the Sacred Heart community was overwhelmingly positive.

Communications teacher actually started class counting the stuff we did on the paper. But there was one group that wasn't too thrilled with the issue: the administration, or more specifically, a few in the administration.

A problem they had with the issue was that they thought we didn't advertise enough the fact it was a fake issue. Considering the day the issue went out was Pioneer Day, several potential students were on campus, they have 3 point. Although we did make it clear this year that it was a fake issue that last year, last year's issue didn't come out on Pioneer Day.

Unfortunately, there was no indication in the Heartbeat or school calendar that the day in question was Pioneer Day. We didn't know until a few days before the issue came out, and by then it was too late. The fact that it was coming out on Pioneer Day didn't even cross our minds.

Supposedly, three families that came for Pioneer Day left after reading the April Fool's edition and not realizing it was fake. I honestly feel bad that that happened, and we would have changed things if we knew that it was Pioneer Day. But, we didn't know and we may have paid the price of losing three potential students. But maybe they read on.

Another issue that was brought up was an over-abundance of staff about Dr. Anthony Cernea, president of SHU. Looking back, I think that we definitely did too much about Dr. Cernea. The full story I wrote about him opening a homeless youth shelter was last minute addition and I would have probably been better off lampooning another administrator. But considering UConn's April Fool's issue this year had a front page photo of their president with a 13-year-old "intern" superimposed sitting on his lap, I think in the end, Dr. Cernea got off easy. I think the point that many university administrators across the country miss when they complain about their student newspaper's April Fool's edition is that it is not written for them. Student newspapers are by and for the students. They are also for the university community, but the students are and should be the first priority.

When we do an April Fool's issue, we do it for the students and to make them laugh. If others enjoy it too, then that's even better (I've also heard from administrators that thought the issue was great, so it's not like every higher up in the University hated it either).

But any controversy is moot point now. This has been discussed with administrators and the problem, if there ever was one, is resolved. There are no bad feelings between us and the administration. We'll never solve any issues if we can't work with, not against, the administration. Contrary to what some might think, the Spectrum isn't out to bring down SHU and its administrators. We want to make sure that the most important issues that affect this University and its community are reported on and discussed, plain and simple.

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The village that has helped raise my child

BY CHRIS SZPILA

As young people educate great distances away from their own parents, raising children in our culture can be a very isolating undertaking.

At the Women's Leadership Conference held at SHU in March, a speaker pointed out that this is not the case in most tribal cultures where young mothers are surrounded by extended family and receive endless assistance with child care, chores and daytime support.

I smiled at her statement, very aware that my eleven month old son does belong to a tribe, and that we are the recipients of all the love and support such a structure can provide.

As a Residence Hall Director, I live in Taft Commons with my son and husband.

Relatives and people I meet react to my presence with surprise, "You live in a dorm?"

Profundly, I respond that we are part of an amazing community and we wouldn't have it any other way.

People are constantly surrounded by people who shower him with affection and kindness.

As I exit the elevator just glancing both Ryan and several bags of groceries, I know that a student will jump up and help me with my bags.

My neighbors are always willing and available to be with Ryan while I finish some laundry in the upstairs machines.

If I keep my door open, it is only a matter of time before a resident wanders into my apartment wanting to play with Ryan and make him smile.

I find this especially helpful around dinner time.

At school, there is no shortage of volunteers offering to hold him while I grab lunch from the cafe or file some papers in my office.

As an African proverb says that it takes a whole village to raise a child.

As a new, young Mom, I understand the wisdom inherent in this statement, and I know that I truly blessed to be a part of this village called Sacred Heart University.

Thank you for all the endless love and support for teaching my family what the word community means.

Chris Szpila is the Residence Hall Director at Taft Commons where she lives with her husband and son, Ryan Matthew.
How do you think the new housing selection process went?

Brian Taylor
junior
Norwalk
"I like it. I got the housing I wanted."

Jackie Pahl
sophomore
Levittown, NY
"It's not fair because I'm living with all seniors and we can't get the housing we want."

Jay Boudreau
sophomore
Plainview, NY
"I don't like it. They have too many students and not enough housing."

Lisa Pompilio
junior
Thornwood, NY
"A lot of people got screwed over. More time should be put into the process."

Compiled by Kerrie Darress
**Letters to the Editor**

**PUBLIC SAFETY CALLS AT 2 A.M.**

To the Editor:

As I write this letter, it is almost two in the morning. About a half hour ago, I received a phone call from our not-so-popular Public Safety telling me that I had to move my car from where it was parked at Jefferson Hill. Now, granted, I was supposed to be parking overnight south of the Hill (don’t worry, I still feel safe leaving our cars there!) but since I have to be up by 5 a.m. to work at a hospital in Norwalk, it is just easier to have my car up where I live.

Well you can imagine, that Public Safety must be really bored calling people at 2 a.m. to move their cars. Aren’t they supposed to be patrolling North Lot or something?

I guess making sure that people don’t park where they aren’t supposed to is more important than protecting the cars that do. Now that I know Public Safety is just sitting up here at J-Hill checking parking decals, I feel even more safe leaving my car in North Lot.

Kendra Lapik

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**TAFT RESIDENTS DEMAND MORE SECURITY**

To the Editor:

Hello, it is 6 a.m. on Sunday and Dean Wick, Bill O’Connell and other Sacred Heart officials probably just snapping their snooze buttons on their alarm clocks. They need that extra 10 minutes of sleep you know. It’s hard to do absolutely nothing for the safety of Taft residents on a consistent basis. If you can’t tell I’m really pissed off about being awake this early, but I have to.

Ten cars, some with alarms, were broken into last night. These ten students had their windows smashed and their radios taken. The Ness guard didn’t hear a thing. A public safety officer, who took time out of his so busy schedule to come down and take the report. He told them that “Public Safety officers are not authorized to leave their position at Parkridge so they can come check on Taft.” I guess they are authorized to sit in front of Parkridge and SLEEP in their brand new Explorers. They couldn’t hear the alarms either.

Since day one, Taft students, RAs, its RHD and its Hall Council have been begging Wick, O’Connell and others to do something. Apparently, a drive-by shooting is a necessary requirement for getting some security around here. Sorry to disappoint you fellas, but we’re trying. I strongly believe it is the responsibility of the Student in Taft, the students living at Taft next year, and all their parents to completely flood Wick and O’Connell’s phone lines with concerns.

Don’t pay any bills until you have some security downtown. You know all they listen to is $55 any way. When you do get them on the phone DON’T LET THEM PASS THE BUCK. Sacred Heart officials must pass a 101 course in “passing the buck” in order to get hired.

Good luck to anyone living at Taft for the rest of the year or next. I hope your position at Parkridge and your job will never happen. These people off the hook. Don’t let these people off the hook.

Don’t worry Dean! This article stands independent of the Spectr um and SHU.

Rob Glejzer

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**PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLUB MEMBERS ANGRY ABOUT DELAY**

To the Editor:

We the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club (Pre-OT), want to let the Sacred Heart Community know that there will be no Master’s Occupational Therapy Program starting in September 2009. We are ashamed that the administration would let this happen without letting the students know until two weeks prior to registration for next year.

The administration misled, wrongly advertised and changed thirty-five students’ futures without even communicating to students. Their reason for canceling the program was because “the Sacred Heart University lacks the funds to support the Occupational Therapy Program.” Although they canceled the class to “at least” the year 2000, they are enrolling these students into a master’s program where there is about ten seats instead of their chances of thirty.

They could start underwritten in a undergraduate program or change their majors. In all cases, these students gave up full scholarships, inexpensive schools and transferred into Sacred Heart thinking they could go into this non-existent O.T. program. We would like to know how the administration is going to compensate these students!

Meghan Brown

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**STUDENT THINKS SPECTRUM SHOULD STOP APologizing**

To the Editor:

So wait, I’m still confused. Was the El Salvador trip meaningful and worthwhile?

And while we’re on the topic, if people around here do not stop apologizing for their opinions I’m going to pull down the SHU flag from the Fire Center and stitch on either a Swastika or a hammer and sickle.

If someone has something to say, let them say it.

There is no need for bowing or cute courtesies.

It is up to the other side to present their opinion, hopefully in a well formulated, intellectual manner and the rest of us can either ingest or vomit or chew on it and throw in our own opinions. And by that I mean, tell me what about it.

I realize that I am using this word dangerously for it may cause some of mental dysfunction in some of the thick-skulled, beer guzzling, mate-like-a-rabbit-on-Spanish fly twins who seem to mandatorily compose a certain percentage of the student body, but then again, this is for the other two percent.

So seriously, you know the kid I’m talking about, the one who is closest to an “A” when it is the only sound drubbing out of their pie hole and attempting to have their coherent thought of the month.

But anyway, back to discourse. Watch, RELIGION. Hey, the Bible is a nice book.

It is broken up into little stories, heck it is perfect to read kids to bed.

But faith in the revealed word? C’mon!

Science has pushed the Bible so far into metaphorical interpretation that there is probably a better chance of convincing me that the Virgin is a virgin than believing in any of those stories. See, there I’ve done it.

I have probably upset the better part of the religious faction. But guess what, that is O.K.

Next week, we may hopefully see a well thought-out rebuttal, and then who knows where it will lead.

Be assured, however, that the old gym will be worthwhile to get students excited about events and attend. I thought so. Next time you plan to criticize the potential programming space/pub, think what it will do for SHU and the students. While I do realize that the library needs help and we need a chapel, those are issues that Student Government cannot deal with or fund, but this new programming space is. They took away our pub (Chebby’s) three years ago to build the Mahogany Room, now they get to take the pub back! And if you have any questions or comments about this entire situation, ask a Student Government member and get the truth, don’t just listen to the rumors or the Spectr um.

Mike Dutton
Students find little time to maintain exercise

By Kristen Jeteromine
Contributing Writer

The season is here to get your body in shape, and so is the pressure that comes with having sex. Some students have decreased over the last five years, according to an article in the April issue of Seventeen magazine.

Almost one million girls ages 15 to 19 become pregnant every year in the United States. Of these young women, the article states that 53 percent give birth and one third have an abortion in the United States.

"People think you have to do a long workout to accomplish a lot, but shorter ones can be more manageable," stated Noah Nadeau, personal trainer for Donatella Versace.

"It all depends on your goals," said James Thompson, a senior from Amityville, N.Y. Thompson is a personal trainer at Bailey's Total Fitness in Milford.

"If your main goal is to lose fat then doing a high intensity workout in less time is a good way to get your body in shape," he added.

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"Fitness benefits add up," writes Jennifer Scruby, whose article "The Slacker's Guide to a Better Body" in the April issue of Elle Magazine highlights ways to get your body in shape without spending countless hours in the gym.

"No matter what decision they make, they will need support," said Sister Anne-Louise Nadeau, director of personal counseling.

"They will need people who will support, not necessarily agree, but support," added Nadeau.

When posed with the hypothetical situation of a close friend becoming pregnant, many students felt concerned, yet uncertain as to what their reaction would be.

"I don't really know how I would react," said Michelle Trenchard, a sophomore psychology major from Freehold, N.J.

"It doesn't change who she is, she just got into a tough situation and is taking responsibility for her actions."

Nadeau stresses that any student, whether a friend of a pregnant teen or the pregnant teen herself, should feel comfortable coming to the counseling center for help.

"Give an absolute guarantee that we will not judge them," said Nadeau. "We are ethically bound to confidentiality. I have no right to tell anyone than an individual is pregnant.

"We will not push them in one direction or another. We would help them explore options and come to a decision they can live with," added Nadeau.

During her years at Sacred Heart, Nadeau has driven individuals to doctor appointments, served as a Lamaze coach, and has been present in the delivery room.

"I know every one of us here would do the same thing if it was appropriate," said Nadeau of her colleagues. Students who find themselves in this situation may be afraid to tell anyone for fear of being kicked out of school, said Nadeau.

This fear is unwarranted.

"In no way is a pregnancy a factor in the dismissal of a student," said Nadeau.

However, students should not expect to return to Sacred Heart with their baby.

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International Center reaches many

By Patricia Clark
Contributing Writer

Every fall semester, Sacred Heart University opens its doors to a new class of students. Among these are several from places as far flung as Asia, the Caribbean, and Europe.

Often arriving alone and sometimes with no relatives in the United States, one of the first people they meet is Grace Lim, Assistant Director of Student Life for International Programs.

"It's such a relief to be welcomed with a friendly face after the hassle of a long flight and customs," said Caroline Keinloh, a first-year student from Germany.

Working at the International Center is an invaluable resource," said Dennis-Lawrence added.

Students receive support through a range of cultural and social programs that promote adjustment to campus life. In addition to advising and counseling services available to assist in adjustment to working and living in the United States.

These are complemented by Community Connection Programs for those who wish to make an American host family in the greater community. The Friendship and Family Program that is currently being established by the Center aims to connect local families.

"I enjoy everything that I do. The students, whether American or International, are a constant learning experience," said Lim.

"Grace has been thorough, effective, and understanding as an administrative resource for international students," Dennis-Lawrence added.

Assistant Director of Student Life

"I have a great time meeting new and interesting people," said Phalla Touch, a commuter resident from Stratford. "This club not only offers a different experience but it is fun and friendly," said Touch.

"Faculty, staff and students are always welcome to stop by if they want to get involved in a small or large capacity. We welcome visitors," said Lim.

The International Center is located on the first floor of the Hawley Lounge, and can be contacted at 365-7614.

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MTV's Bellamy humors SHU on Saturday

By Tara S. Deenhian
A&E Editor

Springweek 1998 kicks off Saturday night with the comedy of Bill Bellamy, best known as host of "MTV Jams". Bellamy's performance is the second part of this year's Spring Concert, following Jay-Z, KRS-1 and Strangefolk.

In addition to "Jams," Bellamy has appeared in the films "How to be a Player" and "Booty Call." His recent Showtime special, also called "Booty Call," was the network's highest-rated special in two years. He has also appeared on "Showtime at the Club," also called "Booty Call," was the network's highest-rated special in two years. He has also appeared on "Showtime at the Apollo," "The Arsenio Hall Show," and HBO's 15th annual "Young Comedians Special."

Bellamy will also host a new variety show on MTV coming this fall.

"Student Life is excited for the show," said Amy Ham, program assistant for Student Activities. "I think he'll be a good draw because of the fact that he has MTV behind him."

What can students expect from Bellamy? Comedy, but not vulgarity. "Funny is funny," he says. "If you talk about funny things, you can make people laugh. I don't think you have to curse people to death to get a laugh. It's shocking, but it's really not funny." Nadia Kendall, a senior biology major from Far Rockaway, N.Y., is a long-time fan of Bellamy's comedy, and is planning to see him Saturday.

He was really good on "Def Comedy Jam" and hilarious in "How to be a Player,"" she said. "I'm looking forward to more of the same or something better."

"Everybody should come to the show," said Heather Pulsifer, a junior media studied major from Cranston, R.I. "It's the kickoff to Springfest — it's all about the energy and excitement."

Bill Bellamy will appear Saturday night in the Pitt Center. Hank Parkinson, program assistant for Student Activities, says students should see Bellamy for "school spirit, support to fellow peers and just to go out and have a good time. It's entertainment."

The show starts at 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 general admission or $10 for SHU students. For more information call Student Activities at (203) 371-7846.

It's summer concert time!

A preview of this summer's hottest tickets

By Matt Flood
Contributing Writer

April's been a busy month for local concerts, with performances by They Might Be Giants at Toad's Place, Fishbone at 7 Willow St, The Specials at The Globe, and the upcoming Ska Against Racism Tour at The Webster Theater. For all you Tori Amos fans, there's the opening shows for her '98 world tour in NYC and Boston this weekend, if you're lucky enough to score tickets (I got mine!).

Another show not to miss is the Tufts University spring concert with Less Than Jake and L.L. Cool J in a few weeks. Oh yeah, Metro Stylee, who played the first Habitat for Humanity Concert here at Sacred Heart was named by Playboy Magazine as one of the ten best new acts on the east coast. And now onto some festival news. Radio104 Fest - May 17 at The Meadows in Hartford - The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, 2 Skinny J's, Guster, Bamakidded Ladies, Soul Asylum and around 12 others. Tickets thru Protix, $25 pavilion, $20 lawn. Lollapalooza - Canceled due to Jane's Addiction pulling from the show and the poor turnouts from the last two years sub-par shows...they should have killed this alternative festival before the Metallica headlined a few years ago.

Horde Tour - supposedly getting back to the intended purpose of the fest — hippie jam bands as opposed to last years stretch to be Lollapalooza. Primus? Beck? Morphine? Toad the Wet Sprocket? Look for Blues Traveler's return to the festival as well as a rumored Dave Matthews Band.

The Warped tour - Bad Religion, Nofx, Rancid, Save Ferris, The Specials, and a dozen other punk, ska, hardcore, swing, rockabilly etc. groups... The Business is also rumored to play a few dates.

The Lilith Fair - this may turn out to be the biggest draw of the summer if unconfirmed rumors prove to be true. Headlined by Sarah McLachlan, rumors abound about Tori Amos, Garbage, No Doubt, and other female fronted bands. Missy Elliot respectfully declined an offer to play the tour but it'll be nice to see a more varied genre of music at the fest this year.

Well I'm gonna crawl back under my pile of CD's and pray for this semester to end... have fun and enjoy the music.

--by Kevin Horgan
**‘Inherit the Wind’ at SHU**

**By Danielle Nolan**

**Contributing Writer**

Last Friday, “Inherit the Wind” opened in the Sacred Heart University Theater. The play, presented by the faculty of Language, Literature and Media Studies and directed by Richard McKinnon, will continue through April 26.

“Inherit the Wind” was written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. It has its genesis in the events surrounding the famous Scopes “monkey” trial in which the teaching of Creationism came head to head against the teaching of Evolutionism.

“It is a captivating drama that deals with a very contemporary theme of our time — the freedom of thought and speech,” said McKinnon.

The play takes place in 1925 in Tennessee. It is a story of a teacher who broke the state law ban on the teaching of evolution. The play shows a very engaging watch. The public. Tickets are available in Tennessee. It is a story of a become involved as you watch, row at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. McKinnon. ing fascinating dialogue. It is a “Inherit the Wind” is not to theme of our time — the freedom of thought and speech, “said Erin Lozano, a chology major from Sanbornton, and everyone’s ability to believe about the individual human mind and everyone’s ability to believe and think what they want,” said Dwayne Davis, a sophomore psy- and opinionated reporter, and Tom Wuestkamp as Bertram Cates, the and think what they want,” said Dwayne Davis, a sophomores- chology major from Sanbornton, and everyone’s ability to believe inter and do it well. “Inherit the Wind” is an inter- esting and unique drama containing fascinating dialogue. It is a play that forces you to think and become involved as you watch. The interaction between the char- acters is extremely enjoyable to watch. The two lawyers in the play are prosecution attorney Matthew Harrison Brady, played by Dwayne Davis and defense attor- ney Henry Drummond, played by Justin Venech. The pair are dy- namic and balance each other well. Other outstanding perfor- mances were turned in by Jeff Hoose as Reverend Brown, Rachel’s rigid father, Joe McGuigan as E.K. Hornbeck, an optimated reporter, and Tom Wuestkamp as Bertram Cates, the teacher on trial.

“The play is more than about just a school teacher introducing Darwinism into a classroom, it is about the individual human mind and everyone’s ability to believe and think what they want,” said Dwayne Davis, a sophomore psychology major from Sanbornton, N.H.

“Inherit the Wind” is not to be missed. Showtimes are tomor- row at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is $3 for SHU students and $10 for the public. Tickets are available in the theater box office.

**A&E Briefs**

**Spring Week at SHU**

Sacred Heart kicks off Spring Week ‘98 Saturday night in the Pitt Center. Events include:

- *Trip to Great Adventure, Sunday. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.*
- *Hoe-Down Country Fest Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Outpost.*
- *“Barnyard Bingo” Thursday at 10 p.m. in the Outpost.*
- *Ski Night Competition Friday at 8 p.m. in the theater.*
- *Semiformal Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Pitt Center.*

**SHU Chorale performs ‘America Sings’**

The SHU Chorale will perform its Spring Concert, entitled “America Sings,” on April 26 at 4 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. The Chorale will perform music by Aaron Copland and Broadway showtunes. The SHU Wind Quintet will perform a prelude of music by J.C. Bach, Mozart, and Gershwin.

**“Children of the Night” founder to speak**

Dr. Lois Lee, founder of “Children of the Night,” a shelter for teens, will speak at Sacred Heart on April 29 at 8 p.m. in the Theater. Admission is free for SHU students.

**Dude at the Page!**

See Chris “Dude” Twarowski and his band, Mom’s Goblin Market at the Sports Page May 9. The show starts at 9 p.m.

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‘Space’ family Robinson sinks ‘Titanic’

By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Editor

"Lost in Space," the sci-fi adventure based on the 1960's television show, is the first movie to dethrone James Cameron's "Titanic" from its 14-week run as #1 in the box office.

The success of "Lost in Space" is no surprise. The continuing popularity of the campy TV series and the media whirlwind surrounding the film since Christmas spelled a recipe for success. "Lost in Space" robot toys have been flying off retail shelves since November.

But is the movie worth the hype? Can you take a family sci-fi show from the 1960's and make it appeal to today's audiences? Sure, with a little updating.

The new "Lost in Space" has a dark feel. The Robinson family — John (William Hurt), Maureen (Mimi Rogers), Judy (Heather Graham), Penny (Lacey Chabert) and Will (Jack Johnson) — are a complex group, complete with modern family problems. Judy and John are both absorbed in the mission that takes the family to space. Will is a boy genius, but never receives any praise from his father. Penny is a teenage delinquent, and Maureen is continuously trying to keep the family together.

Of course, the family's problems become secondary once they are lifted into space. The Robinsons board the Jupiter 2 spacecraft vessel along with a fighter pilot (Matt LeBlanc), and stowaway Dr. Smith (Gary Oldman). Their course is set for Alpha Nine, a planet similar to Earth, where they are to determine how suitable the planet is for human life. Things go awry when Smith, regroups the vessel's supercomputer, and the ship, Robinson family, and mission control are almost completely destroyed.

In order to sustain the damage, the Robinson's must abandon their course to Alpha Nine, and end up lost. The adventure continues as they battle intergalactic spiders, time warps, and the evil Dr. Smith.

"Lost in Space" is a fun movie, even if it borrows a lot from other sci-fi movies of its type. Besides boy genius Will, the ship's characters tend to be depicted in a pretty inferior light compared to the women.

In one scene, Maureen scolds John and the pilot for what appears a juvenile fight for control of the ship.

In another, the men go exploring while the women repair the ship.

Besides the hormone imbalance, though, "Lost in Space" has fun dialogue, good special effects (check out the closing credit sequence), and is overall an entertaining sci-fi movie.

‘Left of the Middle’ Former Aussie soap star Natalie Imbruglia launches musical debut

By Tara S. Deenihan
A&E Editor

N a t a l i e o f t e n p o p s i n t o c h a t w i t h 

her musical debut "Intuition," Imbraglia sings with a little updating.

At 23, the singer is already soaring to the top of the charts. "Tori" is a #2 single, and she's appeared on the charts in Japan and the U.S. Her web site (http://www.bmg-backstage.co.uk/natalie) features video clips, an open chat room (where Natalie often pops in to chat with fans), and a catalog of pictures.

The video for "Tori" is currently in heavy rotation on MTV, but as is often the case, the second single will determine her staying power. Judging from the other tracks on "Left of the Middle," and in light of the current trend toward female voices, Imbruglia should be here to stay for a while.

Then again, she may be wiser about the entertainment industry's fickle nature than we think. The opening lines to the track "One More Addiction" are "First the good news/I've gotta feel nice/then the bad news/you gotta pay a heavy price."

"Left of the Middle," the debut album from Natalie Imbruglia, is available at area record stores.

‘Creek’ gets mixed reviews

By Amanda Massey
Contributing Writer

TV’s new teenaged show "Dawson's Creek" is gaining a large number of viewers each week. The young cast members, including Michelle Williams and James Van Der Beek, have appeared on magazine covers like TV Guide and YM, and billboards and buses.

The show confronts a controversial topic each week. The first couple of episodes were about teen promiscuity, Pacey's love affair with his teacher, Dawson's mother's affair with a co-worker and Joey's resentment of Jen for Dawson's affections.

"Dawson's Creek," although I think that some of the topics are too mature for the ages that the characters are supposed to be," said Elizabeth Bodner, a sophomore from Branford, Conn. "In other words, it happens in the real world so why shouldn’t they be on TV?"

"Dawson's Creek is completely different from any other television show," said Stacy Cox, a sophomore from Rockland, Mass. "They take real life issues and involve them in the show. The only problem that critics probably would have is that the cast is too mature for these topics."

Dawson and the rest of the cast are only high school sophomores, each about 15 years old.

"Last week's episode was about a high school senior spreading rumors that he had had sex with Joey," said Cox. "Instead of correcting the matter at hand, she made the rumor worse. She tried to get revenge by spreading another rumor that she was pregnant."

Young Dawson is a media buff who is constantly searching for the perfect conversation by assimilating the perfect woman or kiss with the genres in film media. In one episode he made advances towards a woman twice his age. "Dawson was hitting on a woman in her early 30's simply because her skirt referred to the film media," said Cox. "Sometimes the show needs to take a trip back into reality."

"Dawson's Creek" is on Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. on the WB network.

Sacred Heart honored by state for service

Special to the Spectrum

For the fifth year, SHU received community service award from Connecticut's department of Higher Education.

Assistant professor of art Jack DeGrannenfeid received an award for the three-week illustration course he's conducted for area high school students for two years, as well as his work with Alpha Home of Bridgeport.

Class of 2001 officers Gabe Goodine, Audrey Marrone, and Jennifer Foisy were cited for their Adopt-a-Family project. Junior Michelle Fobert and Jennifer Kasubinsky were honored for their work with Sunshine Kids. Senior Patricia Kurowski was awarded for her work with Habitat for Humanity.

SHU community service honorees, front row, left to right: Gabe Goodine, Jack DeGrannenfeid, Michelle Fobert, and Patricia Kurowski. Back row, left to right: Jennifer Kasubinsky, Audrey Marrone, and Jennifer Foisy.
In the Spotlight

The first-year multi-event athlete from Stratford, scored 27 of the team’s 117 point victory at the Tri-State Championship. She finished second in both the long and triple jumps, was third in the 100 meter hurdles, fourth in the 400 meter hurdles and also ran a leg on the fourth place 4x400 relay.

The first-year athlete from Danbury, was named second team All-America for her performance in the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships. She won the All-Events with a new tournament record and highest average of the tournament (216), essential to the team’s third place finish.

Michelle Shawah
Women’s Track

Photo not available

Tiffany Ballew
Women’s Bowling

The Leader of the Pack

By Julie Ann Nevero
Sports Editor

A funny thing happened on his way out of law school, Christian Morrison became coach. It’s been four years since he started the track and field program from scratch at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, and his once eight person squad has grown to become one of the most decorated athletic teams on campus. However, he never thought that this would be what he would be doing with his life.

Morrison ventured off to college expecting to be a sports caster. He graduated from Marist College in 1996 with a BA in Communication Arts.

He was sports director at the university, wrote sports for the paper and did play-by-play at basketball games. It went until his junior year that he started to rethink his plans for the future.

“I had a strong interest in politics, and realized at the end of my college career that I wanted to help people,” said Morrison. “I got politically active and I started thinking about law school.”

After graduating, he took a year off. “I was feeling burnt out so I went back home and did some substitute teaching at my high school.”

It was during this year that he got his first stab at coaching.

The athletic director at Waterford High School was looking for an assistant coach for the girls’ track team. “It was my first taste of coaching and I really enjoyed it, he said.”

He accepted the position and coached the team until the fall of 1997 before venturing off to Indiana University to pursue a law degree.

“It was tough to resign from the coaching position, but I had to follow through with my plan,” he said.

Morrison never thought about a career in coaching until his experience at the University. “That one year of coaching was the catalyst.”

He graduated with a degree in law and was working for a judge in Kalamazoo, Mich., when he started looking for coaching jobs for college track teams.

DePaul University gave Morrison his first chance at college coaching offering him an assistant coach position for its track team. He worked for three years at DePaul until he saw the opening for a head coach position at Sacred Heart in 1994.

Morrison started running when he was twelve years old at local park races in the summer. However, it was his younger brother, Tim, who actually got him interested in the sport.

“I started going when he was going,” said Morrison. “For the first couple of years, when we were in school together, he was better than me.”

“Our last cross country meet in eighth grade I beat him and he never beat me again. I started to think, hey, this might be something I’d be good at,” he added.

Morrison wasn’t recruited to Marist College, but joined the track team as a walk-on. He held three school records at the University which still stand today.

“He pays good attention to detail in CC because we are all ways well prepared for every race,” said senior distance runner Brian Young. “He treats his number one guys like everybody else and that’s important.”

Since taking the position at SHU, Morrison has led his women’s track team to back-to-back championships at the Connecticut Track Conference Relay Carnival, a cross country championship at the Fairfield Invitational and an ECAC women’s shot put championship.

“Coaching is more than just a job to me because I really love what I’m doing,” said Morrison. “I thought that I would like working with young people and I do.”

Last May at SHU’s annual Sports Banquet, Morrison’s hard work was recognized when he was awarded the “Women’s Coach of the Year” award for women’s track and cross country.

“I thought he deserved it because he did a lot of hard work to bring the team to a higher level,” said distance runner Michelle Wesolowski.

It is good to be recognized for what, I feel, is a lot of hard work,” said Morrison. “A coach is nothing without his athletes.”

He speaks of the dedicated coach because of the time he puts in from September to May,” said Mike Guastelle, Director of Sports Communication at SHU and friend to Morrison.

“This is one of the toughest coaching jobs around because he doesn’t get a break, however, he is always enthusiastic.”

Morrison has also served as the Director of Games Operations for the Connecticut Special Olympics for the past two years and will participate again this year.

“It’s been a good experience for me because I get to know the key players at the University that can only help the role as a track coach,” said Morrison.

Through it all, he can safely say that he is happy to be where he is.

“It seems like it took me a while to find my place in life and to figure out what I wanted to do,” he said. “Luckily, I picked the right thing and ended up in the right place.”

SPORTS SCHEDULE

April 24-30

Friday
JV Baseball vs. Dutchess CC, 3:30 p.m.
Track, Penn Relays @ UPenn, TBA

Saturday
Baseball @ Franklin Pierce, 1 p.m.
Softball @ Franklin Pierce, 1 p.m.

Monday
Baseball vs. Stony Brook, 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Stony Brook, 3 p.m.

Tuesday
(W) Lacrosse vs. Lock Haven, 2 p.m.
JV Baseball @ Gateway CC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Baseball @ Wagner, 3:30 p.m.
JV Baseball @ Norwalk CTC, 3:30 p.m.
(M) Lacrosse @ Holy Cross, 1 p.m.

Thursday
Softball @ East Stroudsburg, 3 p.m.
Runners second Championship

By Julie Ann Nevero
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, the men’s track team won its first ever outdoor championship at Rhode Island College. Last weekend, the team was the runner up at the Tri-State Championship at Bryant College, outscoring 12 teams, losing only to Wheaton.

“Tie guys had a very good day,” said coach Christian Morrison. “They held off a strong challenge from Bridgewater State and Bryant with a lot of personal bests and school record performances.”

The team was led by senior captain Sean Ballou and junior Morriss Harbour. The two have dominated their events both in distance and outdoor meats.

Ballou has gone undefeated in the 400 meters this season, beating his opponents by over a second in 50 flat. He also was fourth in 200 meters. Harbour kept his undefeated status in the triple, winning with a record distance of 45-10.”

“Ballou and Harbour are clearly among the best in New England in their events, but what’s great about this team is its balance and depth,” said coach Christian Morrison. “We have quality performers in virtually every event.”

The men got 17 points out of the triple jump event, Harbour’s finish and freshmen Mike “TT” Benedetto and Shawn Keenan finishing third and sixth, which proved to be the turning point in the meet.

The 5000 meter event also provided key points in the meet as freshman Brian “Axe” Williams, senior Brian Young and junior Rick Jamesco finished third, fifth and sixth respectively.

Other top scorers included sophomore Chris McKenna (second in the javelin), freshman Brian Barnes (second in the 110 hurdles), freshman Chris Eaton (third in the steeplechase), senior Bill Sampson (third in the hammer) and the 4x400 relay was second.

The men will compete at Yale University Sunday in New Haven. The start time of the meet is still TBA.

 Winners at the Sixth Annual SHU All-Sports Banquet

Outstanding Contribution Award- Mike Weild, Director of Athletic Training
Alumni Recognition Award- Lenny Francouer, Football
Outstanding Scholar Athlete Awards- Brian Young, Men’s Track/CC
Cheryl Casey, Field Hockey
Rookie of the Year Awards- Heather Stockton, Women’s Track/CC
Alexis Jutras-Binet, Men’s Ice Hockey
Student Athlete Trainer of the Year Award- Jesse Biggins
Allyson Rious Memorial Book Award- Angela Perkins, Women’s Basketball
Athletic Director’s Award- Sean Morrissey, Men’s Volleyball
ECAC Medals of Merit- Stephanie Smith, Women’s Track/CC
Eric Wood, Football
Robin’s ECAC Scholar Awards- Sean Morrissey, Men’s Volleyball
Deirdre Hynes, Women’s Lacrosse/Field Hockey/Basketball

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Women’s Bowling finishes third at Nationals

The SHU women’s bowling team made its fourth consecutive trip to the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in Madison, Wisconsin and defeated defending National Champion University of Nebraska-Lincoln to finish third. The team was led by freshman Tiffany Ballew who won the All-Events with the highest average for the tournament with a 218 which broke the tournament record. Ballew was named to the Second Team All-American. Teammates Chrissy Ananra, Tara Lawrence, and Kristy Newman were named to the Academic All-American team.

Men’s tennis team third at NECC tourney

The SHU men’s tennis team had three players reach the New England Collegiate Conference singles flight finals for the first time as SHU placed third at the NECC Championships. Christian Koskorelos, Chris Duvart, and Tony Cabana reached the finals in their flights but fell in the championship matches. Cabana and Gabe Goodine also reached the second doubles finals as well.

Run with the Pioneers this Saturday at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, April 25, the second annual Running with the Pioneers 5K road race to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Registration is slated for 12:30 and the racers will take-off at 2 p.m.
**SOFTBALL**

The Sacred Heart women’s softball team lost three straight, one to Quinnipiac (4-3) and two to Albany (2-0, 2-0) last week, dropping its record to 7-15 on the season.

“It was a tough loss,” said shortstop Erica Singer, a freshman from Beacon Falls. “Molly (McNeer) pitched an incredible game for us. We had a lot of opportunities to score and help her out, but we didn’t. That’s something our team needs to work on.”

The Quinnipiac game was a heartbreaker for the Lady Pioneers, losing in 13 innings. Quinnipiac came into the bottom of the fifth when SHU started to close high hurdles, fourth in the 400 meter hurdles and was also a member of the fourth place school relay team led by Central Connecticut State.

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**Equestrian team dominates in post season outing**

The Lady Pioneers hosted Penn State Altoona for their third straight home meet of the season, but were defeated by the Nittany Lions, 25-20. After a strong performance in the walk-trot events, the Lady Pioneers struggled in the walk-trot canter and war with them,” said Hogrefe, who led the team with two goals and one assist. 

“It took a total team effort defensively,” said Vigniotti, “that kept us in the game. If also took a team effort offensively, which we didn’t have.”

Singer had two hits to raise her average to .366, which is fourth in school history to earn All-America honors.

Hanna was named to the second team by Women’s Ice Hockey News.

Hanna’s performance this season was key to the victory, shutting Wheaton out 40-0. Junior Carrie Deming had 16 saves for SHU, and freshman Heather Stockton and sophomore Michelle Wesolowski finished second and third in the 1500.

Sophomores Emmett and senior Stephanie Smith placed in the 1,000 and the 4 x 100 relay took second.

The women will compete this Sunday at Yale University in New Haven.

**Men’s track second at Tri-State Championship**

In the Walk-Trot Canter events Heidi Berndt, Alysia Cantelmo and Lauren Ludwig competed for the Pioneers. Of the 13 riders competing, all three SHU riders made the cut-off to ride in the Championship where Berndt was the winner. Cantelmo and Ludwig were fifth and sixth.

In the Open Flat Championship, Justin Gregory and Naomi Mckayl finished first and fifth. Gregory was also the Zone II Region I High Point Rider. He will compete in Nationals in the Caenichio Cup.

Heather Shuck was presented with the 1998 Zone II Region I Alumni Scholarship.

In the Novice fences, Mocholsky was second, earning a trip to the Zones and in Open Fence, Gregory was third and also went to the Zones.

In the last event of the day, the Challenge Classes, Gregory and Berndt both won their classes.

**Laxmen split in recent games to end win streak**

By Matt Duda Staff Writer

After stumbling to a 0-5 start, the men’s lacrosse team won four of its next five games and raised their record to 4-6. SHU won its first game of the season against arch rival Southampton, then followed with wins over Marist, Quinnipiac, and New Haven.

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“Southampton is always our biggest rival. These are two teams, whatever their record is, that always comes into play.”

The defense played the last five games without starting defender Mark Letizia (Syracuse, NY), who injured his knee in the opening minutes of play against Southampton.

The player that Letizia was guarding rolled into him, sending both players crashing to the turf. Letizia immediately grabbed his left knee and lay motionless on the ground until athletic trainer Brian Lorber assisted him.

Letizia jogged off the field without assistance, but didn’t return to the game.

Tests showed Letizia tore his anterior crucial ligament, it’s doubtful he’ll step back on the field this season.

The win streak peaked with a 25-4 win over New Haven, in which 13 different Pioneers earned the scoring column, but Albany State ended SHU’s success last Saturday at Albany, The Danes defeated SHU 15-5.

The season is winding down for Sacred Heart as the Pioneers get set to travel to Easton, P.A., to face Lafayette this Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Hanna All-America**

By Julie Ann Nevero Sports Editor

Sacred Heart junior Sarah Hanna became the first ice hockey athlete (both men and women) in school history to earn All-America honors.

Hanna was named to the second team by Women’s Ice Hockey News.

Hanna’s performance this season was key to the team earning its best record ever, finishing at 11-5-4. The co-captain of the team led the Lady Pioneers in goals (26) and assists (26) and was a team leading 52 points.

In her final game of the season, Hanna scored the game-winning goal in just two seasons, Hanna has accumulated 88 points (50 goals, 38 assists).