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High times at SHU; pot a hot issue

SHU sets trend with the laptops

By Emily M. Houlihan
Contributing Writer

Drug problems, especially marijuana, continue to be a problem on the Sacred Heart University campus.

A marijuana plant was seized from a South Hall resident's room on Nov. 2 and 27 dime bags of marijuana were seized from a Taft Commons apartment on Nov. 4. The Bridgeport Police are currently investigating the situation due to suspicions that marijuana is being sold from the apartment. A bag of marijuana was also found in a Parkridge townhouse on Nov. 6.

All names, grades and hometowns of SHU students interviewed are being changed to protect their anonymity.

"Drug use and selling is ev-

erywhere on this campus. Many are blind to this fact, even Public Safety," said Paul Kane, a junior from Liverpool, N.Y.

According to SHU policy, "The use, possession, distribution or sale of illegal or unauthorized drugs and drug paraphernalia is a violation of state and federal law and is contrary to SHU policy. Students violating this policy are subject to disciplinary action and the legal system."

Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life and Housing Services, said that there is a resurgence of drug use since the late 80's, but SHU is keeping control of the situation.

"We keep drugs out of Sacred Heart to the best of our ability," said Raynis. "We count on our students to make the right decisions and not to do drugs here on campus."

When students were asked why they use drugs, the majority said that it was from boredom. Access is easy when you know the right people, they also said.

Steven-Patrick Marr, a sophomore from Westvale, N.Y. said it is harder to find a tutor than a bag of weed. "The biggest drug on this campus is weed."

Many students also said that they are unconcerned about the consequences of getting caught.

"There is not much the University can do. So they kick us off campus for a weekend, it is not gonna stop," said Amy Muldrake, a senior from Reading, Mass.

"We take this very seriously. It is not treated lightly even if it is a first offense. Students in possession, with intent to sell or use drugs who are caught will go through the full judicial process," said Raynis.

"It is all about who is in your environment and their connections," said Billy Budd, a freshman from Manchester, N.H. "We want to experience and explore different things while we are young."

Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau, director of the Personal Counseling Center, said that it is a developmental stage of all college students to want to explore new things and exploring new things can lead to new problems.

She added that students are fascinated with the fact that drugs are illegal and that flirting with the unknown is tempting.

"It is our duty to educate students and encourage the non-drinker and non-user," said Nadeau.

"Selling and the use of drugs takes away from the Sacred Heart community," said Raynis.

By Chris McManus
Contributing Writer

Colleges and Universities all over the world are recognizing the importance of laptops for students.

Many schools require students to buy a laptop through higher tuition costs, about a \$3,000 increase in most cases.

Computer access means students can e-mail people on or off campus at anytime, receive e-mail, go on-line and retrieve information for classes whenever they want. These laptops extend the classroom for many students.

"Students can learn anytime, anywhere," said Ellen Chafee, president of Valley City State University in an article by Tina Kelly of the New York Times. "Students can gain access to the Library of Congress with a click and they, can send messages to faculty students and experts throughout the world informally. It puts us together with the world."

Four years ago, Sacred Heart University began to hook data ports into the residences and library. They required freshmen and sophomores to buy laptops to help them in their education and to prepare them for jobs.

"No matter what you do in life, you will use some form of technology," said Dr. Philip Krebs, director of Instructional Technology. "Technology is the future."

"Students will see how easy it is to adapt to technology once they leave, because they had exposure to it at Sacred Heart University" — Dr. Philip Krebs, director of Instructional Technology.

Today, Sacred Heart University has upgraded to several more data ports throughout the campus. New data ports have been added to the residences, classrooms and the library, which is in the process of un-

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George Kyrystchenko, acting Chief Information Officer and Dr. Philip Krebs, director of the Instructional Technology address a second technology forum sponsored by Student Government.

Executive Board ironing out wrinkles

By Brian Corasaniti
News Editor

After problems earlier this year, the Student Government Executive Board said its are back on track and working well together.

The board consists of the Student Government President Tom McCabe, Senate Vice President Myra Rios, Student Events Team Vice President Mike Dutton, Council of Clubs and Organizations Vice President Ted Miller, Finance Board Vice President Gia Vacca, Greek Council President Ed Mariconda, Class of 1999 President Marianne Cardo, Class of 2000 President Theresa Forget, Class of 2001 President Audrey Marrone, Class of 2002 President Keith Markey and Secretary Shannon Morris.

Concerns arose about a lack of communication between the members and an inability to work together.

"We don't work well together, we don't listen to each other," said Vacca at the Oct. 9 Executive Board meeting.

"All of us have tons of enthusiasm for our (organizations), but none for E-Board," said Miller. Since then, McCabe said that the board has

worked out its problems and is working well together. "Everything is better now. We had to realize what we were in the position for and we represent the students."

The Class of 2001 made over \$800 on Parent's Weekend with its Gap certificate fundraiser and the Class of 1999 made over \$1,000 on its Jail and Bail event last week.

Currently, the board is working on installing lights and blue light phones in the quad so it will stay illuminated during the evening hours.

McCabe said the lights have been ordered and installation will be complete by December or January and are being funded by the board and Lambda Sigma Phi.

A second technology forum was held Tuesday night to update the students on the telecommunications situation and to address any of their other concerns.

A State of the University address will be held tentatively on Dec. 9.

The event will be run by McCabe and Anthony Cerna, president of Sacred Heart University. The formal event will address the state of SHU and include a panel to address any specific questions that come up on a particular SHU-related issue.

NEWS BRIEFS

Last chance to buy Semi-Formal tickets

Ticket sales for this year's Winter Semi-Formal will end this evening in front of Public Safety from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 dollars for SHU students and \$30 for non-SHU students.

The event, sponsored by the Class of 2000, is themed, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and will be held on Dec. 4.

Delta Epsilon Sigma inductions this Sunday

Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Honor Society for Colleges with a Catholic Tradition, will hold its inductions for Sacred Heart University students this Sunday.

Fifty undergraduates from all majors will be inducted into the society at 2 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Certera and Ehrenkranz in Middle East

Sacred Heart University President Anthony Certera and Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding are in Jerusalem this week to consult meetings with those proposing a Papal Forest in Nazareth.

The Papal Forest is a project in which trees would be planted between the Christian and Jewish communities of Nazareth in honor of Pope John Paul II. CCJU, which seeks to promote understanding and dialogue between Christians and Jews, is considering a possible role in the project.

Proceeds from the sale of trees would benefit the Ratisbone Institute in Jerusalem. CCJU is making plans to conduct a conference at Ratisbone in the year 2000, and the University is exploring the possibility of establishing educational ties with the institute.

European Monetary Union forum coming

A Forum on the European Monetary Union will be held on Nov. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in SC-103, sponsored by the Economics and Finance Department.

The event will be moderated by Professor Bridget Lyons of the Economics and Finance Department. Speakers will include Dr. Lucjan Orlowski, Dr. Thomas Corrigan and Professor John Gerlach.

SHU faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

ACS President speaking at SHU Tuesday

Dr. Paul Walters, president of the American Chemical Society will be visiting campus on Nov. 10. Walters is here as a guest of the Western Connecticut Section of the ACS and the SHU Chemistry Department.

There will be a reception at 6 p.m. in the Mahogany Room followed by a Dinner at 6:45 p.m. and an address by Walters at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. Linda Farber at extension 7596.

Video Contest open for students

The Christophers, a non-profit organization, have announced their 12th Annual Video Contest. Applicants must submit a video interpreting the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference."

Videos must be under five minutes long and must be submitted by June 18, 1999.

Awards range from cash prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 for the top three entries.

For more information, call 212-759-4050.



Sheila Wheeler

"It is quite important, especially for students to get the shot, simply because living in a communal area, you are bound to come in contact with these germs" — Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services.

Vaccine available

By Emily M. Houlihan
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart's Health Services is giving students, faculty and staff the opportunity to be vaccinated from the flu.

Health Services began providing flu vaccines to people on Oct. 21 for \$10. Vaccines can be administered every Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

"It is quite important especially for students to get the shot, simply because living in a communal area, you are bound to come in contact with these germs," said Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services.

"Students need to be aware and protect themselves from the virus," said Wheeler.

Vaccines can significantly reduce the chances of catching the flu. The vaccine provides its protective effects one or two weeks after it is administered. Wheeler added that the vaccine is a dead flu virus that fights off the flu, but will not cause a person to get it.

Influenza spreads rapidly and is usually passed on from person to person through droplets in the air from coughs and sneezes or by direct contact.

Wheeler said that most people have no side effects from the recent vaccines, but it is possible to feel soreness for a day or two at the injection site or for a person to get a low-grade fever or achiness for one or two days.

"I am thinking about getting a flu shot because it seems like everyone is getting sick in my apartment and I want to stay well especially during the winter months," said Cheryl McGill, a junior from Fort Lee, N.J.

The American Academy of Family Physicians explained in its newsletter that influenza starts suddenly and hits hard. Since there is no cure for the flu, the vaccine helps fight off this problem.

"Anything that prevents me from getting sick is important. I hate feeling awful and the flu will do it to you every time," said Pam Dailey, a sophomore from Framingham, Mass.

Laptops: Play a big role at SHU and beyond

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dergoing new technology additions.

Krebs added that the laptops will help students adapt to using technology in the real world after they graduate.

"Students will see how easy it is to adapt to technology once they leave, because they had exposure to it at Sacred Heart University," said Krebs. "They will know how

to use programs like Excel and Power Point."

"These laptops are advantageous to a young person's education because they expose students to a variety of opportunities that happen due to technology," said Michael Bozzone, dean of freshmen.

Since SHU was one of the first schools to set the trend of laptops and data ports, "Colleges and universities are learning from things we've done," said Krebs.

Some students though, do not feel that laptop computers are needed.

"I don't think it is necessary for students to buy a laptop because of the availability of the computer labs," said Carol Liberatore, a senior from Norwalk.

"To people who can't afford the tuition increase, it's an inconvenience," said Alexa Garcia, a senior from Bridgeport. "It stops a lot of kids from coming to school."



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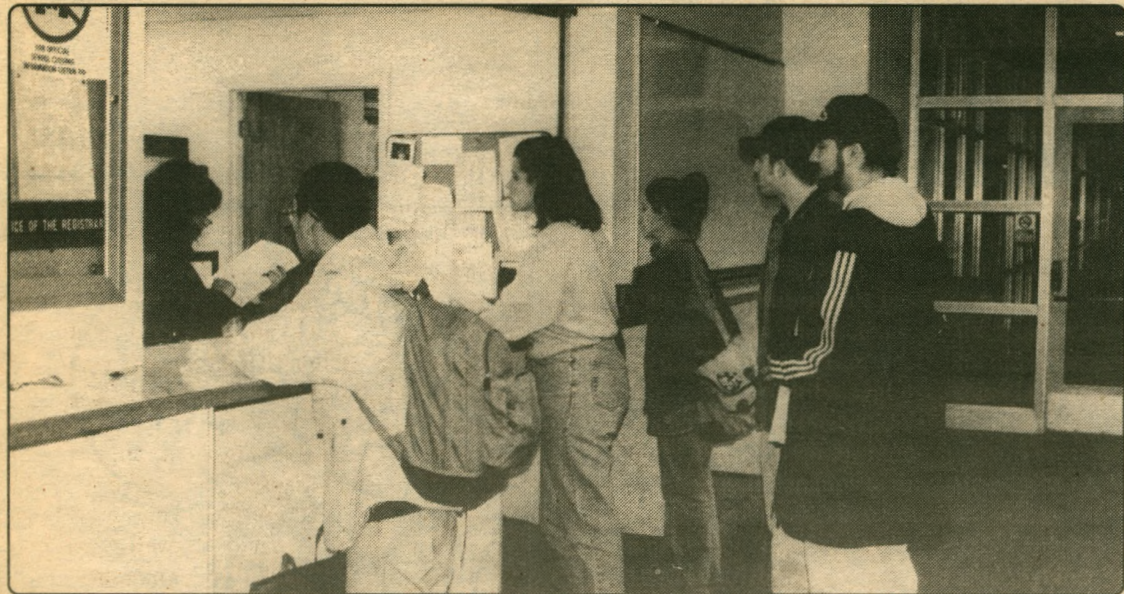


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Sacred Heart seniors register for their Spring 1999 courses using the new pre-registration program.

New program registers well

By Julie Ann Nevero and
Tara S. Deenihan

Students are now registering for the Spring 1999 semester using a new system put in place by the registrar's office this year in an attempt to make the process easier.

Last April, students were offered the opportunity to pre-register for the 1999 Spring semester. Students who pre-registered would have priorities in making adjustments. According to Doug Bohn, assistant vice president of the Registrar, 900 students and 80 percent of the juniors and seniors decided to register early. "This was more than we expected," said Bohn.

Like last year, students were issued a "postcard" which included registration times and requests for signatures of approval.

"We're kind of the gatekeeper to keep all of the other systems in order," said Bohn. "It's a method of enforcing payments which, I think, has worked beautifully."

Upperclassmen can make changes on their schedules on designated days during the adjustment period. Students must bring their postcards, with required signatures, and payment form to the

Registrar's office in order to add or drop classes. Students who do not return these items to the registrar by Nov. 20 will have their schedules deleted.

Registration books were not available until Tuesday, upsetting those seniors who registered on opening day.

"The only thing that was an inconvenience was that the books weren't ready," said Kim Kelley, a senior from Annapolis, Md. "The books came out after I registered."

According to Bohn, the publisher had difficulty getting paper because of a paper strike. They fell behind in other projects which pushed SHU's books back as well.

Most students are pleased with the new arrangement claiming that registration has never been easier.

"Hooray for pre-registration," said senior Artie Awe, from Long Island. "This is a lot better."

Pre-registered schedules were numbered in order of acceptance and entered into the computer. When classes were filled, students were put on wait lists.

In September, the registrar then went back to the departments requesting more seats in classes. "The majority of the departments opened up more spots," said Bohn.

Overflow problems were found mainly in the religion, biology and psychology departments. "Not all could be accommodated," he added.

With students pre-registering for the spring semester, students will only need to meet with an advisor once a year. According to Bohn, advisors should not just be tied to registering for courses.

"Registration forced this process because of the need for a signature," said Bohn, "but students should meet with academic advisors for other things like career information and the types of jobs that might be available to them." Students can look forward to this kind of registration program next year and within the next couple of years, and the University hopes to install an online registration program. This program would enable students to register up to a year in advance, without having to fill out paper work.

"It's not going to be smooth and people will be frustrated," said Bohn, "but it will give students the opportunity to do this routine and not have to stand in line."

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Handicap access still lacking

By Tim Lullo
Contributing Writer

Many people with physical disabilities say they still meet difficulty everyday on the campus of Sacred Heart University. They say a lack of automatic doors make entering areas like the Dining Hall difficult.

"People are nice to hold doors. If nobody is there, I have to wait," said Beth Morrissey, a sophomore from Avon who is wheelchair bound.

"I have actually had to hold the doors for those in wheelchairs," said Chip Kennedy, director of Dining Services.

Morrissey and others with disabilities said automatic doors would be an improvement to the Dining Hall. Brian Polovoy, a paraplegic sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y. said that in order to enter the Dining Hall, he must grab the door with one hand, use his other hand to position his wheelchair and then push himself through all at the same time.

"The cafeteria is actually the

least of Sacred Heart University's problems concerning handicap accessibility," said Polovoy.

Inside the Dining Hall, people on crutches and in wheelchairs said they encounter problems maneuvering around tables and people as well.

"Being by myself, getting around would have been impossible," said Denise Eisenberger, a sophomore who was on crutches due to a soccer injury. Eisenberger added that she left her crutches behind when she went to the Dining Hall because it was easier to get around in the Dining Hall without them.

"It is difficult to maneuver around the cafeteria during peak hours," said Polovoy.

Larry Wielk, dean of students said that an administrative group is responsible for the planning of services for handicap individuals.

There are also concerns about the Administration Building and Curtis Hall, which does not have elevators to the second floors in either building.

One source familiar with the buildings said that they were built

before the law requiring new standards of accessibility was passed, so no modifications are needed to adapt the buildings to meet the needs of handicap students until a major renovation takes place.

Michael Giaquinto, director of Buildings and Grounds said that if services are not provided in the Administration Building, arraignments will be made to provide these services.

"As our university is growing and as we are expanding academic services to handicap individuals, the cafeteria and other important areas should show it as well," said Priscilla Moore, a nursing major.

"Serious concern needs to be addressed everywhere on campus, especially the Administration Building," said Tony Todt, a senior masters student from Uncasville.

"Between Sacred Heart University's claim to be one of the top technological schools and the amount of construction here, I am extremely surprised to see handicap accessibility so far behind," said Marianne Fenell, a sophomore from Norfolk, Mass.

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

Public Safety Releases from Nov. 1 to Nov. 7

Oct. 1: 1:52 a.m.- South Hall resident became ill after consuming alcohol; student was transported via the ambulance to the hospital.

3:51 a.m.- Officer observed vandalism on the third floor of South Hall.

5:38 p.m.- Minor motor vehicle accident reported; no assistance or report requested.

6:18 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; caused by cooking in kitchenette.

9:56 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported the theft of property, which was noticed on Friday. Fairfield Police responded and investigated.

Oct. 2: 6:35 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

2:21 p.m.- South Hall resident called to report an alarm clock sounding in the next room, with no one in the room. An Officer responded, knocked on the door, received no answer, and entered to turn the alarm clock off. While in the room the Officer noticed, and confiscated, marijuana plants. Residential Life staff was notified.

Oct. 3: 3:41 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; Fairfield Fire Department responded. After checking the entire building, no problem was found.

5:30 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; Fairfield Fire Department responded. The Fire Dept. ordered a room to room search to ensure full evacuation of the building. Nine residents were found in their room who failed to evacuate; referred to the Dean. No fire or smoke found in the building.

11:38 a.m.- Student reported their vehicle was hit and damaged while parked in the Commuter Lot; Fairfield Police notified and responded.

3:29 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

11:25 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported property missing from his apartment; Assistance from the Police Department declined.

Oct. 4: 2:06 p.m.- Academic Building fire alarm received; no problem found.

6:24 p.m.- Taft Residential Life staff member reported the smell of marijuana in the hallway. Public Safety and the Residence Hall Director called and responded. The smell led the Residential Life staff directly to an apartment and a specific room in the apartment. Residential Life staff conducted a search of the room, and they found 27 "dime" bags of marijuana. Bridgeport Police were notified and responded to investigate. The Student was suspended from housing until the case is heard by the Dean of Students.

7:10 p.m.- Parkridge resident reports a smell of something burning. Public Safety responded, also smelled a burning smell and called Bridgeport Fire Department. Fire Department responded and after checking the area could not locate anything burning.

Oct. 5: 12:14 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

1:12 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

10:55 a.m.- University employee reported the theft of property from a University vehicle.

2:10 p.m.- Resident student reported receiving harassing phone calls for the last few weeks; under investigation.

6:08 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

9:13 p.m.- Residential Life staff member reported a dispute between two South Hall residents and one of their boyfriends; Residential Life handled the matter.

11:20 p.m.- Officer observed vandalism to a door of the Science Center.

Oct. 6: 12:43 a.m.- Report of an ill student in South Hall. Officers responded and requested 911 be called; student transported via ambulance to the hospital.

1:28 a.m.- Officer observed a student driving recklessly on campus; vehicle left campus. Fairfield Police notified. At 2:49 a.m., the Parkridge Officer observed this vehicle speeding on Park Avenue. The Fairfield Police, who were on campus, stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver, an SHU student, for reckless driving.

2:30 a.m.- Parkridge Residential Life staff member requested an Officer respond for a possible marijuana violation. Residential Life and Public Safety entered an apartment, found a bag of marijuana and confiscated it; matter referred to the Dean of Students.

8:58 a.m.- State and Fairfield Police, accompanied by Public Safety, served an arrest warrant on an employee for a narcotic violation.

12:09 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

2:33 p.m.- Faculty member reported his car was "keyed" while parked on campus.

2:57 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm received; caused by a clothes dryer.

7:36 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem was found.

8:29 p.m.- Res. Life staff reported vandalism to an emergency light unit inside South Hall.

EDITORIALS

Drugs are a problem, let's deal with it

Students have backed up the opinion of this staff that drugs are too easy to get on campus in a recent article.

We've learned that they can go out into the streets of Bridgeport, purchase their dime bags, throw them into their backpacks, walk right into their dorm rooms and smoke up. Not only are they bringing drugs here, they're selling them here and University officials have no idea. The only way they would know about it is if they strip searched every student who entered a dorm with a backpack and we don't see SHU implementing these types of searches any time soon.

Students say they are doing drugs because they are bored and because they make them feel good. But no one seems to care about how drugs effect both their minds and bodies. Drugs compromise a person's judgement and safety and students should care about that.

It shouldn't be so easy to get drugs on campus. What good are rules and regulations regarding drugs if they can never be enforced? Guess what University officials don't know can't hurt them.

Pre-registration program a success

Upperclassmen registering for classes this semester were the first to use the Registrar's new pre-registration system, started last spring.

The new system allows upperclassmen to register for their classes for the entire year, instead of by the semester, lightening the already stressful time of year before Christmas when students are already worrying about final exams and moving out of residence halls.

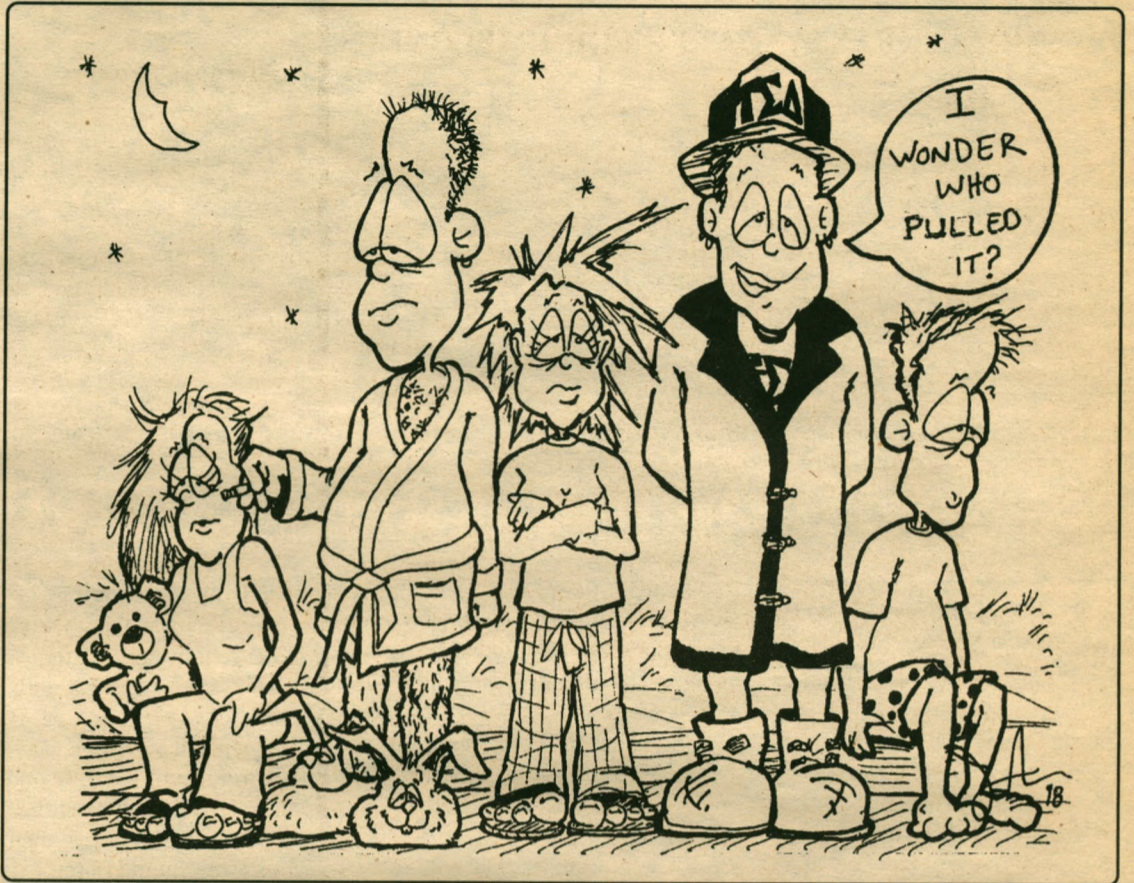
The new system is more efficient and more convenient for returning students. Students can now also concentrate on meeting with their advisors to discuss topics besides scheduling throughout the year.

A few inconveniences persist, though. Students with account balances are unable to register. However this is not the policy of the Registrar, but of the University. Also, the early registration program is not open to freshmen.

Overall, the pre-registration system is more convenient for students. It will help to alleviate stress and allow the registration process to run more smoothly.

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The SHU Voices

Do you think drugs are a problem at SHU? Why or why not?



Chris Reinhart
Senior
Mineola, N.Y.

"I don't think drugs are especially a problem here, they're just a problem in general."



April Borgia
Sophomore
Queens, N.Y.

"Drugs are not a major problem on campus but they are here, and they need to be dealt with."



Mike Dolan
Senior
Montville, N.J.

"No. Drugs are everywhere, not just at SHU."

When opportunity comes knocking, it's always best to answer the door

I spoke about change in my first column in the Sept. 17 issue of the *Spectrum*. I talked about not dwelling on change but accepting it and about trying to see the big picture and not just the interim. I want to talk now about how opportunity can produce change because a recent opportunity has created a change in me for which I will always be grateful.



By Julie Ann Nevero

Tara S. Deenihan, associate editor, and myself were invited by the Prologue staff to go with them to the National College Media Convention in Kansas City, Mo. from Nov. 4 to 8. The event, co-sponsored by both the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisors, was attended by over 2,300 students from all over the country. Students involved in their

college's newspapers, yearbooks, photography and advertising were treated to over 400 one hour workshops, lectures and meetings in their respected areas. General sessions featuring speakers who shared personal stories about their experiences in various media fields were also offered.

The speakers in the newspaper sessions were comprised mainly of college advisors and professionals from all over the country. People from local, and not so local, newspapers were also in attendance.

I never thought I could learn so much in such a short period of time. It was incredible. There were so many sessions offered for newspaper alone that it was impossible to attend them all. Tara and myself decided to split up, but we were still unable to cover all of them. We would meet every night to discuss what we had learned after each day's sessions before planning the next day. Probably some of the most

memorable of the 13 sessions I attended were those geared for college editors. What I learned in these sessions from not only the instructors but also other college editors was invaluable. I realized how much we could improve but also how much harder it this position can be for some people. I listened to editors share horror stories about problems they faced with various administrators on their campuses, with staff members, with advisors assuming responsibilities that didn't belong to them and in the midst of all of this, I realized that I have been blessed. I have arguably the best staff and advisor in the history of this publication. We have developed good relationships with various school administrators who are, for the most part, always willing to talk to us and an advisor who does just that; advise.

One of the best parts of the conference was being able to talk to and share experiences with student journalists from so many dif-

ferent areas of the U.S. There were some questions in our sessions that the advisors or professionals just couldn't answer because, to put it bluntly, they aren't us. Every student was willing to help each other out with any kind of problems or concerns we were having which proved to be a valuable part of the event.

In addition to attending the conference, I also had the opportunity to tour the local paper, The Kansas City Star. Our advisor has a friend there so we were treated to an extensive tour of the facility. We got to see the various departments of the paper, the press run and even sat in on a budget meeting.

Tara and I have discussed the things we learned at this conference with the rest of the staff and will be implementing the ideas we have drawn from our sessions in upcoming issues of the newspaper. Changes in writing style, design and layout will become evident to you, the reader, in hopes

of producing a better read and more professional paper.

Having the opportunity to attend this conference has changed me. It has been one of the most valuable experiences of my life and was an opportunity that couldn't be passed up. I encourage everyone to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way because you never know what you could've missed. I feel more secure in my role as editor of the *Spectrum* and more confident in our quest to make this paper the best it's ever been.

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STUDENT QUESTIONS FLIK'S SANITATION STANDARDS FOR EMPLOYEES

Letter to the Editor:

That's it, I'm fed up! It is about time that the Sacred Heart community unite and take a stand against FLIK.

I've tried to be reasonable and understanding about the lack of food during "rush hour" (I was once told I was only allowed two stuffed shells for dinner). Nevertheless, over the past month, FLIK seems to be doing it all it can to support the increased number of students that need to eat. I applaud them. However, I am absolutely appalled at the rapid deterioration in health standards.

Last week, while waiting in line for the grill line for fries, a FLIK worker had her shoulder length hair draped in her face right over the food she was cooking! In addition to this, she took her gloved hand and pushed her hair behind her ears. She then proceeded to use the same hand to pick up a handful of fries and handed them to me. For the first time, I almost lost my stomach due to this grotesque act of negligence with regard to sanitation and not the actual FLIK food.

I am well aware of health regulations in any restaurant serving the public. It is mandatory to have either a hair net, hat or have hair pulled back in a tie. Considering the amount of people FLIK serves, I would think and hope FLIK has even higher standards. However this does not seem to be the case here. As a Sacred Heart student, I demand that action take place to rectify the health standards in our dining hall.

Diana Rubin
Sophomore

SET PRESIDENT URGES STUDENTS TO BUS THEIR TRAYS

Letter to the Editor:

One of the biggest battles that students have faced over the years are other students who are lazy, disrespectful and ignorant. Any student who cannot walk the few feet to bus his/her tray is exactly that. Evidently the students who do not bus their trays have no respect for the staff who has to clean up after them or for the students who have to sit by their filth.

What would it take for students to bus their trays? Do they have no respect for their own homes that they leave messes everywhere there, too? Do they realize that if the dining hall was kept clean and FLIK did not have to spend money hiring people to clean up after them that the quality and variety of food would be better? If you are wondering where your tuition dollars are going, they are going toward baby-sitting inconsiderate SHU students.

Listen, it is time to grow up and stop acting like pre-schoolers. To the rest of the students, take an active role and voice your opinion when you see the ignorant children leave their trays on the table!

Mike Dutton
SET President

RECENT FIRE ALARMS ANGERING WEST HALL RESIDENTS

Letter to the Editor:

Recently I have become more aware of the stupidity that runs wild on this campus. Early on the morning of Nov. 3 I was unkindly awakened to the sound of "There has been an emergency reported in the building. Immediately leave the building using marked stairways and exits. Do not use the elevators." My first reaction was that there better be a fire but much to my dismay, and that of others, there was no fire. We were so lucky to have someone take it upon themselves to wake up all of West Hall at 3:30 a.m.

After being outside for an hour, speculations were made as to who the culprit could be. The aspect of these speculations that surprised myself and others was that not a single student was blamed for the alarm. More appropriately, names of fraternities and sororities were mentioned. Most of the upperclassmen were not surprised. Memories of cold South Hall nights were discussed and after an hour of talking and venting our anger, we were allowed to re-enter the residence hall.

Unfortunately, the story doesn't end here. Exactly one hour after re-entering the building, the alarm was pulled again. Same floor, same exact pull station. I do not understand who makes these decisions as to who is going to wake up an entire dorm full of residents. This has gone too far. The entire campus is aware that some sports teams have their initiations and that Greek Life is in control of their pledges but this has got to stop. No athletic team has taken other groups of students into their initiation. There are a number of students that live in West Hall that have to be up for 5:30 a.m. practices. Not to mention the two students that live on the second and third floors, one is confined to a wheelchair and the other has limited walking capabilities and also uses a cane and assistance from another student just to make it out of the building.

I do not feel that Greek Life should be allowed to rule over freshmen like this. I do not feel that it should be tolerated or that it should go any further. What do these people want from the people who live in these dorms? It is rude and not called for. We just want to sleep.

West Hall Upperclassman

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to comment in regard to the mess of fire drills that West Hall has been receiving. In the past two weeks, we have had numerous fire drills, two of them in one night alone. The first was at 3:45 a.m. last Tuesday then an hour and a half after the first alarm, we had a second alarm. Counting the two most recent drills, West Hall has had a total of five drills this semester.

What is the point of this madness? I realize that there are many people who are in my position, especially since they decided to turn West into a mostly freshman dorm. I had to go to an internship on Tuesday morning located about a half an hour away. I don't need someone thinking that it's funny to pull the alarm and have to wait for fire fighters to get here and find out that it was a prank. Someone's idea of fun. I personally don't see how that could be amusing.

We are all in college so let's start acting like we made it to this University and not as if we were still in high school. We must remember this and make sure to be more conscious of this fact and handle ourselves in a mature fashion. None of us likes to be standing out in the cold for an hour or more.

Amber Schaper
Junior

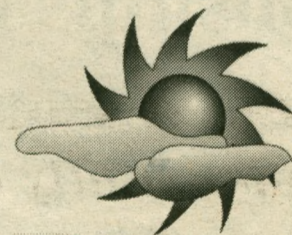
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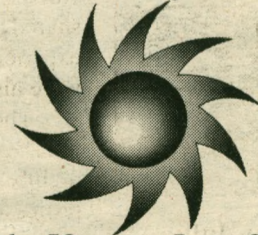
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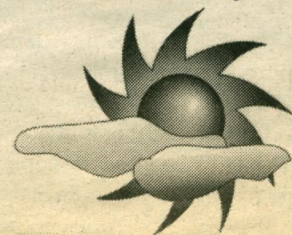
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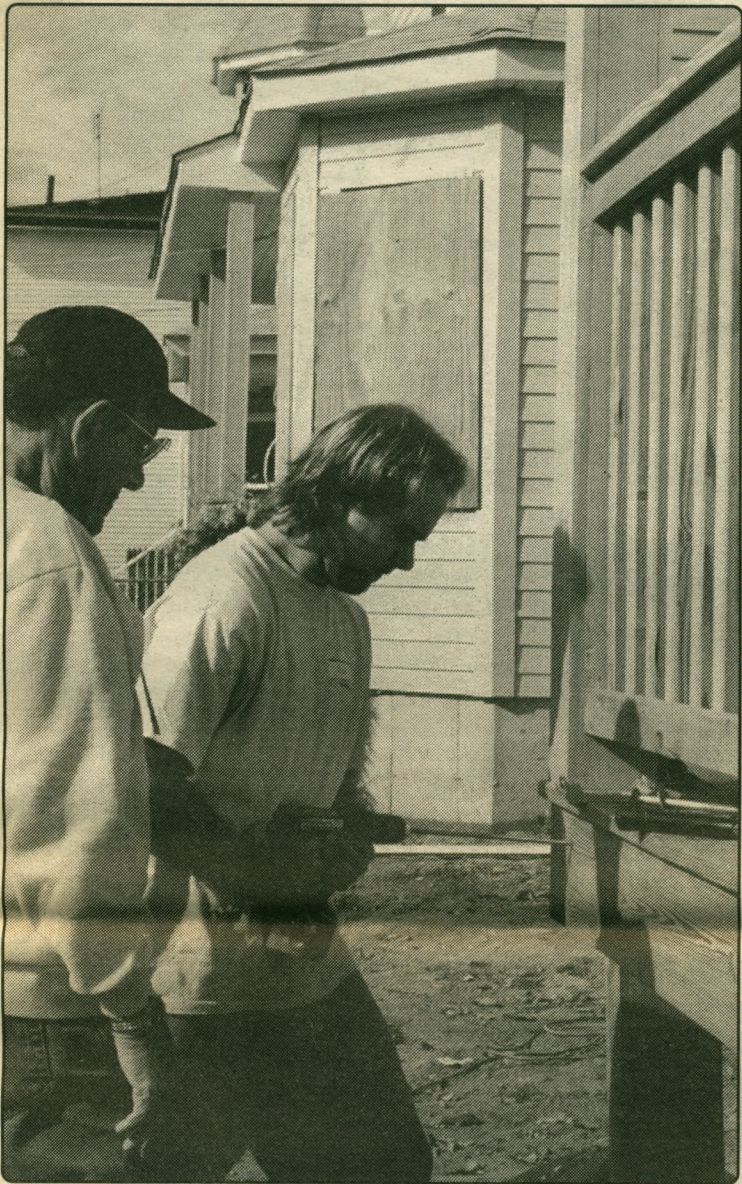
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FEATURES

Humanity finds a home with SHU



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From left, Allen Blauner, of the Bridgeport Habitat for Humanity chapter construction supervisor and Gil Lefort of the SHU hockey team at a Nov. 1 Habitat project.

By Aristide kabore
Contributing Writer

Fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity have been a tremendous success.

The funds will help sponsor the building of a house for low income families.

Habitat for Humanity's Bridgeport chapter began in 1985. Ten years later, Sacred Heart University began its own chapter.

The two have been working as a partners to help low income families by providing homes.

This year members of Habitat began working on Aug. 31 for the fall semester.

Habitat is open to any SHU student as well as non-students. In order to participate in the construction of the house, a participant must be at least 14 years old.

The fundraisers consist of recycling drives, a sleep out in the quad, a Caribbean night, and a five kilometer run at Seaside Park.

The sleep out which took place on Sept. 18, raised \$1,500. There were 17 students who slept in cardboard boxes to dramatize inadequate housing.

Also, SHU's men's hockey team held a benefit game on Nov. 7. The game raised \$359 for Habitat.

"Along with the selling of pins, this years' fundraisers helped many low income families," said Phyllis Machledt, director of service learning and volunteer programs.

With the growth of the organization, there were plenty of participant to build the houses, but there was a need to build materials.

"The unity that the projects bring to people as a group is another reason why the fundraiser is important," said Dr. John Roney, faculty advisor for Habitat.

"In the past year we have had between 25 and 60 requests from many students and athletic teams to participate in the building of the houses," said Roney. "Due to overcrowding, the organization decided to take no more than 15 people on off campus projects."

Roney added.

"The unity that the projects bring to people as a group is another reason why the fundraiser is important," - Dr. John Roney, faculty advisor of Habitat for Humanity

"The plans for the fundraisers

involve teamwork and cooperation with the setup events such as the recycling project and the sleep out in the quad which was also a huge success last year," said Roney. "The event made over \$900."

"Bridgeport Habitat hopes to raise approximately \$600,000 for the program this year," said Machledt.

"The Sacred Heart chapter needs to raise \$20,000 over 2 years to be a major sponsor of a Habitat house," she added.

"Churches and other groups from Bridgeport have assisted the organization in funding their program over the past year," said Roney.

This year over 60 students have signed up to participate in the community and habitat. There are more volunteers and supporters of the program than before.

"The fundraisers bring a lot of good time and the people involved usually see results quickly," said Wayne Kruger, a junior from Coram, Long Island and worker for Habitat.

The organization also plans to spend a week out of town working.

"We will be spending a week in Baltimore at Sandtown Habitat because it has been tradition for the past two years," said Machledt.

All fundraisers benefit the construction of a Habitat House. Anyone interested in participating in Habitat should contact Phyllis Machledt in the Office of Academic Advisement.

Relationships for students and parents need work

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

With the Thanksgiving vacation approaching quickly, many students may be looking forward to going home for a short vacation.

"I don't have a problem talking to my parents," said junior Mike Melnikov from Fairfield.

"A lot of students may be looking forward to going home. I am a commuter student so I live with my parents and we get along," she added.

Unfortunately, students who experience communication problems with their parents may be wishing vacation was still farther away.

Parents remain an important part in an individual's life, so it may be a good idea to try to open the lines of communication.

"How Rude! The Teenagers Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior and Not Grossing People Out," by Alex J. Packer, Ph.D. explores the relationships teenagers and young adults may encounter in every aspect of their lives.

Packer comments that many causes for miscommunication between parents and children are in the way sentences are worded. Packer notes that instead of a parent saying, "Can't you do anything right?" they should rephrase their thoughts into a sentence like "Let me show you how I learned to do that."

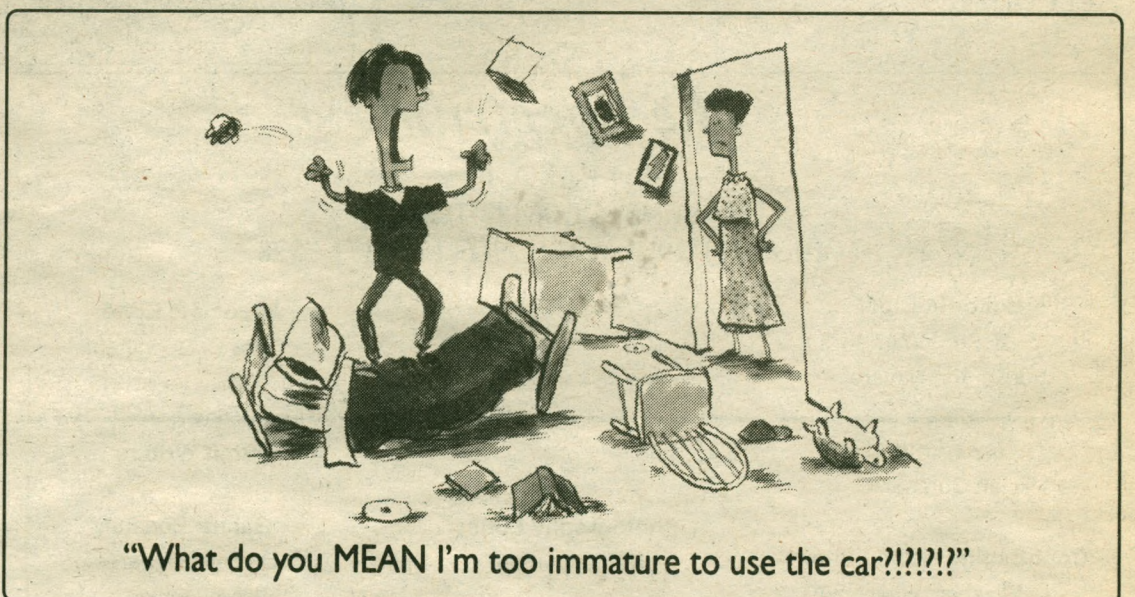
When speaking to a parent, it may be a good idea to think before saying the first comment which comes to mind.

Whining may be a common complaint among parents. Even though the child may be of college age, according to Packer's survey of 40 Rude Things Parents Say to Teens, "You're so immature," is number 34.

Packer says that whining is a manner in which an opinion is expressed in a "repetitive, singsongy, demanding, complaining, manner."

Before going home to voice grudges to parents, to avoid being called immature, students should try to control the manner in which they present their opinions.

Packer also feels that parents need to hear input from their chil-



Illustrated by Jeff Tolbert.

This cartoon featured in "How Rude," depicts how kids may look to parents.

dren.

He says that there are three types of pleasure.

"Pleasure in anticipation" precedes an event and should be accompanied with comments such as, 'I'd love to,' 'That would be great,' or 'I can't wait!'

Packer's "pleasure in the moment" should be conveyed with comments like 'I love this,' or 'This is fantastic!'

Finally, "pleasure reflected upon," should be expressed to parents with comments such as, 'That was super,' or 'I had a fabulous time.'

Taking time out to phrase comments in a way that will ease tension between parents and kids is one of Packer's suggestions.

Young people may not communicate well with their parents just while living at home.

Sophomore Julio Ponce, from Ecuador offered insight into the parent-child relationship.

"In my case, I have a very good relationship with my parents. Most young people fight with their parents because they live with them," said Ponce.

"Once they get out the realize how important family is. Then they'll start to miss their family and friends," she added.

Students receive encouragement for life's seasons

By Jason Havelka and Kylie Lauder
Contributing Writers

The gentle process by which an individual discovers his or her true self is the definition of counseling, the Director of Personal Counseling at SHU said last Wednesday.

During a lecture given to a journalism class, Director of Personal Counseling Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau used the four seasons as a metaphor for the different phases throughout a person's life.

"I believe that everyone of us in this room passes thorough the seasons at different time," said Sr. Nadeau.

"Spring is a time for finding

one's self, summer is for intimacy, fall is for looking back on things and winter is for the rough times in a person's life," said Sr. Anne-Louise.

Throughout her years of experience at Sacred Heart, Sr. Nadeau said that it has been a privilege to journey with her many students.

These students may have memories of abuse, betrayal and other forms of unbelievable baggage which they have carried around in their lives.

"I have discovered that within the human psyche there is an unbelievable power to heal itself," she said. "The human spirit can go through just about anything."

Some major problems Sr. Nadeau deals with center around



Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau

abuse, the death of a parent or sibling, and divorce.

She also helps people who chose to cope in unhealthy ways, such as abusing drugs or alcohol.

"We have people who choose to heal working one on one with us," said Sr. Nadeau. "We have groups that run on a weekly basis as well."

Sr. Nadeau feels that she not only has a responsibility to counsel troubled students, but friends should take notice of each others problems, or what may be a complicated situation.

"If you are concerned about somebody, the best and only way really that you can appeal to them is to say, 'I love you too much to watch you destroy yourself, day after day, week after week,'" Sr.

"Spring is a time for finding one's self, summer is for intimacy, fall is for looking back on things and winter is for the rough times in a person's life," - Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau

Nadeau said.

According to Sr. Nadeau, nothing keeps her from accomplishing her job, except when a student chooses not to do anything about his or her problem.

The Counseling Center helps students make decisions, but does not persuade them in one direction or the other.

Sexual assault cases demonstrate the Center's policy.

"If she refuses to tell Public Safety or an RA, or they bring her to the Counseling Center and she refuses, we can't do it for her. We can't force her," said Sr. Nadeau,

"because to do that would be to victimize her all over again."

One of this year's most significant problems has been trying to get parents to let their children be more independent.

"Students complain because the parents call them everyday, only to find out that when the parents stop calling everyday, the students call to see what's wrong," said Sr. Nadeau.

"So it's a matter of working with the parents and students so that they're not giving mixed messages to each other," she added.

If a student were to have a problem Sr. Nadeau is available 24 hours a day if the problem is severe enough.

"If a student calls and says I need to talk to someone, the word is to come in right now," she said.

However, Sr. Nadeau refuses to talk to anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"I will not have any kind of serious discussion with anybody who is drunk or stoned. I figured my own words of wisdom aren't going to mean a damned thing. He's not going to remember them tomorrow," said Sr. Nadeau.

All SHU counselors are eager to help any student. Students are welcome any time.

Sr. Nadeau's office is located in the Counseling Center, right outside of Sacred Heart on Park Ave.

Smoking habits should be weeded out among students

By Bob Bulkley
Contributing Writer

Recent research shows that marijuana smoking may be deadlier than nicotine and cigarette smoking.

"Marijuana has been shown to cause as much tissue damage to the lungs as cigarettes," said Dr. Robert Schwebel, one of the nation's leading experts on drugs.

"The American Medical Association (AMA) noted the problem as teenagers thinking that marijuana smoking is less serious than exposing themselves to nicotine through cigarette smoking.

This is not the case.

"The latest research brings credence to the fact that marijuana and nicotine lead to tissue damage to the lungs and ultimately the possibility of stated the research.

The rate of marijuana use has gone up to 31 percent among people ages 18 - 24, a percentage not seen since the middle of the 1970's, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

The AMA also noted that in a survey among college students, 41 percent said they have experimented with marijuana and only 15 percent believed that long term exposure to marijuana smoke had negative health risks, such as lung cancer.

Marijuana is usually deeply inhaled in the lungs by users to attain a high, increasing the chance for deadly carcinogenic smoke to get deeply in lungs, according to the American Cancer Society.

Still, a controversy exists

among different doctors of the American Medical Association. Leading authorities don't agree. This is the nature of science. Different studies will always contradict each other in their findings.

Some leading doctors say daily marijuana smoking is harmful, while others disagree.

One study found that individuals who smoked marijuana three to six times a day for 58 days experienced a decrease in their lung airway capacity.

"Marijuana has been shown to cause as much tissue damage to the lungs as cigarettes," - Dr. Robert Schwebel

However, the marijuana subjects in the study did not suffer from coughs, wheezing and chest illness as individuals who used tobaccos for 58 days.

The marijuana subjects had pulmonary function in the normal range after they abstained for four days, while tobacco users did not.

The research concluded that tobacco usage is more severe in health risk than marijuana usage, because tobacco users smoke much more than even the heaviest

of marijuana users, as noted in the study by Dr. Lester Grinspoon in his article "Marijuana Reconsidered."

"I don't believe all this, that weed smoking harms you like cigarettes," said "Ashley", a SHU student who declined to give her real name.

"My older sister grew up in the 70's when it was popular and everyone was using it. People today are too politically correct. If you can handle it and don't act like a pothead, a joint once in a while won't harm you. It's not as if it's a hard drug like heroin."

The debate on whether smoking weed is harmful continues. Meanwhile, the AMA stands by its belief that all kinds of smoking, which involves breathing smoke deeply into the lungs, whether it is tobacco, marijuana or even crack cocaine, doubles and sometimes triples the chances of getting lung cancer, as opposed to light smokers who don't inhale deeply.

The AMA also noted that smoking four to eight marijuana joints a day most likely causes as much and possibly even more damage to the lungs as three packs of cigarettes a day.

Any foreign substance introduced into the lungs for a long period of time is bound to cause cellular damage and lead to lung cancer and other cardiovascular ailments and cancers, said the American Cancer Institute.

"This is common sense," said the AMA, "that enough of any foreign substance introduced into the pulmonary region will lead the way to the possibility of getting lung or pancreatic cancers."

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Basic Christian Maturity Course

A Basic Christian Maturity Course sponsored by the Charismatic Renewal Services and the St. Lawrence Prayer Group will be held at St. Lawrence School Library, 505 Shelton Ave., Shelton, on Nov. 16, 23, and 30, from 8 - 9:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$5. For information and registration contact: Charismatic Renewal Services, The Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Ave., Bpt., or call (203) 372-4301, ext. 358/359.

And the band played on . . .

The Outpost will be hopping on Wed. Nov. 18, as S.E.T. holds an Alternative band show consisting of some of the best Alternative bands in the business. Lanemeyer, Antidote, and the Alkaline Trio will start at 10 p.m. The event is free for SHU students.

Trip to Mystic Aquarium

On Saturday Nov. 21, S.E.T. will sponsor a trip to Mystic Marine Life Aquarium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 for SHU students. The price includes transportation and ticket to aquarium. The bus leaves Public Safety at 10 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m.

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Rapper Heather B. will speak to SHU students about her life on MTV's "The Real World" on Nov. 17 in the Theater at 8 p.m.

Welcome to 'The Real World'

By Samantha Fiedler
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 17 at 8 p.m., Sacred Heart students will get to find out about "The Real World."

MTV's "The Real World" and "Road Rules" portray the lives of a group of chosen individuals ages 18 to 24, who live together and are surrounded by cameras 24 hours a day.

On Nov. 17, Heather B. from the New York cast of "The Real World," and Jon from the first season of "Road Rules" will answer student's questions about the shows.

"The Real World" has been running seven seasons, "Road Rules" five. Originally "The Real World" was put on MTV as an experiment, to put a group of strangers with different backgrounds together to find out how they will live together and interact. Over the years it has developed into not only a living situation, but also interacting in a workplace.

"Road Rules" is slightly different; a group of five or six strangers are picked to live in a Winnebago and complete different "missions." These missions include sky diving, working with children and wild animals and cliff jumping.

Heather and Jon will discuss what really goes on behind the scenes and will focus on college education and how to deal with living and working with people. It will be mostly a question and answer session.

"I personally wouldn't go to see the people from those shows because I think it is just a scam to get money on their part," said Katie Scinto, a junior from Milford. "I also don't think the shows are that real."

Cast members from "The Real World" and "Road Rules" have been visiting schools all over the country to speak about the reality of the shows.

"A close friend of mine is on the cast of the Seattle 'Real World,' and he has told me that the producers make it out how they want it to be," said Christine Locke, a junior from Boston, Mass.

Students are interested to know why the cast members who will appear at SHU were chosen over others. Mike Dutton, president of Student Events Team, the event's sponsor, said that members who are now living the closest to Sacred Heart are picked over other because of costs. If S.E.T. were to pick a member living on the west coast, the University would have to pay for travel expenses.

Students with questions about the shows or living with others can take this opportunity to have their questions answered.

"It would be interesting to know if they go through the same problems as we do living with other people," said Seth Hunsicker, a junior from Augusta, N.J.

The cost of the lecture is \$2 for SHU students and \$5 for non students.

One act plays open Friday 'The Consequences of Truth' hits theater

By Christina Vargo
Contributing Writer

Students from the Drama Workshop class and additional students will perform "The Consequences of Truth," on Nov. 13 and 14, and the weekend of Nov. 20-22.

"Truth" consists of nine one act plays and seven songs and dances from popular Broadway shows.

"We have five student directors, a costume person, a lighting designer, publicity people, that are all students. They have made me like a producer because they are capable of doing it on their own," said Rick McKinnon, assistant professor in the Department of Language, Literature and Media Studies.

The idea for the one act plays started last year when McKinnon saw it as a way to get the school to advance the theater program. The budget given by the Student Ac-

tivities Council only allows the program to stage one large production a year. The night of one acts becomes an option to allow more students involvement in the theater program.

The plays are each around ten minutes long, with musical interludes mixed in between. There will also be a few large musical numbers involving the entire cast.

There will also be a small dance number called "All That Jazz" involving some of the female cast members, plus a trio and three duets.

"The Attack of the Moral Fuzzies," directed by Johanne Metellus, is one of the largest casted plays.

In her second year directing Metellus, a senior from Stamford, is returning for the different experience that directing brings a student.

Other scenes directed by students include "Broken Hearts," directed by Andrew Gentzow, "Breaking the Chain," directed by

Justin Venech, and "The Interrogation," directed by Rayna Smith.

All the scenes are one act plays, making it possible to present different situations of comedy.

Dwayne Davis, a junior from Sanbornton, N.H., is another student director. "Downtown" is his first experience directing.

"It was a lot harder than I thought it was going to be. I find myself saying things directors told me in the past," said Davis.

"I like that fact that many of the plays are student directed. The one acts involve many people, and give them all the opportunity to shine," said Janna Short, a sophomore from White Plains, N.Y.

Short joins fellow returning actors Erin Lozano, Tom Wuestkamp and Jeff Hoose.

The show will run Fridays (Nov. 13 and 20) and Saturdays (Nov. 14 and 21) at 8 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors. All are invited to attend.

Winfrey shines in 'Beloved' Toni Morrison's novel a touching new film

By Gabriel Bonnani
Staff Writer

Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey transforms from media mogul to make-ends-meet mother in the epic film, "Beloved," from the acclaimed novel of the same name by Toni Morrison.

She is producer and protagonist. Winfrey's character, Sethe, had been inspired by an actual river refugee with kin, Margaret Garner.

The film's near three hours trace, through flashbacks, Sethe's past, from Sweet Home slavery in Kentucky to free Ohio, where she took refuge with her mother-in-law with the infantile sobriquet.

In the 1870's, she is trying to make a new life for herself and her last remaining daughter, Denver. Kimberly Elise embodies embattled determination with the innocent grace of a young woman yearning for a life of her own.

The musty, muscular, masculine presence of Paul D. (Danny Glover) threatens the "stable" home life the mother and daughter had created compared to Sweet Home.

Low lighting, washed out film, and earth-tone costumes contribute to a gloomy, dark, dreary image. Freaky flashbacks and vivid visions invade Sethe's home

life. She recalls the traumatic night at Sweet Home when Schoolteacher and his boys planted the "choke cherry tree", but especially the afternoon that broke Baby Suggs's heart when she bargained her babies' futures.

The title role, the name she liked to be called in the dark, was bestowed upon Thandie Newton. Her surreal yet substantial spectre scared up the paradigm of pregnancy and infancy and the "taboo" nature of infanticide and incest.

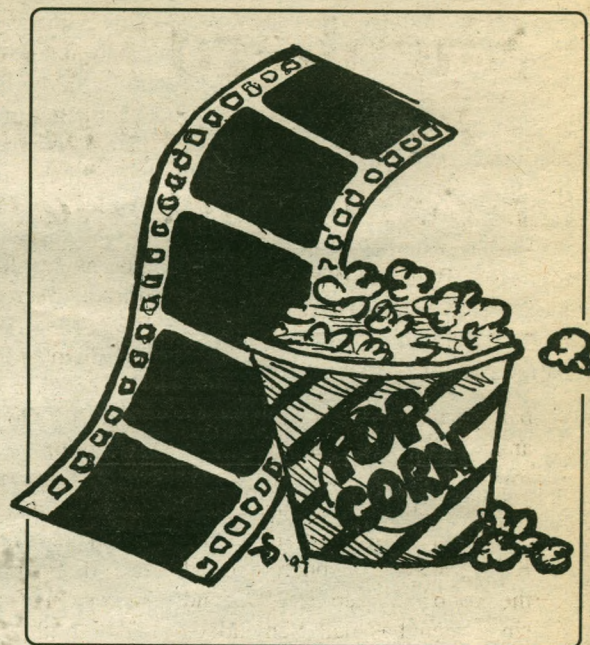
Flashbacks of Baby Suggs's poignant backwoods sermons to the neighboring negros, especially children, brought associations of old land ceremonies, but with an empowering Christian twist.

"Look at your hands. Raise them up. Love them. Kiss them," Richard's character commanded the crowd to appreciate the tools, symbolizing both their servitude

and their survival.

Maryland provided (director of photography Tak Fujimoto and production designer Kristi Zea's) nature scenes from two turtles entwined in a babbling brook to butterflies fluttering through fallen flowers. Rachel Portman used only African, Brazilian or Haitian instruments, even had obscure ones created especially to orchestrate the film's wistful, windy score.

Jonathan Demme directed the film, presented by Touchstone Pictures, now playing in area theaters.



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Never say she's ordinary

By Emily M. Houlihan
Contributing Writer

Three years in the making, the second album by expressive R&B star Brandy shows remarkable maturity and confidence for a singer of her age. Her voice and smooth rhythms are infectious.

"Never Say Never," the follow-up to Brandy's self-titled 1994 smash debut, sounds like a woman taking control of her art and her life with a melodic force unparalleled in contemporary pop R&B.

"Never Say never" has been an instant success since its release in early June with her first single "The Boy is Mine," a duet with Monica that Brandy co-wrote and produced.

Five months later her album is still on the hit list with songs like "Top of the World," featuring Mase, "Angel in Disguise," and "Have You Ever?"

Leila Cobo-Hanlon of the Miami Herald said, "There's a groove, there's feeling, and there's a ton of sex appeal on tracks such as the sultry 'Angel in Disguise,' and 'Top of the World,' featuring Mase.

She continued to say that 19 year old Brandy has definite diva potential.

"Her music makes you feel so many emotions. A true artist can only do that," said Cheryl McGill, a junior from Fort Lee, N.J.

"Never Say Never" is a quality piece of work according to Shane Roberts Cooper of City Search.

According to Billboard



Pop sensation Brandy continues to dominate the charts with her second album "Never Say Never" and a little help from her friends.

Magazine, Brandy's album offers a combination of radio-friendly ballads and is packed with potential singles.

"Brandy gives an understanding to those in doubt about love. Almost every song tells a story about adolescent love and the hard transition to adulthood," said Ryon Horne of the World African Network.

"Brandy comes out with tunes you can't help but like," said Sarah Morrill, a junior from Augusta, Maine.

Brandy explained that each project she has taken on throughout her career has been a challenge. The sacrifices and hard

work make the beautiful moments worth it all.

Brandy continued to say that Whitney Houston has always been a mentor and a "big sister" to her.

"Whitney always gives me that push to give my best in every sing I do," she said.

"Never Say Never" is worth listening to if you are into smooth R&B sounds. Brandy combines the guitar sound, mellow drum beats and her melodious, soulful voice to create a 16 track CD of relaxation.

"Remember all things are possible if you believe in yourself, work hard and never say never," said Brandy.

Shepherd's got the new blues Blues prodigy Kenny Wayne Shepherd redefines rock and roll as his star is rising

By Mike Kuchar
Staff Writer

The Kenny Wayne Shepherd band, a blues band from Louisiana, continues to take rock and roll to higher level with their sharp sound and hard-core blues roots.

Lead guitarist and front man, Kenny Wayne Shepherd formed the group in September 1995, and since then has had tremendous success with his first album, "Ledbetter Heights," and now with his most recent release, "Trouble Is."

"Trouble Is" was originally released in October of '97 and holds three chart-topping hits, including his newest single, "Somehow, Somewhere, Someway."

Shepherd has been compared to remarkable blues legends such as B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughn, a comparison that Shepherd doesn't take too lightly.

"What I first set out to do is to re-invent rock and roll," said Shepherd. "The blues singers of the past are who really put this kind of music on the map, I just try to follow in their footsteps."

Shepherd and his band have been living up to expectations. At the tender age of 20, he has produced two Billboard top 100

albums and has toured with the likes of Aerosmith and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Shepherd states that "Trouble Is" takes on more of a Jimi Hendrix feel with Southern rock roots, something that he contributes being a Louisiana native.

"Hendrix definitely influenced me while I was making this record, but I tried to take a conscious effort to try and make some different things inside the music itself," said Shepherd.

**"What I first set
out to do is to re-
invent rock and roll"
-- Kenny Wayne
Shepherd**

The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band consists of Jimmy Wallace on keyboards, Keith Christopher on bass, Sam Bryant on drums and the new edition of Noah Hunt singing lead vocals.

According to Guitar Magazine, the addition of Noah Hunt on vocals has made all the difference in the band's sound.

"Hunt's voice projects an air of maturity that perfectly echoes Kenny Wayne Shepherd's own

musical coming of age," said Jerry Harrison, writer for Guitar Magazine.

The chord progression in songs such as "True Lies" and "Blue on Black" ring with pure genius, yet it remains somewhat different from envious rock artists like Hendrix and the great Rob Johnson, which is what Shepherd had in mind while making this album.

"I think what this new album brings to the table is a totally fresh approach to doing this music," said Shepherd. "What I contribute is a young person's approach to the blues."

The Kenny Wayne Shepherd band also throws their personality into cover songs like Bob Dylan's "Everything is Broken," and Hendrix's "I Don't Live Today," a catchy tune with a heavy guitar intro.

According to Kenny, what this album is ultimately about is taking chances, experimenting and trying out new ideas, something that Shepherd hopes will take music forward into the next century.

The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band just wrapped up a world tour with Van Halen and they're back in the studio working on another blues/rock album, hopefully as genuine as "Trouble Is."

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Bayno: UNLV coach voices concern about SHU; recalls days as student

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vocal leader who decided on his career well before graduation. "He knew he wanted to be a coach," said Bike. "I used to joke that he used to talk more in the huddle than I did."

Gary Rose, a professor of political science at Sacred Heart, remembers teaching Bayno more than a decade ago. "I remember him to be very thoughtful and reserved at the time," Rose said. "He was a guy who really seemed to believe in doing the right thing."

The Runnin' Rebels coach believes he did the right thing several years ago when he wrote a letter to SHU President Anthony Cerner chiding SHU for revoking basketball scholarships.

"I don't think that was the right thing to do, I don't think they treated Dave (Bike) fairly," Bayno said. "I was disappointed because he did more for that school in the time that he was there than anybody. I was very disappointed in the administration because of that."

Bayno says that SHU's bas-

ketball team has had a tremendous impact on the school. "The basketball program brought more attention to that school and brought more positives than any other organization on that campus."

In Bayno's opinion, SHU needs to make a more solid commitment to the program. "To run a first-class organization, you've got to put money into it," Bayno said. "To expect to go Division I and not give them 13 full scholarships I think is pretty absurd. I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to figure that out."

Last season, SHU gave back four scholarships to the team, a move that infuriates Bayno. "It's a joke," he said. "Whoever made that decision I'd like to do that to their budget, and give them the money equivalent to four scholarships and expect them to do their job, whether it's the President, Vice President."

That decision was made in 1996 by a panel in charge of planning the Division I transition. SHU Athletic Director Don Cook says that Bayno's accusations are



Ethan Miller/Las Vegas Sun

"Either de-emphasize and go Division III or give them full scholarships and try to make this thing happen, don't do it half-assed."

unfounded.

"Bill doesn't have the information correct," said Cook. "Once we made the decision to transfer the entire athletics program to Division I, the first step we took was to put back in place full scholarship athletic aid for men's basketball and women's basketball."

"It was done on a four-year schedule, which only makes sense," said Cook. "You wouldn't award the NCAA maximum number of athletic scholarships to the entire freshman class. Then you wouldn't be able to give another award out to until those kids graduated."

Cook says that when SHU plays its first full year in Division I, the team will have 12 of the 13 scholarships allowed by the NCAA.

"I would not recommend that we go into Division I and not fully fund with full scholarships men's and women's basketball," Cook said.

The way Bayno sees it, the policy makers at SHU have two choices. "They need to wake up,"

Bayno said. "Either de-emphasize and go Division III or give them full scholarships and try to make this thing happen, don't do it half-assed."

Despite this fault that Bayno finds with SHU, he recalls the school fondly. "I still remember the relationships that I had with a lot of my professors, and hanging out in the pub, spending time on campus," he said.

"There were great, great memories. It was a special time for me because of the relationships I developed there and I'll always remember that," he added.

Bayno has nothing but praise for his former coach. "I owe a lot to Dave," he said. "I've taken a lot of what I've learned from him and incorporated that into my coaching philosophy."

Bike and Bayno still have a close relationship despite being on opposite sides of the country. "He and I and his family are terrific friends. I had a very, very unique relationship in terms of player and coach with him that not a lot of players had."

SHU stays winless after pair of losses to Iona

By Adam Lagnese
Staff Writer

The SHU men's ice hockey team fell to 0-4 on the season with a pair of losses to Iona this weekend. The final scores were 7-3 and 5-3. In their first season in the MAAC Hockey League, the Pioneers are struggling.

"We came out strong on Friday," said sophomore right-winger Eric Drake. "We took stupid penalties and the whole momentum of the game changed. After that, we were never able to recover."

The Pioneers were ahead on Friday 2-0 before blowing their

lead and losing to the Gaels 7-3.

"Compared to what we can do, we did not play well in the first game," said freshman right-winger Peter McRae, from Toronto, Ontario. "All the teams in the league are pretty much even. When we work really hard, we are definitely a good team in the league."

McRae, who leads the team in goals with four, scored a pair on Saturday, when SHU dropped their second straight to Iona.

McRae's first goal, which tied the game at two, came in the second on a slap shot from the blue line that went between the goalie's legs.

After Iona took a 4-2 lead, McRae answered right back with is second tally, but SHU fell short, 5-3.

"The second game was much

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better effort-wise," said senior defenseman and team captain Neil "The Rat" Welch, from Seekonk, Mass. "We played a better all-around game with less mistakes than the night before. Things just did not go our way this weekend."

Drake spoke of his disappointment in the loss, citing defensive zone coverage, penalties and

power-play trouble.

"We cut down on penalties from the first game," said Drake, "but we still made defensive zone mistakes and we did capitalize on the power-play."

Welch also added that the team has been focusing mainly on the power-play and defensive zone coverage.

"Those are our weak areas right now," said Welch. "These are the things we need to put more emphasis on before our next game."

The icemen have a lot of newcomers on the team, but no one is looking to that as an excuse for the 0-4 record.

"The freshmen and transfers are very good when compared to other teams," said McRae.

"Every class has good players, but it would be nice to have more seniors for the leadership they can provide to us. In the long haul, the fact that we have a lot of newcomers will not make a difference."

A bright spot for the icemen is goaltender Alexis Jutras-Binet, who has made 149 saves in the four games. Jutras-Binet is averaging 37.3 saves per game.

The icemen host MAAC opponent American International on Friday at the Milford Ice Pavilion. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

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Vegas: SHU gambles on UNLV showdown

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pionship. The Rebels' strength lies in their dominating front court, led by senior forward Kevin Simmons and 6'10" center Kaspars Kambala. Simmons averaged 11.5 points and 6.4 rebounds last year. Kambala earned Freshman of the Year honors in the WAC Mountain Division after posting 11.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. In addition to the Rebels' personnel, SHU will have to contend with the distractions that abound in Las Vegas. Slot machines greet travelers right in the airport, and there's the world-famous strip of casinos. Even the Thomas and Mack Center serves pre-game entertainment with a dazzling fireworks display that introduces the home team's lineup.

SHU vs. UNLV

How the schools stack up

Enrollment
SHU-2,500 UNLV-20,000
Colors
SHU-Red and grey UNLV-Red and grey
Arena Capacity
SHU-Pitt Center/2,100 UNLV-Thomas & Mack Center/18,500
Championships
SHU- Division II, 1986 UNLV- Division I, 1990

Bayno said he's worried about playing SHU. "I know Sacred Heart is going to come in here sky high," he said. "I know Dave's going to have them ready and it'll probably be like the Final Four for them, which means we're going to have to treat it the same way."

Bike is worried that his players shouldn't worry about the game's outcome. "We want to walk out of there saying we played the best we could."

So, will the Rebels ever make a visit to the Pitt Center? "I doubt it," Bayno said. "It just does not fit in to our philosophy of playing on the road."

"But," adds Bayno, "anything is possible."

Satellite dish owners can catch the game this Saturday on Fox Sports West 2 at 10:35 p.m. The network is on SATCOM C1 Transponder 21.

FRIDAY	Wrestling @ Roger Williams.
(M) Ice Hockey vs. AIC, 7:30 p.m.	MONDAY
SATURDAY	(W) Volleyball @ Army, 7:30 p.m.
Football vs. Bryant, 1 p.m.	WEDNESDAY
(M) Basketball @ UNLV, 10:35 p.m.	(M) Basketball @ Monmouth, 7 p.m.
(M) Ice Hockey @ AIC, 7:30 p.m.	(W) Basketball vs. Colgate, 7 p.m.

Women's volleyball splits two weekend games

By Adam Lagnese
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's volleyball team moved to an overall record of 9-16 by splitting two matches over the weekend. The Lady spikers swept Stonehill 15-8, 15-13 and 15-3.

They were then swept themselves by Stonybrook by the

scores of 3-15, 8-15 and 4-15.

"I am very pleased with the way we played Stonehill," said junior hitter Tricia Moore, from Lindenhurst, N.Y. "I wish we could continue to play that way against all our opponents, not sporadically play well."

Some players felt that despite sweeping Stonehill, the team did not play well at all.

"We swept them," said freshman outside hitter Amanda Ayres, "but we didn't play well." "We are a better team that played down to their level."

Moore said that she was not impressed by Stony Brook and that SHU should've played better.

"The only reason we lost was because we were not focused," said Moore. "We definitely could

have played a lot better."

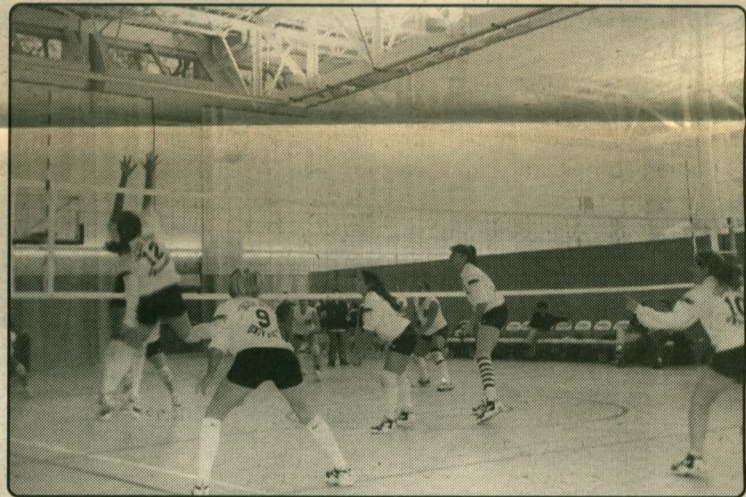
"We did not play the way we have been as of late," said Ayres. "Our passing was bad. And because our passing was bad, our setter Katie (Sammon) had no chance to set the ball. Therefore, we had no hits."

Entering the weekend matches Sacred Heart was ninth in the nation in Division II in team

hitting percentage.

Moore, the team leader in several categories, is individually ranked among the top ten in the nation in hitting with a mark of .396.

The Lady Spikers head to New Haven this weekend for the Conference championships.



File photo

The women's volleyball team split in its two games this week.

SHU Scoreboard

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Women's Volleyball

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SHU, 0 Stony Brook, 3

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Rosero scores twice to give SHU even season

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

All women's soccer coach Jen Fallon wanted after her first season was to outdo it in her second. The Pioneers met this goal by topping New Hampshire College 2-1 last Sunday.

The win gave SHU an even record at 8-8-1, 5-3 in the NECC., and in fourth place.

With only 15 minutes remaining in the game and the season, Elena Rosero grounded the ball past the fallen NHC goalkeeper.

Ten minutes later, chased by five defenders, she fired the ball into the corner of the net to cap off the season's scoring.

Fallon had nothing but praise for her sophomores. "After last year, they've stepped up, playing with more confidence with a year under their belts," she said. Elena played the best game since she's been here, today."

The game was almost perfect but a penalty kick for the 6-10-1 Penwomen spoiled what could have been Carlin Guarneri's eighth

shutout of the season.

Guarneri finished with 144 saves on the season, a goals against average of .120, a phenomenal .873 save percentage and a school record seven shutouts.

"I was impressed," said Guarneri, about the season. "From last year to this year it seemed like a totally different team. There was unity. It's only going to get better."

"It was one of our preseason goals to finish better than last season. We did that not only in our overall record, but in our conference

standings," commented Fallon.

Fallon is counting on all her returning players for next year, especially junior Michelle Majeski who finished with 14 goals and five assists. One player she will certainly miss is senior co-captain Sarah Hanna. She played a key role on both sides of the field as goalkeeper as well as forward in her 3 year SHU career.

"Her leadership won't be easy to replace. But, our junior class will step up and take over," Fallon concluded.

Women's Soccer



Photo by Matt Duda

Sophomore Corrie Smith passes the ball as two New Hampshire defenders close in. SHU won 2-1.

SHU starts last year in D-II

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

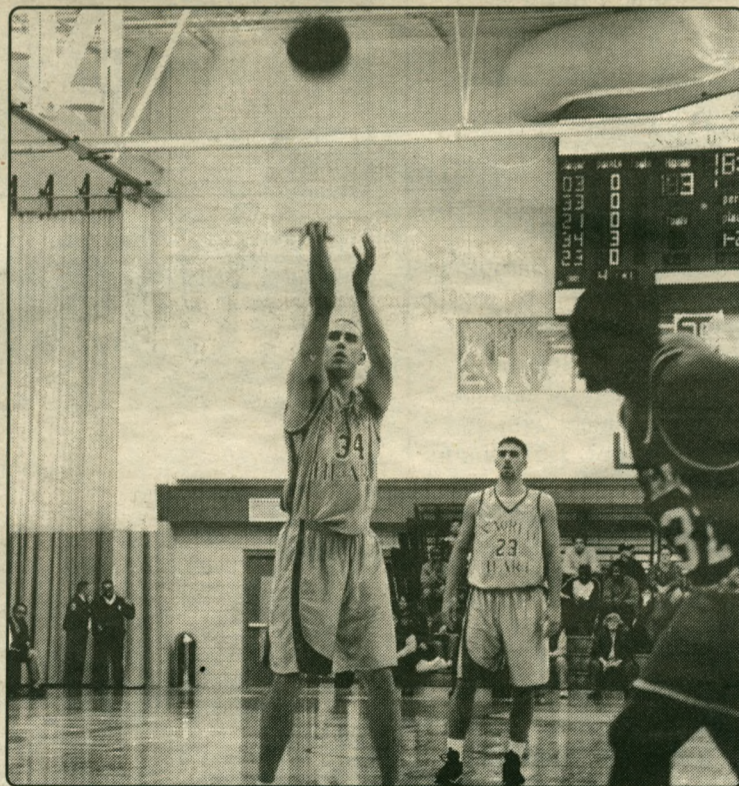
Say good-bye to the New England Collegiate Conference, Pioneer basketball fans. This season marks the final year in which Sacred Heart University's men's basketball team will compete in the Division II league.

Head coach Dave Bike says that the team looks promising so far. "We've had very good practices. We've played well together," he said.

The Pioneers are expected to finish second in the league leading the way for Bike's team this year are senior captains Dave Fesko and John Randazzo. Fesko, a 6'7" forward, returns as the team's leading scorer and rebounder. Fesko finished third and scoring on the team last year, with 14 points per game and led in rebounds with 6.9 per game. *Swish* magazine named Fesko to its New England Division II Dream Team.

Randazzo, a 6'3" shooting guard averaged 13.1 points per game last year. Randazzo sank 65 three-pointers last year and ranks fourth in school history for threes in a career with 101. Sophomore Kurt Reis returns at point guard where he averages 3.4 assists.

Leading the front court with Fesko is 6'9" junior Minduaugus Lideka, a native of Alytus, Lithuania and a transfer from Daytona Beach Community Col-



File photo

Dave Fesko, nails a freethrow as #23 John Randazzo looks on.

lege. Lideka scored 21 points in his Pioneer debut against Team Fokus this week and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds. Lideka played well around the basket and also nailed a few three-pointers.

Sophomore forward Andrew Hunter averaged 6.9 points per game and 4.2 rebounds last year. The 6'9" Hunter will be counted on to increase those numbers and also to fill in as a guard at times.

The reserves are led by 6'10", 295 pound sophomore Tim Welch.

Welch, who sat out last year as a casualty of Proposition 48, will see time along with Lideka to provide a formidable front line.

The Pioneers face nine Division I teams on the road this year, including Saturday's opener against UNLV.

The Pioneers will face a UNLV team coming off a 20-13 season and that earned the Western Athletic Conference Cham-

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From the Heart

SHU alumnus voices concerns
about his alma mater and
recalls his college years here

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

It's been 13 years since Bill Bayno walked through Sacred Heart University's halls as a student and in that time so much has happened.

The tiny commuter college evolved into a bustling University with over 2,500 students, and the ex-point guard graduated to the coaching ranks.

When Sacred Heart's men's basketball team plays at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas this Saturday, a former Pioneer will call the home team's plays.

"The school means a lot to me," said Bayno in a recent interview. "I have some great memories of great times there."

After leaving SHU in 1985 with a degree in Business Administration, Bayno became P.J. Carlesimo's graduate assistant at Seton Hall. He spent one season there, and then traveled to Kansas to serve under Larry Brown.

Next came a stint at Baptist College and a seven-year term under John Calipari at Umass. In 1995, he became the head man at



Bill Bayno

UNLV, replacing Rollie Massimino.

Bayno took over a UNLV program that captured the national championship in 1990, but that came under NCAA scrutiny during the Jerry Tarkanian years for allegedly using illegal tactics to recruit players.

The Runnin' Rebels own a 52-39 record in Bayno's three seasons as coach. They finished last season with a 20-13 record after capturing the Western Athletic Conference title and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

SHU Head coach Dave Bike remembers his former player as a

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