High times at SHU; pot a hot issue

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 Partridge 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 everywhere 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 Taft Commons on Nov. 6.

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. Is not treated lightly even if it's 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 our duty to educate students and encourage the non-drinker and non-user," said Nadeau.

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**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.

**Cernera and Ehrenkranz in Middle East**
Sacred Heart University President Anthony Cernera and Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, executive director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding are in Jerusalem this week to constrict 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. CCU, 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. CCU 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 Orlowksi, Dr. Thomas Corrigan and Professor John Getchak.

SHU faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

**ACS President speaking at SHU Tuesday**
Dr. Paul Walters, presidont 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.

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**Vaccine available**

**By Emily M. Houlihan**

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.

**Laptops: Play a big role at SHU and beyond**

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Undergoing 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 a 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 Newtown.

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

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By Julie Ann Nevero and Tara S. Deenihan

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

The new system was designed to resolve complaints of overcrowding and late registration in past semesters. Last year, students were offered the opportunity to pre-register for the 1998 Spring semester. Students who pre-registered would have priorities in making adjustments. Those who did not pre-register would have priorities in making adjustments.

"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, which require signatures, and payment form to the registrar's office in order to add 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 Jamaica, Md. "The books came out after registered."

Accoring 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 a year.

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 be tied to registration for courses.

"Registration forces you to think about the needs of a signiture," 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 in the 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."

By Tim Lallo

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 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 here has been impossible," said Denise Eisenberger, a sophomore who was on crutches due to a foot 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 Wiel, dean of students said that as an administrative group is responsible for the planning of services for handicap individuals.

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

"As our university is growing and we are expanding academic services to handicap individuals, the cafeteria and other important areas should show it as well," said Pricilla 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 Fennel, a sophomore from Newport, Mass.

Photo by Kerrie Darress

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

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Photo by Kerrie Darress

Handicap access still lacking

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

PUBLIC Safety Release 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.

5:31 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 reported; 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.

7:21 p.m. - South Hall resident called to report an alarm clock sounding in the next room, with no one in the room. As officer responded, knocked on the door, received an answer and entered the room, the alarm clock was 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.

5:36 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 resident were found in their room who failed to evacuate. referred to the Dean of Students. 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 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 Residential Life staff directly observed this vehicle parking 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 suspected from being in the room who is the subject is 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.

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.

2:38 p.m. - Resident students reported receiving harassing phone calls for the last few weeks; under investigation.

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

6:24 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 to hospital and given drugs.

2:58 a.m. - Officer observed a student driving recklessly on campus; vehicle left campus. Fairfield Police notified. At 2:49 a.m. Bridgeport Officer observed this vehicle parking in the apartment. The Bridgeport Officer responded and after checking the area could not locate anything.

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

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

2:53 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.

7:56 p.m. - West Hall fire alarm re-stated; no problem 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. We now realize that they bring 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 what 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.

By Julie Ann Nevero

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**The SHU Voices**

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

Chris Reinhardt
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."

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**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 thankful.

Tara S. Deenihan, associate editor, and myself were invited by the Public Relations 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 respective 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 I 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 different 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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Letters

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 me, it is time to grow up and stop acting like pre-schoolers. Listen, it is time to grow up and stop acting like pre-schoolers. It is mandatory to have either a hair net, hat or have hair pulled back. Considering the amount of people FLIK serves, I would think and hope FLIK has even higher standards.

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. It is the actual FLIK food. FLIK did not have to spend money hiring people to clean up after the students that need to eat. I applaud them. However, I am absolutely appalled at the rapid deterioration in health standards.

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 us 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 residents 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

The Weather Corner

Today

High 53 Low 35
Partly cloudy.

Friday

High 53 Low 35
Sunny.

Saturday

High 54 Low 39
Partly Cloudy.
By Arliste 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 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 took place on Sept. 16, raised $1,200. 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 $159 for Habitat.

“Along with the selling of pins, this year’s 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 participants 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.”

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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 Conam, Long Island and worker for Habitat.

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

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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.

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

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 wondering if their 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 Crossing 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, singongy, 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 children.

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.

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

Illustrated by Jeff Tolbert.

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.

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Students receive encouragement for life's seasons

By Jason Havelka and Kyle Lander
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 Nadeau.

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

"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 someone, talk to the best and only way 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. Nadeau said.

According to Sr. Nadeau, "Marijuana is connected with every problem of a teenager 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 the 18-24 age group which they have carried throughout a person's life.

"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.

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However, the marijuana subjects in the study did not suffer from coughs, wheezing and chest illness as individuals who used tobacco 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 the heaviest of marijuana users, as noted in the study by Dr. Lester Grinspoon in his article "Marijuana Reconsidered."

"It doesn't believe all this, that smoking marijuana is 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 the belief that all kinds of smoking, which involves breathing smoke deep 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.

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

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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 Activities 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 Johann 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 Gentrow, "Breaking the Chain," directed by Justie 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 Sanborn, N.H., is another student director. "Downsized" 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.

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

"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.

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By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey transforms from media mogul to make-end-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. In the film's near three hours, 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 the child's lives.
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 sound have matured as well. “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. Brandy’s career 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?” by Leila Cobo-Hanlon of the Miami Herald said, “There’s a groove, there’s feeling, and there’s a lot 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. “I like music that is different, there's feeling, and there's a lot of feeling. There's a quality and a lot of potential.” The Miami Herald said, “There’s a groove, there’s feeling, and there’s a lot of sex appeal on tracks such as the sultry ‘Angel in Disguise,’ and ‘Top of the World,’ featuring Mase.”


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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 lead single “Somehow, Somewhere, Some­way.” The Kenny Wayne Shepherd band 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 truly 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.

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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 differences in the band’s sound. “Hunt’s voice projects a 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 blues roots, 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 of blues/rock albums, hopefully as genuine as “Trouble Is.”

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Fashion in the ‘Garden of Eden’

The International Center and Omega Phi Kappa sponsor the 4th Annual fashion benefit to be held tonight at 8 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. Proceeds will benefit Trickle Up, an international aid program. Tickets are $7 for SHU students and $15 for non-students. For more information contact Grace Lim in the International center at 365-7614.

Lend a Helping Hand!

The Helping Hands committee is selling paper “hands” for a donation of $1 each to raise funds for its annual Christmas party. Contributions will help to provide a holiday party and presents for the area’s needy children.

Need a job in accounting?

An Academic and Community Consortium will be held on Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room, sponsored by the Department of Accounting. The topic of discussion will be current tax issues and career opportunities. A hot and cold buffet will be served. For more information, contact Karen T. Cascini, Ph.D., at 371-7953.

And Save!

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

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Bayno is a vocal leader who decided on his career well before graduation. “He knew he wanted to be a coach,” said Mike. “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 Cemera 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 basketball team has had a tremendous impact 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. “I think to go Division 1 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. “Whomever made that decision I’d like to do that to his 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 1 transition. SHU Athletic Director Don Cook says that Bayno’s accusations are unfounded.

“Bill doesn’t have the information correct,” said Cook. “Once we made the decision to transition the entire athletics program to Division 1, the first step we took was to put back in place full scholarships for men’s basketball and women’s basketball.”

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

Cook says that when SHU plays its first full year in Division 1, the team will have 12 of the 13 scholarships allowed by the NCAA.

“I would not recommend that we go into Division 1 and not fully fund with full scholarships men’s and women’s basketball,” Cook said.

The way Bayno sees it, the policies at SHU make 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.”

Bayno is a close friend of Mike’s 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.”

Mike and Bayno still have a close relationship despite being on opposite sides of the country. “He and I and my 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 0-4-0 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.

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

“The second game was much better effort-wise,” said senior defenseman and team captain Neil Welch, from Seekonk, Massachusetts. “We played a better all-around game with less mistakes than the night before. Things just didn’t 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 went on to add that the team has been focusing mainly on the power-play and defensive zone coverage.

“There 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 new-look on the team, but no one is looking to that as an excuse for the 0-4 record.

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

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“The second game was much better effort-wise,” said senior defenseman and team captain Neil Welch, from Seekonk, Massachusetts. “We played a better all-around game with less mistakes than the night before. Things just didn’t 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 went on to add that the team has been focusing mainly on the power-play and defensive zone coverage.

“There 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 new-look on the team, but no one is looking to that as an excuse for the 0-4 record.

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By Adam Lagana
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 15-13. 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 Stonyhill," said junior hitter Tricia Moore, from Lindenhurst, N.Y. "I wish we could continue to play that way against all our opponents, not radically play well."

Some players felt that despite sweeping Stonyhill, 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." "It is possible 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."

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

"Satellite dish owners can catch the game this Saturday on Fox Sports West at 10:35 p.m. The network is on SATCOM CI Transponder 21."
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 end 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, 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 SHU’s Alix Johnson 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.

SHU starts last year in D-II

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

Say goodbye 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 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 averaged 3.4 assists.

Leading the front court with Fesko and Randazzo is 6’9” junior Mindaugas Lideka, a native of Alytus, Lithuania and a transfer from Daytona Beach Community College.

Lideka scored 21 points in his Pioneer debut against Team Fukos 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 his numbers and also 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 Championship.

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