Bye, bye south parking lot!

South lot closes -- students infuriated, Public Safety asks for cooperation

By Chris Nicholson
Editor-In-Chief

Sacred Heart may soon have the most physically fit student body in the world as students start walking from the north parking lot to classes. Last Monday, Dec. 7, the south lot, normally the busiest lot on campus, was closed for the one-and-a-half year construction of two new resident halls, and all students must now park in the north lot, located behind the library.

The north lot, though the parking spaces are smaller, hold more cars than the two south lots combined. The north lot has 743 spaces, and the south lots have 619. Looked at another way, there are almost 50 percent fewer spaces on campus than there were before construction started.

Financial Aid procedures revamped by federal act

By Jennifer R. Madonia
News Writer

Did you know that 82 percent of the undergraduate students at Sacred Heart University receive some kind of financial aid? According to Julie Savino, director of financial aid, the Higher Education Act was originally passed by Congress in 1965. This Act contains legislation for the federal student aid programs, and must be reviewed by Congress every six years. President Bush signed the present bill into effect on July 23, 1992, and the changes made in this Reauthorization will expire in 1998.

It is important that one realizes that not all the provision take effect at the same time. Many of them were implemented in July of 1992 while many have yet to take effect. Savino mentioned that a "letter writing campaign will take four days later than the real date." Savino explained that "not all the provision take effect at the same time. Many of them were implemented in July of 1992 while many have yet to take effect."

Assistant Activities Director
Denise Sutphin wins award

By Brian Corvo
News Writer

"I recommended Denise because she has made many significant contributions to campus life in her first year as a full time professional in student activities," said Tom Kelly. "She gives 100 percent and works hard to improve the quality of student life."

Denise is a 1989 graduate of SHU. While an undergraduate, she was involved in many aspects of university life. She participated in student government, she was vice president of her sorority, she was president of her senior class, and did her work-study in the Student Activities Office.

"I'm very happy for her," Tom Kelly said.

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Compiled by Frank Mastrossi

SACRED HEART GOING PLACES—WRAP UP

European study trip planned

Students who are interested in international study, European philosophy, and history will have a unique opportunity next summer to combine academics with cross-cultural experience. The trip is being coordinated by Dr. John Roney and Dr. Edward Papa and will be offered next summer, from May 24 to June 27. Both professors will be offering courses for the study trip.

The price of the trip is $1,350, which includes airfare, some meals, transportation, admission costs to museums and historical sites, and housing at the Free University of Amsterdam.

For more information, contact Dr. Roney at 371-7741.

Inauguration trip planned

Professor Dr. Gary Rose is organizing a trip to Washington D.C. for the inauguration of President-elect Bill Clinton.

The trip will take place Jan. 18 through Jan. 21. The price is $200 and includes round trip transportation from Sacred Heart shuttle service in Washington D.C., lodging for three nights and a full breakfast every morning.

The trip will include moonlight tours of Washington’s Monuments, briefing and tours, visits to Georgetown and the Smithsonian, as well as watching the inaugural parade.

Anyone interested in the trip should see Dr. Rose in Room 23 of the Campus Center. Reservations must accompany full payments.

CHRISTMAS AT SACRED HEART

Spectrum Christmas Party

Appaloosa Productions is presenting its second annual Spectrum X-Rated X-Mas party on Thursday Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be $3 or three canned goods to be donated to charity.

Part of the festivities will include free food and soda and beer to those 21 and over. There will be a live stereo simulcast by WWPT 90.3 FM featuring DJs Frank Mastroianni and Patrick Schiller as your hosts for the evening.

As a special holiday attraction, Christmas television specials will be shown on video and an appearance will be made by the Spectrum Santa Claus.

Medieval Feast

A Medieval Feast will take place at Sacred Heart University’s Hawley Lounge on Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. The Medieval Feast is a celebration of the Medieval Institute with Medieval recipes, music and entertainment. A handmade Medieval cloak will be raffled.

Admission will be $10 for SHU students and $20 for general admission. For more information call Dr. Roney at 371-7741.

"Toys For Tots" campaign

If you believe it is better to give than to receive, well, here is your chance. For Epsilon Omega is assisting the US Marine Corps Reserves in their annual "Toys For Tots" campaign. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off outside the Student Life Office until Dec. 17. Help make this a great Christmas season.

Holiday canned food drive

The Governor’s Care and Share Program is sponsoring a Holiday Canned Food Drive. Sponsoring the drive are Sacred Heart organization’s Campus Ministry, UJAMMA, Caribbean Club and PEACE.

Canned food donations are to be left in the Chapel as soon as possible. All of the collected food will be used in local food banks for the poor and hungry in Connecticut.

Correction of our correction

P. Francinni and Co. was incorrectly listed as the construction company for the new resident halls in the Nov. 19 Spectrum.

P. Francinni and Co. is the architectural firm that designed the new resident halls in the Spectrum. P. Francinni and Co. is the construction company for the halls.

Merry Christmas.

Don’t forget to vote!
Financial Aid: processes changed

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place around February regarding the cuts in state funding for financial aid.

"Many people don't realize that since 1989, SHU has lost $500,000 from the state in the form of the CIASC (Connecticut Independent College Student Grant) Program," said Savino, adding, "We don't expect an increase in state funding, and we do expect we will have to work hard to maintain what we have.

According to Savino, "The 1992 Amendments have not created any new federal programs, nor were any of the existing programs eliminated." Yet there are hundreds of changes to the existing programs which affect the following four areas: the Delivery System, Need Analysis, the Pell Grant Program, and the loan programs.

Savino stated that "the Reauthorization does not meet there is any more money in financial aid, and it is expected that the grant programs for 1993-94 may actually decrease. On the other hand, we can expect an increase in student aid in the Stafford Loan Programs.

In addition to these changes, the application process has been dramatically changed. According to Savino, starting with the 1993-94 year, there will be a simplified form that students can fill out free of charge, called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Congress felt that there should not be a fee for students to apply for federal aid. Yet, if the student is interested in state grants or institutional aid, they will be required to provide more information; thus a supplemental form and an application fee. Schools may require their own forms as well.

Savino also states, "Under the new law, the way the government calculates student eligibility via the Need Analysis System has changed. Need Analysis is a formula driven method which evaluates a family's financial strength, thus indicating how much that family can contribute toward a college education. Good news for homeowners, home equity will no longer be considered part of a family's estimated contribution. However, there will not be allowances for 'excessive medical expenses or for private elementary and secondary education.'

The dependent student contribution as well as the base year income contribution will be calculated differently as well. Savino also remarks that, "According to the College Scholarship Service, the overall effect of the changes will reduce what families are expected to contribute by an average of 11 percent. This equates, on a national average, to about $480.00 per student.

Overall, more students should qualify for financial aid, and some families that haven't shown a need in the past may now qualify.

The Pell Grant is a major source of financial aid for students. Under the Reauthorization, the Pell Grant maximum award increased to $3,700 in 1993-94 with increases bringing it to a $4,500 grant in 1997-98. The changes in the eligibility formula mean the number of eligible students will increase, although Congress decreased the amount of the award by $100.00.

The most significant changes can be seen in the Federal Education Loan Programs. The Stafford Loan is a loan for students who demonstrate financial need. According to Savino, "Stafford student borrowers in their first year will still be limited to $2,625. Beginning in the 1993-94 year, sophomores will see the annual maximum increase from $2,625 to $3,500, and juniors and seniors will see an increase from $4,000 to $5,500. The graduate student annual maximum will increase from $7,500 to $8,500 in 1994-95.

Finally, the interest rate has changed to a variable rate with a cap of 9 percent, and as of October 1992, the rate is 6.74 percent.

New, students who don't show need can borrow money too. The Reauthorization has created the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Under this program, every college student can borrow money. Again, for those who show need, the government will pay the interest on the loan while the student is in school. For those who do not demonstrate need, the student pays the interest, although it can be deferred.

The PLUS Loan (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) is for parents who have dependent students in school. The payments are minimal, and there is a ten year pay back period. With the Reauthorization, Savino states that "Parents, regardless of need, have always been able to borrow a $4,000 maximum. Now parents can borrow the entire cost of education minus any aid received in student aid.

In concluding, Savino said, "virtually every student will have the ability to borrow under the Stafford Loan Program, and parents will find it easier to finance via the PLUS program.

Announcing the first annual Camel-Sparrow Poetry Contest

Eligibility: All currently enrolled SHU undergraduates. Full time employees of SHU are ineligible.

Rules: 1. submit one poem, typed, no longer than 50 lines, 2. Envelope in envelope addressed "Camel-Sparrow" and turn in to S301, 3. do not put your name or any kind of identification on the sheet the poem is printed on, 4. do print your name, address, phone number, and title of poem on a 3X5 card and enclose it in the envelope, 5. entrants may submit no more than one poem.

Deadline: February 1, 1993

Winning poems may be submitted to Poet, a national magazine for poetry. All entries will be submitted to Harvard.

Poems will not be returned. Decision of judges is final. Failure to follow rules will result in automatic disqualification.
Double Standards

Last week the Alumni association sponsored a party which featured an open bar. Being the kind and generous people they are, they invited the whole student body to attend the on-campus event, with the open bar.

We have no problem with the Alumni. They have been, and we assume will be, one of the most energetic and visible groups at Sacred Heart.

But here is a question that is difficult not to ponder: Why was the Alumni not subjected to the same disciplinary hearings for violating the same alcohol policy, in the same way, that two greek organizations were last month?

It's just a question.

Parking Situation

In their zeal to begin construction on the new dorms, SHU officials have apparently decided to overlook the current population of commuter students. By now, this should not come as any surprise to anyone who reads this and in all likelihood, many people here at SHU be so distressed? The answer: Parking.

One would have to assume that the manner and method of introduction to the student body of the new parking “arrangement” would be a result of trying to slip it through with the least resistance. The SHU community arrived Monday morning to the surprise situation.

This same method of breaking news to the students has been used before: most recently, when the business department decided they wanted to pressure clubs to close their off-campus bank accounts and keep all money at Sacred Heart, they never told anyone, aside from a phantom memo, that, to this day, no one outside said department has ever seen.

Although the administration did not receive notice of a construction date until four days before construction actually began, they did know this would happen sooner or later. The students should have been warned of this plan in advance, to avoid the parking and traffic fiasco that ensued last Monday.

Also, exams are over next week, and these parking lots will barely be needed for a whole month afterwards. For a year-and-a-half long project, would it have hurt that much to postpone construction for just two more weeks?

By Todd Ross

Columnist

I can't even begin to tell you how many families, students and staff have come up to me to express their severe discontent. You may ask yourself: why would so many people here at SHU be so distressed? The answer: Parking. Parking.

Please hear with me on this.

One of the most common, printable comments has been: Why couldn’t this wait? or it is another example of the administration stifling the commuter population (two thirds of the all the university’s tuition payers)?

I addressed these questions to the appropriate administrators, and was told that notification of this sudden construction was not given to Sacred Heart University until late on Thursday of last week.

This notification, given by the town of Fairfield, was delayed in Planning and Zoning. Once the approval went through, the construction company was notified. The last minute notice was unfortunate, not to mention inconvenient, for everyone here.

Just to let everyone know, extra overtime has been allocated for our Public Safety department as well as work-study students for an escort service. This will ensure all students’ and staff’s safety.

Students, faculty and staff have every reason to be upset. Very little, if any, effort was made to notify students who rely on their vehicles as their only way of getting to school. Flyers could have been placed on all cars, etc. This is not an attack on the administration, it is however my obligation to express the students’ concerns in such a way that they will be heard.

As I met with several administrators, I was told that the library parking lot was not previously utilized to its potential. To give a breakdown, there is a total of 619 spaces in the south lot; that number includes the maintenance lot and the spaces by the bookstore. This lot was usually near its capacity, especially during convocation. The north lot, by contrast, consisting of 743 spots, was usually only one third to one half full.

In the latest turn of events, the south lot has been closed down entirely to parking. Before you go adding up the numbers, let me point out that it was promised that it would be a priority to monitor the parking situation, and that additional parking would be added as needed.

The loss of 619 spaces is not considered to be a loss by the administration. The logic here is that the north lot was under-utilized, so the south lot will be, therefore, no loss.

There are things that must be considered when undergoing a project of this magnitude. Foremost is that the students should be kept informed of any changes that will directly affect them. Common sense dictates this.

Students are upset because they were simply unaware of this particular change until they were confronted by the public safety officer barring the entrance to the south lot on Monday. There is a need for the administration to reach out and communicate with the students. After all, we are the reason the administration is here.

What can we do? Progress is difficult to reverse — once the master plan is set, it takes a tremendous amount of effort to alter it. Progress is not bad if the proper steps are taken to lessen the pain of change.

Like it or not, the south parking lot is gone, never to be used again for parking. The master plan that has been designed for our community is a good one, but the appropriate compensatory steps must be taken along with it.

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By Todd Ross

Columnist

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The Ross Review

Here’s your parking decal, A MAP OF THE STUDENT LOT
AND A DAY’S RATION OF WATER
I’D START NOW—IT’LL BE GETTING DARK SOON!

By Todd Ross

Columnist

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OBservations FROM A BROAD

By J. Broad

"Twas still weeks before Christmas, yet all through the home,
we were all forced to listen, to Neil Diamond moan.
He groaned through those cards we all learned to despise,
as my mother kept baking Mrs. Smith's homemade pies.
The towns next scene so please ladies relax,
"twas but for a lack of the pies spiked with Ex-Lax.
To give those relatives who fruitcakes did send, or
who come for a visit and leave who knows when.
"Twas the weekend set aside to do all decorations,
and of course do the annual, Yuletide alterations.
My father's a brave man, to put up all those lights,
that vandals might have things to break for three nights.
But my father is untouched by such pernicious abuses.
And my mom and I wave as we go to buy fuses.
The neighbors all clam over onto their porches,
I hear there's a pool on which to limb my dad torches.
He stalks up the ladder with quiet determination.
Looking much like Chevy Chase, in Christmas vacation.
When my mom and I return, the fire department's gone,
the house is still smoky, but the power's back on.
Just an extension cord problem my father explains,
when my mother inquires as to the cause of the flames.
"In spite of the fire, look at the work that I've done!"

My father points at the roof lights: Merry Christmas Everyone!
My father just grinned, his face flushed with pride.
And of, course, the old Lights/Garland controversies.
My mother does garland, my father does lights,
Or the other way around, it depends on who's right.
My father gets first shot at the lights on the tree,
He knows a lot about electricity.
And so then he arranges his greens and his blues.
And then goes to the basement to replace the blown fuse.
Imagine the grandeur of such illumination.
What my father's mind lacks is imagination.
My mother is the one with the more creative mind.
She rearranges the colors, though she's color-blind.
My mother does garland, my mother directing.
My mother suggesting, my father objecting.
It's just a matter of time before he enters the den,
Where we're watching A Charlie Brown Christmas (again),
He was grumbling and muttering, and talking to himself.
Something about Santa, and a color-blind elf.

Charlie Brown said "Merry Christmas," He responded "Bah, Humbug!"
When suddenly in the living room, there arose such a clatter,
We bolted at once, to see what was the matter.
We ran through the kitchen, and crashed to the floor.
"The three of us didn't quite fit through the door.
My brother got a facial of linooleum.
He brushed up his forehead and swallowed his gum.
My father stepped over him, with the greatest of care.
And tripped on the cat that'd been sleeping there.
I avoided them both and took the aerial route.
My coordination is not my strong suit.
I damaged the wall as I'd misjudged the door.
But by luck I'd landed in the room on the floor.
And what to my wondering eyes should appear.
But the coffee table corner that had just missed my ear.
I stood and I looked from one side to the other.
The tree had fallen over, but no sign of my mother.
I righted the tree and helped my mom stand,
My father took over, and redid the garland.
And so it will go until Christmas Eve.
The family will come over, eat the pies, and then leave.
My sister's kids will feel the way that I did.
The wonder of Christmas like when I was a kid.
My niece and my nephew all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums dance in their heads.
And on Christmas my nephew will ask "Uncle J.
Just what is this sugarplum thing anyway?"
—inspired by the poems of Theodore Decz III

Letters to the Editor

COMMUTERS MATTER
Dear Editor,
I feel that commuters should be more involved in the matters here at the University. There are so many things that happen that commuters are not in on.
I personally feel that commuters do not get enough information. What I mean is that I have come into class and have heard about things that happened the day before that I missed because I have no way of knowing what's going on. For example, I have missed several meetings and guest speakers because I was not notified.
I feel that something must be done about this. I understand that we now have resident students that must also be involved but what about the commuters?
Sincerely,
Monika MoLitoris
A Commuter

STICK IT
To the Editor,
I saw a gum dispenser sticker on the other day with a message for all of us, especially now during the holiday season: "Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty."
Ginny McLevy

Hungry for answer

To the Editor,
There has been a rumor going around discussing the fact (sic) that after our sophomore year is finished, the money that is left on our meal card will be null taken away from us. Many of us have heard that half of our money is taken off and given to the cafeteria. That is so unfair.
We are paying $750 each semester and that is our money and we should be eating it (sic). We shouldn't have it being taken away from us. I am really trying to find out if this is the truth and not just a rumor. I hope for fairness sake that this is a rumor.
We, as students, are already paying enough to go here, never mind having the cafeteria taking half of our money away.
Anonymous Freshman

Dear Anonymous Amy,
Frankly, we haven't got the slightest idea whether there is a shred of truth to the rumor. Stop bothering us with deckle like that. But Maryann Haller, who runs the local news-hall would be enchanted to hear from you.
Associate Editor

The Campus Voice

December 10, 1992

What do you think of the south parking lot dorm construction?

By Jean Paul Velotti

"I think it's good for the school. The dorms allow the students to participate more in school activities."

Lisa Monteiro
Junior
Business/Computers

"I think it's good for the school. The dorms allow the students to participate more in school activities."

Jim Kraemer
Junior (S.G. Rep.)
Business

"Although I see the need for it, the lack of notice about the closing of the parking lot reflects the administration's apathy towards the commuting students."

Laddawan Cospohot
Junior
Nursing

"I don't like it, because it was easier for me to park there (in the past). What are they going to do (in the future)?"

Michael Huizdo
Freshman
Psychology

"I think it's great because it puts Sacred Heart on the rise."
We watched, in 1933 as a man again would men like Hitler, be bothered. Neutrality be a viable option. Again would appeasement and powers came the defeat of the time: isolationism. May seem a lifetime ago. How of Pearl Harbor. Now, to nearly AND I WILL NEVER MISS Murray's article is mindless babble read my column, I AM SORRY thinking, intelligent, realistic individuals here at Sacred Heart who a way of punishing me, it was of empty space in the paper to fill. Nicholson, the omnipotent, be appear in the Dec. 3 edition of the "pinkos." Of us who have at one time in our changed my mind. "Patriotism: a forgotten ethic?" I feel I must respond for those who "held fast and fought for the cause." It is important, at this point to old people with feeble minds. To wit, in paragraph five, Mr. Murray says "we were the industrial giant and we didn't take sec ond place to anyone on an internation scale." Sadly, today the United States only places first in one category: the world's greatest debtor nation. In every other comparison of western industrialized nations (countries like Japan, Germany and France), we who should compare ourselves to (not other) countries at the bottom of the list in a host of categories:

The mistake that (Mr. Murray) makes is not understanding that our fore-fathers were complainers. They complained, dissented and ultimately challenged injustice. It didn't matter that the injustice was called the English Empire; they fought to change the injustice itself.

Move running on an anti-Slavic/anti-Semitic platform rose to ultimate power in Germany. This man promised to unite all Germans, inside as well as inside of cow r Barrett's borders, in the formulation of a "thousand year Reich." We watched as the wave of nationalism in Germany and rode it all the way into Poland. We ignored the signing of the Molotov-Ribbenbrop Agreement, which basically gave Stalin the freedom to invade Po land without fear of Soviet retali ation.

The agreement also gave Stalin the Baltic states (Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia), as well as Eastern Poland, part of Romania and Finland. Thus, we sat idle as two dictators carved off the choice pieces of Europe they found most delectable. When Germany and Soviet tanks ultimately rolled into Poland, France and England could sit then counted no more... the war had come.

Ah, America's isolationists must have finally given in you can say. Not necessarily. America was first Denmark and then Norway fell. Then both Belgium and Hol land had the audacity to national sovereignty violated as Hitler's blitzkrieg made its mad dash for France. Stalin did not budge.

Indeed we witnessed the surrender of Paris on June 22, 1940 and failed to act. Now only Brit inian stood between Hitler and Eu ropean domination. It would take a full year before America would have its hand forced by Japan. Japan, a small island in the Pacific, had been methodically planning the annexation of all of East-Asia through the "Greater East-Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere." Japan planned to replace Europe as the hegemonic power in Asia both economically and militarily. Japan had, at this point, de facto control of China, whom they had been fighting since 1937. How ever, Japan miscalculated with its march into French Indo-China in 1941.

Roosevelt recognized the danger Japan posed to the rest of East-Asia and promptly moved to place embargos, regulate the ship ment of national resources to Ja pan and freeze Japanese assets in American banks. These actions would lead to the eventual attack at Pearl Harbor.

Today, you might say, none of these violations of international law could take place. True enough. But at the time of these occur rences, there was no international law. The League of Nations was a weak alliance that the United States had declined to join. The United Nations was a product of this war and only now it is begin ning to reach its full potential.

Isolationism was the only way came costly of World War II. Global cooperation and an interna tional mindset became the new focus. And so as we send U.S. troops into Somalia today, keep in mind that the brave men who died in World War II without accomplishing anything. The right thing to do is not to chastise him but to make him understand that someone can love their country and still ques tion its actions.

I am proud to be an American but for me that "if it's a call to arms to be ever active in mak ing sure that America always lives up to what William McKinley called "her mission of benevolent assimilation."

As much as I would like to just sit back and wallow in my good fortune of having been a American citizen. I simply can nothing myself to, as Mr. Murray says in his second to last para graph, "sit back and enjoy it." I suggest that he be a real patriot and fight to change the wrong practices of our government.

Don't worry about us mal contents Mr. Murray because if our nation can survive the rampings of blind ideologies like you it will certainly endure the challenges of "pinkos" like us.

Op Ed

Remember: It's a simple request with no strings attached

By Paul Perillie

The Ballot Box

By John C. Bowman

Guest Writer

Three days ago was the fifty first anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Now, to nearly everyone reading this column, I AM SORRY and I WILL NEVER MISS ANOTHER DEADLINE!

The opening gambit of Mr. Murray's article is mindless babble of the sort that, if anything, bolstered the isolationists who believe that the United States can survive the world's problems with a "national mission of benevolent assimilation."

"Tens of thousands of people will need blood during the holidays."

Still wondering what to give?

American Red Cross

Got blood? Once more will fill for a lifetime.
Twelve Traditions of Christmas

By Joanna R. Mariani
Staff Writer

This Christmas, when you're plowing through crowded malls, decorating a tree, kissing under the mistletoe, or getting writer's cramp from addressing cards, you might remember that most of our holiday rituals have old, even ancient, beginnings.

1. Even before the birth of Christ, the old religions celebrated a winter festival. The ancient Romans had their Saturnalia; the Celts celebrated Yule. And, so venerable a tradition as the Christmas tree dates back to these pre-Christian times. During the Saturnalia, the Romans decorated pine trees with candles, and the Celtic Druids adorned oak trees (their sacred tree) with candles, sweets, and gold-plated apples during the winter solstice. But the Christmas tree as we know it originated in Germany and was introduced to the United States by Hessians during the Revolutionary War. Still, the idea of an extravagantly decorated tree didn't catch on here until a picture of Queen Victoria's evergreen was published in Godey's Ladies Book.

Even before the birth of Christ, the old religions celebrated a winter festival. The ancient Romans had their Saturnalia; the Celts celebrated Yule. And, so venerable a tradition as the Christmas tree dates back to these pre-Christian times.

which was sort of the Vogue of the nineteenth century. One early Christian legend states that on Christmas Eve, all of the animals were allowed to look at the Christmas tree except for the spiders. One year the archangels complained to the Christ Child that they were being discriminated against, and He allowed them not only to gaze at the tree, but to climb all over it. Being spiders, they couldn't help but spin their webs all over the tree, and when Christ touched them, they turned into shimmery strands of silver and gold. And that, my friends, was the first time.

2. Evergreen plants, representing eternal life, have always been a part of winter festivals. To the Celts, mistletoe became a symbol of hope and peace, and the time-honored custom of kissing under the mistletoe sprang from the belief that during the winter solstice, enemies would lay down their weapons and embrace when they met under this plant. To this day, it is considered proper for a person of opposite sex under the mistletoe during the twelve days of Christmas (friends of the same sex may simply embrace or shake hands, as they are inclined) and beware, if you're kissing or hoping to be married during this coming year, you'd better make darn sure you're kissed. Otherwise, you'll remain single for at least another five months. Wearing mistletoe when you get married is supposed to ensure that you will have healthy children. Mistletoe is also supposed to chase away evil spirits, which is why it is traditionally hung over the entrance of the home.

3. Jolly old Saint Nick actually originated in Asia Minor with a story of a bishop named Nicholas who looked pity on three young ladies who were about to be married because they had no dowries. He dropped three bags of gold down the chimney, one of which fell into a stocking which had been hung by the fire to dry. This generous figure appeared in many cultures over the centuries, and acquired elves, a sleigh bags of toys, and a North Pole workshop along the way. Like the Christmas tree, he was widely popularized during Queen Victoria's reign. This Christmas, you might want to follow the tradition of putting a pillow in the fireplace; it cushions the old soul's lodgings as she slides down the chimney. He may have a belly like a bowl full of jelly, but Clement C. Moore didn't say anything about Santa having a well-padded posterior.

4. The very first Christmas gifts were the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi brought to the Christ Child in the manger. Time-honored tradition holds that even today these are ideal gifts. The recipient of the gold will become rich; of the myrrh, might remember that most of our holiday rituals have old, even ancient, beginnings.

5. In the early nineteenth century, young men at board schools would send letters to their parents around Christmas time bragging of their stunning progress in their studies, hoping to be rewarded with money and gifts during the holidays. When the penny post caught on in England in 1839, folks of all ages began exchanging cards. And when the royal family started following this tradition, the custom caught on in America. Though we've come a long way since the "penny post," what would Christmas be without and drag that person under the mistletoe.

6. According to legend, a child born on Christmas day will understand the language of animals and will enjoy a happy, healthy life. It is considered extremely good luck to wed on December 25.

7. Even so prosaic a tradition as seasonal overindulgence has ancient root. The Saturnalia was a time of wild celebration, and the people of the Middle Ages celebrated a Christmas that would make today's party animals look like shrinking violet. Gambling, hunting, strolling, and dancing prevailed from December 25 through January 6, with food and drink taking center stage; in 1252, King Henry Ill slew 600 oxen and served them to his guests with a side order of salmon pie and roast peacock. Wassail, or spiced ale, was drunk to toast the health of friends, as well as the bees, trees, and fields, to insure a productive harvest, and even the evil spirits, to keep them at bay (enough was said and you'd be toasted). Pies and plum pudding were thought to be especially good luck. The word "plum" means "to rise or swell," as in a "plum" job, and that particular fruit is not an ingredient in this traditional fare. A 1670 recipe for plum pudding included raisins, fruit juice, wine, spices, and a secret ingredient — bow's tongue. What I want to know is, did all of these medieval folk go on diets on January 7? The very first Christmas gifts were the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi brought to the Christ Child in the manger. And time-honored tradition holds that even today these are ideal gifts. The recipient of the gold will become rich; of the myrrh, will be gifted with the qualities of a healer. A Christmas challenge: try to find all three of these at the Trounbell mall.

8. Regardless of religious, ethnic, or cultural background, the idea of peace on earth and goodwill toward men is universal during the December festivals. May all of you enjoy a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.
The Christmas Voice
By Jean Paul Velotti

What is the worst possible Christmas present you could get?

Jason Musante
Freshman
Undecided
"Ugly sweaters."

Rita Miller
Freshman
Undecided
"No gift."

Tony DeCillo
Sophomore
Art
"Grey and pink boxed pattern argyle socks."

Wayne Leon
Senior
Illustration
"A Christmas card with no money."

Peanuts change too much for new Christmas special

By J. Broad
Staff Writer

It had been a while since I had last watched a Charlie Brown special. Actually it had been about ten years. I remember the last one being an innocuous story, about Charlie Brown buying a stunted little Christmas tree that drooped when he put an ornament on it.

My father managed to ruin the whole experience for me when he tried to explain "the message" behind the cartoon. "It's about the true meaning of Christmas," he told me. "Charlie Brown bought a real tree when everyone else wanted him to buy an aluminum one." Cartoons have never been the same for me since.

So it was with a critical eye that I watched this latest Charlie Brown Christmas special, just looking for the message. Now, I'll be the first one to admit that I am not an avid "Peanuts" fan, but I am still surprised at how different the gang was from the way I remembered them.

Pizza, when did Linus get rid of his blanket? When did Sally become such a spoiled little airhead? When did Marcie become so sarcastic, especially to Peppermint Patty? And when did Charlie Brown get so cranky?

This year's special started off with Charlie Brown trying to sell Christmas wreaths the week of Thanksgiving. Of course no one would buy them so early, so Charlie enlisted his sister Sally to help him try to unload the merchandise. Sally turns out to be more unscrupulous than a used car salesman, and Charlie Brown eventually gives up on the whole enterprise.

The reason behind the whole moneymaking scheme is that Charlie Brown is in love, again. The object of his affection nowadays is a girl named Peggy Jean, whom he apparently met at summer camp. He goes through a serious of tribulations, including selling his entire comic book collection, in order to buy Peggy Jean a pair of gloves. I won't spoil the ending for you, but Snoopy ends up with the gloves.

And speaking of Snoopy, he dresses up like Santa and swindles people out of pocket change by ringing a Christmas bell on a street corner. Sally is only interested in how many presents she can get for Christmas. Peppermint Patty is angered that Marcie gets to play Mary in the Christmas play. "Does the Bible say anything about Peppermint Patty?" she asks Charlie Brown. Marcie rubs her role in Patty's face and constantly reminds Patty that a sheep (Patty's role in the play) need only say "Baa.

I guess that the special would have been entertaining for kids, and maybe my perceptions are skewed by my own cynicism, but I remember Charlie Brown being so much more innocent. I guess growing up kind of screws you up, and you lose the little things first. Thanks, Dad.

The changing face of hockey

By Jean Paul Velotti
Staff Writer

If you look at professional hockey today and compare it with hockey fifty years ago, you'll notice a great change has occurred. In fact, if you look at the game last season, and compare it with what is expected this season, the two are almost totally separate entities.

Over 75 years ago, six teams formed The National Hockey League. They included; the New York Rangers, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Chicago Black Hawks, the Montreal Canadiens, and the Detroit Red Wings. Today, after several mergers and expansions, including two additional teams this year, the league has grown to 24 teams.

When The National Hockey League was first formed, the teams were concentrated in the North-eastern part of America and Southeastern Canada. In this day and age however, hockey has become a popular and marketable sport above and below the Canadian-American border from coast-to-coast.

Furthermore, influences from outside North America have affected the game. For example, a Japanese firm is involved in the expansion team Tampa Bay Lightning. Also, players are coming from countries in Europe and, with the deviation of the Soviet Block, this area as well.

What this is doing to the game is making it more involved, more challenging. These players bring speed and increased puck control and handling to a game that appeared unchangedable more than ten years ago. In addition, players today are a breed apart from those of yesterday. They are bigger, stronger, faster. This gives hockey license to take these qualities and apply them in order to make a more exciting game.

The equipment of the game has changed drastically in this technologically advanced era. In the past, helmets were unthinkable; today, they are mandatory. Fifty years ago, shoulder pads were made out of leather and cotton. Players today wear the latest in "air" equipment. Obviously, this gives the players of this generation an edge over the players of the past in terms of better protection. But the players and their equipment are not the only changes, the arenas have as well.

There's still the old Garden, a long standing tradition in the city, and the Forum in Montreal, which is just as popular, and even older, and a host of other "homes" of teams that remain slightly unsullied after years of service. But many arenas didn't make it.

Madison Square Garden has moved several times throughout Manhattan and has recently

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New Caribbean Club promotes culture

By Kelly Phillips and Kathy Bothos

What do you think of when you hear the word "Caribbean?" Vacation, cruise, beautiful beaches and a whole lot of fun. Well, did you know that Sacred Heart has a Caribbean Club right here on campus?

Nov. 14 marked the first anniversary of the Caribbean Club. This newly formed club is headed by President Keran Deterville, a second semester sophomore majoring in media studies. The Caribbean Club officers include:

Vice-President- Louis Elaneus
Secretary- Keisha Griffiths and Treasurer- Romy Semon. The advisor for the Caribbean Club is Dr. Caufin. According to Keran Deterville, the purpose of the Caribbean Club is to educate the university community in the Caribbean Culture. Deterville states, "The main purpose of the Caribbean Club is to promote the Caribbean culture, discuss current events and educate Sacred Heart students about the culture through video tapes on Jamaica and Barbados."

The Caribbean Club consists of 40-45 members from different areas such as Haiti, Barbados and St. Lucia. One goal that Deterville hopes to reach in to bring other Sacred Heart students, from closely international and non-international backgrounds into the Caribbean Club. Deterville explains, "There are no qualifications, the Caribbean Club is open to everyone. I would like to invite all Sacred Heart students, regardless of background, to join the Caribbean Club."

The Caribbean Club is currently planning events for the spring semester which include bake sales, trips, mixers and cultural extravaganzas as well as community service. To celebrate the first anniversary of the Caribbean Club, a talent and orchestra show was held in the auditorium. "I was very happy with the student turnout at this great event. Hopefully, next semester more students from different cultures will participate," Deterville states.

Many students here at Sacred Heart may think that it's Caribbean Club and UJAMMA are the same, but they're not. "I would like to stress that the Caribbean Club and UJAMMA are two totally different clubs with their own identity. Although, we do try to attend each other's meetings and exchange ideas to assist each other."

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Words take on a new meaning in a new world

By Barry E. Herman, Ph.D.
Guest Writer

The generation gap is evident as we examine words and meanings for words we use today in every day life. Word names and meanings for words have gone through drastic changes over the past decades. Society and culture around us are changing and so are words and word meanings.

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A little more leisurely, my grandparents used to play records on a Victrola. My parents used a hi-fi and my children play records on a stereo or CD player. My children think Victrola is a new kind of soda.

Another common household word in bad weather used to be arctics. Now arctics became overcoats or boots. Now we use toes. Ten years from now, who knows what toes will be called?

Even frozen vanilla ice cream coated with chocolate on a stick has taken on a new name over the years. I can recall: the popsicle, the Good Humor, and the candy coated with chocolate on a stick—will we now have frozen yogurt on a stick—will we all really live to age 120 like some islanders?

The delicious lunchroom chocolate bar used to be mod meaning a new generation ago. Years ago, we never said pizza, we used to say "ah beach."

I can remember when a hippie meant big in the hips. A trip involved travel in a car, plane, or ship. Pot was a vessel for cooking things in and hooked was what my grandmother's rugs may have been. A wasp was an insect that stings and clean. To call someone bad meant bad, now when someone is neat meant well-organized, tidy, and clean. To call someone bad meant bad, now when someone is neat meant well-organized, tidy, and clean. To call someone bad meant bad, now when someone is neat meant well-organized, tidy, and clean. To call someone bad meant bad, now when someone is neat meant well-organized, tidy, and clean. To call someone bad meant bad, now when someone is neat meant well-organized, tidy, and clean.

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Making out referred to how you did on an exam. The McDonalds lived next door and department stores were five and ten cents. The lowly nickel could buy a great deal years ago—a street car ride, a telephone call, a candy bar, a soda pop, or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards.

We used to sing "Do you know the Man in the Moon?" at night. Who would ever dream that one day we would walk on the moon. Designer jeans were something real flippy like lint. Bread came from bakeries and not from the bank. A roll meant a bun and buns were two rolls. Rock used to be a stone and hang-up was something you did with the phone. Strange as it seems, a J.A.P. used to be a derogatory term for a Japanese person. Today, you don't say colored, Negro, Black, or Afro-American— the in-term is now African-American, even though African-Americans have been in this country since the 1600's.

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Massachusetts college taught how to reduce campus racial tensions

A federal civil rights panel gave administrators at the University of Massachusetts a report on how to reduce tensions at the Amherst campus after a string of racial incidents this year.

The Massachusetts Advisory Committee released the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report in early November. It calls for boosting the number of minority students by releasing more federal scholarships, and also said that campus police are not fully trained to deal with bigotry on campus.

Although the administration is studying the report, there is no timetable yet to implement its findings, a campus spokesperson said.

Tensions have been high on campus after racial incidents this fall, including a black residential assistant being attacked by a white man in a dormitory, which sparked a melee by minority students in the building, and the takeover of the state fund more scholarships for minority females, and said that Columbus Day ceremonies should be held off campus. They left the building without incident.

Additionally, three minority students sued the campus newspaper, the Daily Collegian, on charges of discrimination and violation of civil rights.

The school also formed an advisory group to improve the climate on campus, and will work to enact its plans, officials said. The proposals would:

- Set a goal of 20 percent minority students in the entering freshman class. Currently 10.5 percent of all undergraduates are minorities, and 13.1 percent of the current freshman class are minorities.
- Create 40 new scholarships for minority students at a cost of $200,000, which would cover all tuition and fees for the time the recipients are registered.
- Strive to hire more minority faculty members. From 1986 to 1992, 23 percent of faculty appointments were minorities.
- Have special lectures on Columbus Day to discuss the impact of Columbus on American culture, and “re-name that day appropriately as far as campus usage is concerned,” a report said.
- Train students in techniques of non-violent confrontation.

Hockey: the game is a-changin'

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received a complete face-lift. Their is plans to remodel the Boston Garden in “Brain Town.” And in Los Angeles, hockey is not about going to a crowded coliseum and ordering a beer from a smelly concessionaire, but ordering Perrier from a luxury sky-box.

And speaking of L.A., hockey has possibly lost its greatest asset in 30 years: Wayne Gretzky. He is the man who revitalized the sport and helped broaden its dimensions. Starting his professional career in Edmonton, he was later traded “below the border” to the Los Angeles Kings. With this move, the “Great One” helped popularize hockey in the U.S., which brings up one another point, marketing. Sports paraphernalia has run rampant. Jerseys, hats, T-shirts, and hockey cards are now the latest rage. It is through this marketing that hockey reaches a greater audience and attempts to secure new roots in its effort to stay alive in the competitive field of professional sports.

Any discussion about hockey would not be complete without mentioning two essentials, The first one is the Stanley Cup. The “cup” is the most coveted prize in all of “hockey-land” and has travelled a dervishly proud and respectable journey since its inception over 75 years ago. And this year, the “cup” will be redesigned to allow room for additional victors.

The other item synonymous with hockey is violence, especially fighting. Beginning several seasons ago, and strongly enforced this season, “needless” violence will not be tolerated. What the front-office administrators are trying to do is create a game that will appeal to new fans and avoid losing old ones.

Finally, even though Gordie Howe doesn’t play anymore, although he was going to attempt it a few years ago, and Wayne Gretzky’s career looks bleak, hockey’s future looks stronger than ever before. Marketing, expanded television contracts, and a new “toned down” image look to put professional hockey in the forefront of the 21st century.

Think of the Six Women Closest to You.

Now guess which one will be raped this year.

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Spectrum Student Survey

Attention all students: please fill out this survey and drop in box in Activities or in Spectrum office (S219). This is a general survey of all SHU students to get an unscientific perception of the thoughts, practices and statistics of our student population. Results will appear in Jan. 21 newspaper. Surveys must be in by the end of the fall semester.

**Exellent** | **Good** | **Avg** | **Poor**
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Student Government: | | | |
Cafeteria/Dining Hall: | | | |
Spectrum Newspaper: | | | |
WWPT student radio station (90.3 FM): | | | |
WSHU public radio station (91.1 FM): | | | |
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Financial aid: | | | |
Library: | | | |
Activities office: | | | |
Mail Room: | | | |
Student Accounts: | | | |
Chubby's Lounge: | | | |

Most useful class you've taken:

Least useful class you've taken:

Best professor:

Best dressed professor:

Worst dressed professor:

Most visible administrator:

Approximate number of times you have seen SHU President Dr. Anthony Cernera on campus this semester:

Number of times you've met with your academic advisor this year:

What time is it?

Best food item in dining hall/cafeteria:

Worst food item in dining hall/cafeteria:

Is it a dining hall or a cafeteria?

Are they dorms or are they residence halls?

Are they freshmen or are they first year students?

Approximate number of times you've found the copier machine broken when you needed to use it:

Number of times you circle the parking lot before you find a parking spot:

How many student organizations do you think SHU has?

How many student organizations do you belong to?

Most helpful/useful student organization:

Most memorable student activity in the past year:

How much money did you spend on books this semester?

Who’s on first?

What’s your favorite drink?

If you’re not legal, how do you acquire alcohol?

What is your sexual orientation?

Are you male or female?

What is your age?

What is your major?

Are you a resident student or a commuter student?

What is your race? (i.e. Hispanic, Oriental, etc.)

What is your class standing?

What is your grade point average?

Do you receive financial aid?

Do you sell back your books?

Do you participate in intramural sports at SHU?

Should intramural sports be co-ed?

Do you use the open gym?

Do you attend SHU sporting events?

Are you aware that SHU home games are free to students?

Have you or will you purchase a Prologue yearbook?

Do you think that SHU has a good student life?

Do you know where your $125 student activity fee goes?

Do you think $125 is fair?

Is there still a place at SHU for commuter students?

Do you drink alcohol?

Do you gamble?

Do you smoke?

Do you use illegal drugs?

Should condoms be available on campus?

Are you a virgin?

Are you sexually active?

Do you have any sexually transmitted diseases?

Have you ever been tested for HIV?

Are you HIV positive?

Do you think SHU’s tuition is fair?

Do you read the Spectrum newspaper every week?

Is the Spectrum far and away the best college newspaper in the world?

Do you know who your student government representatives are?

Do you plan to graduate from SHU, or will you transfer elsewhere to graduate?

Number of SHU Theatre productions you’ve been to in the past two years:

If the Incredible Hulk and Superman got into a fight, who would win?

Section of the Spectrum you like the most:

Section of the Spectrum you like the least:

What is 7 X 9?

What is your favorite comic strip?

What is the only state in the United States that ends in the letter “k”?

In your opinion, what is the worst problem facing Sacred Heart?

What is the best thing about Sacred Heart?

Thank You.
Bluegrass concert series returns to theatre

By Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

New album due out: the best of Sammy Hagar?

The Best of Sammy Hagar, due out soon from Capitol Records, is a good album (or in nineties-speak "a good CD") but a bad title. The best of Sammy Hagar would include some of his better-known hits, like: "I Can't Drive 55," "Three from a Box," and "Give to Live." The album contains none of these.

Apprently, this is the best of my Hagar from his Capitol days besides the mega-hits "I Can't Drive 55" and "Give to Live." The album has no title to recognize any of the song titles (except for one cover). The album does provide a fairly complete road map of Hagar's development as a songwriter who provides a rich context in which to view his later work.

The songs included on the album are basically divided into three categories: 1) Songs about cars and cruising, or love and/or sex, 2) Songs about love and/or sex, and 3) Songs not about cars and cruising or love and/or sex.

The songs start off with two Category 3 songs, the first being "Red." Hagar is known through-out the music world as being sort of a "space cadet" for his belief in UFOs and, among other things, the mystical powers of the color red. This song isn't much to speak of lyrically, but it does have a catchy little melody that you'll have trouble banishing from your brain.

On the next song on the album, a cover of the Otis Redding classic "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay," Hagar delivers a restrained, delicate vocal on the track that really does justice to the song (as opposed to say, Michael Bolton's version) and contrasts sharply with some of the "top of your lungs" vocals on some of the other tracks on the album. This particular arrangement of the song is one of the best I've ever heard, probably because Hagar's guitar player at the time, Steve Cropper, co-wrote the original version with Otis Redding.

The other two songs that I've arbitrarily placed in this category: "Reckless," about Hagar's self-destructive streak, and "This Planet's on Fire (Burn in Hell)," are probably the most lyrically strong songs on the album. "This Planet's on Fire (Burn in Hell)", particularly, with its political overtones and cynical view of life's fast pace, stood out from the rest of the album which, frankly, was lyrically weak in some spots.

The "cars and cruising" songs ("Rock 'N' Roll Weekend," "Cruisin' & Boozin,'" and "Turn Up the Music," and "Turn Am") are all pretty much bunched together in the middle of the album. They are all good songs to have on in the car when you're driving fast with the windows open: the lyrics aren't much to listen to, the chorus is catchy and loud, and the beat has that infectious quality that makes you drive too fast.

The best songs on the album are in the "love and/or sex" category. "I've Done Everything for You (You've Done Nothing for Me)" and "Love or Money" both have a cynical view of romance that is hilariously over-the-top. "Bad Motor Scooter" suffers from a muddy live arrangement, with an excruciatingly long guitar solo/duet at the end. "You Make Me Crazy" is a slow acoustic love song with great lyrics. With Bee Gee-like background vocals and its very light feel, it borders on the ridiculous (it was released in 1977).

The two best songs on the album, "Plain Jane" (about girls who go dateless on Saturday nights) and "Bad Reputation" (about girls who don't have almost a country-rock feel to them. They just have that sing-song type of rhythm that makes you want to both your head, but not it. "Plain Jane" also boasts some of the most lyrically competent writing on the album: "She falls somewhere in between, Levi's and Vogue Magazine. She doesn't paint on her face, but what she does she does with taste." It's a song about looking a little deeper than skin deep for beauty. And with the handclaps, the tambourine (yes tambourine) and the two acoustic guitar parts (one in the left speaker, one in the right speaker — each playing a slightly different part) if you close your eyes, you might just forget that this is supposed to be a hard rock album.

Maybe it's not the Best of Sammy Hagar, but it is Some of the Really Good of Sammy Hagar.
Christmas: done Hollywood style ('I'll have my people call your people and we'll hook up and do presents.')

By Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

This holiday season Hollywood has not been very giving when it comes to Christmas specials. With only the Tiny Toones Adventure to watch we're left watching reruns. Not that there aren't any good reruns around!

Some of the best includes all those Claymation-kind-of-peace-fuzz Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman and also the story of how Kris Kringle became Santa Claus. There's all the cartoons like The Jetsons, The Flintstones and The Grinch, but there's also the films...

**...Mattress to open after Christmas**

By Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

**THEATRE**

Starting on Dec. 29 and ending on Jan. 9 is the musical comedy, Once Upon A Mattress Presented in the SHU theatre under the direction of SHU's Matt Conley, and stage managed by SHU's Chris Nicholson and Amy Madison, the play centers around the age old tale of the prince and the pea. Also starring are other SHU students including: Matthew Harrison, Andy Czaplinski, Maritacres Cooney and Valerie Vakalis.

Once Upon A Mattress is based on the premise that no one can marry until Prince Dauntless, of the local royal family, finds a true princess to wed. Living up to his name, Dauntless is quite a momma's boy and if she had it her way, he would never find a mate. Meanwhile, all the young singles about the village wait impatiently for the right princess to come along and win Dauntless in marriage. One couple is even more impatient than the others, for they are expecting a baby and it won't look good for either if it is born to unmarried parents. Enter Princess Winifred, who is everything the Queen hates. She's loud, brash, slightly low class (by the Queen's standards), and completely irresistible to Dauntless. As he falls head over heels in love with Winifred, or Fred as she becomes known as, the Queen tries everything she can to ruin the chances of a wedding.

Once Upon A Mattress is filled with farce, slapstick, and beautiful and funny songs. It's definitely a musical for children and completely irresistible to parents. Once Upon A Mattress runs around 35 minutes and could cost just $1.00 so there's no excuse not to go see it. Get out and support SHU, thespians!

**The 2nd Shepard... won't be sheepish**

By Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

**THEATRE**

The play, a comedy, follows shepard's as they search for their stolen sheep and punish the guilty. Meanwhile they are on the go by the Angel Gabriel who tells them of the birth of Christ. Then they journey to Bethlehem to see him. Starring in the cast are Gowiski's Acting I class in their second performance this year, the first being Cristofero. The cast includes: Jenn Snene, Michael Champagne, Andrea Adams, Rick Reyes, Nick Acquilia, Jerry Nicoli, and Amy Romanus.

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Let's see, what would really make my chips perk?

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B-ball: second stringers play second half

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Freshman Kevin Valin, a 6-foot-7 center, played a majority of the second half, scoring eight points and grabbing six rebounds.

Gadsden finished with 22 points and six rebounds. He seems to be getting more focused so that he can help Robinson on defense. "Everybody has to work," Gadsden said. "We can't depend on Derrick Coleman: A realization that he is no longer the only good player on the Nets and a zipper for his mouth.

To Andre Dawson: A clue. He turned down a $3 million per year offer to sign with the Cubs. Hello McFly? Where is a 38-year-old player, with bad knees no less, going to find more money?

To New York Met Fans: The stomach to withstand all those cool windy nights playing for a second-class status in New York.

To Dave Bike: A continuation of the team's fast start and a return to the top in the near future (where they belong).

To Ed Swanson: Keep up the good job and keep the team winning.

To any player guarding Darrin Robinson: A pillow and a blanket and maybe a Murphy bed after "trying" to keep Mr. Robinson under 40 points. (And a strong stomach).

To Gary Rebo: All the best in recruiting and bringing in a quarterback.

To the Sacred Heart University Athletic Department: the return of the athletic scholarships that were discontinued two years ago.

Philip pulled down a game-high seven rebounds in the victory. Barkette had nine assists but only two points (1-for-3), which means that he still needs to shoot more. At one point in the first half, Bike actually yelled out to Barkette to shoot the ball.

Although the Pioneers stand at 4-2 and are showing some bright spots, they still have a very long road ahead of them. Conference play begins in January, and the NEC is one of the toughest leagues in the country. The Pioneers will have to work hard to improve on last year's disappointing 10-18 record.

Next up for SHU will be a trip to New Hampshire to face St. Anselm's on Saturday. Then the Heart will return home for a match up against Stonehill on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

Kim: holding her family and friends close to her heart

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McCullion's choice to come to Sacred Heart was basketball. "I can play basketball and that is very important to me," she said. She has also used the move to Sacred Heart as a chance for her to mature as an individual as well as on the court.

McCullion still holds her family close to her heart. "Since I have been in college I have realized how much my family means to me. I respect them. This has been a growing experience," she said. McCullion has carried this respect in maintaining friendships. Her friends are like family, "my best friends helped me when I was younger. I don't know where I would be without them. They helped me set my priorities. I took up to them and respect them," she said.

As a freshmen McCullion has not yet declared her major but is thinking of becoming an elementary teacher. She added, "I then want to get married, have three kids, and two dogs." Because of McCullion's love of children she is planning to join Big Brothers/Big Sisters this year. "I want to join because I would like to work with children. I like to teach them and would like to be able to give my "little sister" something to look up to."

So far McCullion has had quite a bit of playing time in which she hopes to grow as a player. She said, "I just hope the team keeps a positive attitude."
Both basketball teams soar

All-America guard Darrin Robinson breaks away for a layup in the Pioneers’ 96-68 romp over Bryant last Saturday. Robinson finished with 34 points and tied the school record for three-pointers in a game with six — a mark he previously shared. Robinson earned ECAC Player of the Week honors for the fourth time in the past two seasons. No. 15 is freshman Dan Catinino.

Men play like night and day, but still impress

Sacred Heart and Bryant played like night and day in this game.

Dribble it, pass it, Kim McCullion wants a basket

By Madelyn Dunlap
Sports Writer

"Dribble it! Pass it! We want a basket!" cheered newcomer, Kim McCullion at half court one evening during basketball practice.

At Nashua High School in New Hampshire, McCullion participated on both the volleyball team and basketball teams. During her senior year she received MVP for volleyball and also All-State. She also received MIP for basketball and All-State and All-Area.

One of McCullion’s favorite memories was to play in a State tournament game. "I will never forget our final basketball game last year. We won States and it was a great experience," she said.

McCullion carried that experience with her to Sacred Heart and has high hopes for the women’s basketball team. She believes that the depth of this year’s team will be an asset. "We have a good mixture of freshmen that can come off the bench and spark the team," she said.

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