Phone troubles still unresolved

By Brian Corasaniti
News Editor

Several months after its initial purchase and arrival at Sacred Heart University, the new phone switch has yet to be installed to help alleviate the phone problems that have plagued SHU this year.

According to George Krytschenko, acting chief information officer, SHU is hoping NEC will buy the switch from GTE, from whom SHU originally purchased the switch. SHU will then purchase the switch from NEC to prevent any legal problems that may arise with GTE. SHU ended their relationship with GTE last semester and are currently working with NEC.

"The switch that we have is from GTE and we have some legal things going on," said Krytschenko.

To temporarily free up phone lines, Krytschenko said SHU has installed seven T1 lines, which hold 24 phone ports each, to allow more accessibility to free phone lines.

Currently in South and West Halls, there are 658 students residing with 72 lines free for usage. Parkridge and Jefferson Hill share 48 lines each. Avalon Gates and Taft Commons both use a Centrex switch which route calls through SNET's switches as opposed to the SHU switch. Krytschenko said that all SHU housing will be getting a Centrex switch so calls will be routed through SNET, which has the capacity to hold the amount of calls being made from the residence halls.

Krytschenko also said that he is engineering the switches to

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Umoja: voice of leadership

By Danielle DeName
Staff Writer

Umoja, a new organization for African-American students was founded by three Sacred Heart University students in November. Keysha Whitaker, a sophomore from Bridgeport, Jesse White, a sophomore from Hartford and Shasky Charles, a junior from Seymour got together in the fall to establish an organization that promotes positive goals for African-American students.

Whitaker was interested in finding a group or organization, so she called the former adviser of UIAMMA, a club that had the same goals but has been inactive for a number of years. Whitaker worked closely with Tansiesha Mitchner, a senior from Harlem, N.Y., to gather information on how to build a constitution for a new organization at SHU.

While working with Mitchner, SHU students reach out to kids

Mentors send message; 'You Are Special'

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

Sacred Heart students are going back to third grade.

The "You Are Special" Mentor Program, in its first year, has paired SHU students with students at the Columbus Elementary School. Each mentor in the program spends one hour a week at the school with one student in the third grade class, and accompanies the boy or girl to scheduled events outside of school.

"You Are Special" was founded by Patricia Clarke, a VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) AmeriCorps volunteer and Phyllis Machledt, director of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs.

"The program has been really successful this far because we have wonderful mentors," said Clarke.

She calls the program the result of several things "falling together" at once. First, the Columbus School Principal contacted Sacred Heart about increasing the interaction between SHU students and Columbus students. Around the same time, Machledt received information about a grant being offered for mentor programs. The grant required that the applicant program be in place for a year, which made Sacred Heart unable to apply.

Machledt contacted Phyllis Gustafson, director of the School Volunteer Association (SVA), who applied for the grant to provide financial support for the "You Are Special" program.

The SVA had wanted to start a mentor program, but would have trouble recruiting mentors. Working with SHU provided what each group needed to start the program.

"It was a natural partnership," says Machledt.

Thirty-six third grade students at Columbus currently have mentors. Clarke and Machledt originally expected about 20.

The third grade was chosen for the "You Are Special" program for a number of reasons. Reaching kids at an early age has been shown to improve attendance, self-esteem and academic performance.

"Studies have shown that if you do intervention at the third grade level, it is a really pivotal point for a child," said Clarke.

Students from Columbus are chosen for the program by their teachers based on who the teachers feel would benefit most from having a mentor.

Clarke says the students from both Sacred Heart and Columbus are enjoying the experience.

"Other kids in the class see the kids with their mentors and they want one, too," she said.

Yolanda Motzalewski, a freshman from Bristol and "You Are Special" mentor, said, "I think it's great because it helps the community. You feel better about yourself because someone depends on you — you make someone feel good about themselves."

Fellow mentor Kathy Fortin, a sophomore from Goshen, N.H.,

Photo by Kerrie Darress

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Lecture this Wednesday
By Terri Williams
Contribute Writer

A lecture on the impact of Martin Luther King on American culture will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 10 in the Schine Auditorium. One of the several events coordinated for Black History Month, the forum will examine current functions and effects of cultural diversity within the academic community and the social environment at large.

The lecture, entitled, "Visions, Voices & Violence: A Message from the Mountaintop," will be presented by Kenneth V. Hardy, professor of marriage and family therapy at Syracuse University. Hardy is known for his work with troubled adolescents and their families and has appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show," "Dateline NBC," and "60 Minutes." "Parenting: Who's Raising Our Children?"

Hardy will focus his lecture on the vision left imprinted on American culture by Dr. Martin Luther King and will convey the positive drive and listening to King's message can have on cultural diversity. Hardy will also address the importance of challenging those acts of violence and hatred which threaten to undermine King's message.

A Luncheon Lecture, "Cultural Walls, Cultural Wars: Dialogues to Bridge Difference," follows at noon in SC 231. Hardy will focus this dialogue on the ease with which cultural differences can escalate into barricades to cultural understanding. "A model will be presented for how we can explore new dialogues that will move toward bridging the differences that have divided us for far too long," said Hardy.

"The first lecture will be for mal," said Grace Lim, assistant director of Student Life for International Programs.

Questions will be taken from the audience following Hardy's presentation. The Luncheon Lecture will be held in a small group environment where audience questions and comments can be addressed in greater detail, added Lim.

Many students say they are looking forward to the lectures. "I was excited to hear about the lecture series because awareness of cultural diversity is an asset to any community," said senior Laura Vardzik.

Switch: New T1 lines being installed as temporary fix until new switches can be purchased and installed throughout SHU

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allow data and voice communications, something the current switch is not designed for.

"We're engineering to the way the user community uses it... students are now using the laptops and phones almost religiously," said Kyrytschenko.

Kryytsachenko is planning on having three new phone switches for the Academic Building. East Hall and the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. Those switches will be used for each respective building.

According to Kryytschenko, the Centrex switch was supposed to be installed by SNET at Parkridge last week, but was not. Kryytschenko said the lines at Parkridge need to be rewired before the Centrex switch can be installed.

Plans are in place for installation of the current switch in the next six weeks barring any unforeseen problems, according to Kryytschenko.

"We killed ourselves with technology. Students are a lot more intelligent and use laptops more frequently," said Kryytschenko. "We're growing so fast, the reality is you have to plan ahead."

Kryytschenko said he encourages all students with problems to call the SHU Help Line (1-877-774-8435).

Umoja: African American group looking to spread unity and be positive role models

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Whitaker heard White and Charles wanted to build an organization as well. The four students got together with Grace Lim, assistant director of Student Life for International Programs and Cam Ferrar, assistant director of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, who is the active adviser of Umoja.

The name Umoja comes from the Swahili word that means unity. Umoja is the first seven principles of the Maulana Karenga, Kwazan. The first focus umoja means, "to strive for and maintain unity within the family, community, nation and race."

"Keysto and the rest of the students have great ideas. The group is really strong and they have worked very hard," said Lim. "Our main focus is to get all of the people of African descent together, to be strong together and show people who we really are, and to rid ourselves of negative perception," said Whitaker.

Umoja is responsible for the Black History Month opening ceremonies as well as other events this month. "One plan for this semester is to set up a panel of Umoja's members and speak to middle school students about college life. We want to let younger African Americans know that they too can go to college just as we did," said Whitaker.
CEO to receive honorary degree

Special to the Spectrum

Sacred Heart University will award an honorary degree to Jan R. Carendi, deputy chief executive officer of Skandia Group worldwide and CEO of American Skandia, in a Special Academic Convocation on Friday.

He will also give the keynote address, "American Skandia—Our First Ten Years," in the program, which will take place on campus in the Mahogany Room at 2 p.m.

Carendi is being recognized for his outstanding leadership of Skandia's U.S. operations in Shelton and for his nearly 30 years of success with the Swedish-based company. Last year, he was the recipient of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Born in Argentina to Swedish parents, Carendi came to this country in the fall of 1990 after two decades of achievement with Skandia in Mexico, South America and Sweden.

He spent nearly a decade as deputy chief executive of Skandia Mexico and four years as president and CEO Columbia Group before returning to Sweden in 1986 to become executive vice president and chief operating officer of International Life Operations, Skandia International Insurance Corp.

More recently, he was senior vice president and then senior executive vice president of Skandia Assurance Co., Ltd., and CEO of Skandia Assurance & Financial Services. He holds a number of directorships with Skandia throughout the world.

Under Carendi's leadership, American Skandia's assets under management have reached $19 billion.

SHU President Dr. Anthony Comens called Carendi, "a remarkable individual who has led American Skandia to new heights in a short period of time. We are pleased to have a strong partnership with this outstanding company and, indeed, we are blessed to have Mr. Carendi as a friend."

Prior to the convocation, Carendi will give a brief presentation on the topic, "Significance of Velocity in the Knowledge Chain," at 10 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

An exchange with faculty and MBA students will follow.

Carendi and his wife, Laura, live in Westport with their three daughters, Janine, Stephanie and Francesca.

Public Safety Releases from Jan. 26 to 31

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Jan. 26: 12:38 p.m.—Jefferson Hill resident reported being verbally harassed by another student.

8:44 p.m.—South Hall fire alarm caused by smoke from a cigarette.

9:28 p.m.—West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

10:09 p.m.—South Hall fire alarm; cause of alarm could not be determined.

Jan. 27: 7:11 a.m.—Jefferson Hill fire alarm; cause of the alarm not determined.

8:57 p.m.—West Hall fire alarm; cause of the alarm could not be determined.

Jan. 28: 3:29 a.m.—South Hall fire alarm; cause of the alarm could not be determined.

2:55 a.m.—Staff member reported a laptop was stolen from her office. Fairfield Police called and are investigating the larceny.

4:00 p.m.—Commuter student reported her vehicle was vandalized. Fairfield Police called and investigated the larceny.

6:44 p.m.—Taft Commons fire alarm caused by smoke from cooking. The building went into full alarm and was evacuated. Bridgeport Fire Department was called and then responded to incident.

6:55 p.m.—An athlete injured his ankle and was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

Jan 29: 9:09 a.m.—Jefferson Hill building door alarm was vandalized.

4:00 p.m.—South Hall resident reported his vehicle was stolen from the South Lot. Fairfield Police was called and investigated the larceny.

Jan. 30: 12:29 p.m.—South Hall resident became ill while lifting weights. 911 emergency personnel were called and responded. Responding officer returned to the hospital.

7:25 p.m.—Jefferson Hill fire alarm caused by smoke from cooking.

11:38 p.m.—Intoxicated, ill Jefferson Hill resident was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

Jan. 31: 1:24 a.m.—Visitor received medical treatment for injuries which he received during an off campus assault.

2:56 a.m.—Intoxicated, ill South Hall resident was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

3:24 a.m.—South Hall resident was transported to the hospital after being assaulted by another resident. Fairfield Police was called and investigated the assault.

Cloning lecture next week

By Danielle J. Lavi

Contributing Writer

A lecture on cloning will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 in the Schine Auditorium.

Thomas A. Shannon, a professor of Humanities at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will lecture on the cultural, ethical and theological implications of cloning.

According to Brain Stiltner, the director of the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics, Shannon might also talk about the cultural images associated with cloning.

"We may be only a few years away from the first cloned human child, so it's imperative to think about the ethical and legal issues before that happens," Brian Stiltner, director of the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics.

Stiltner, who organized the event, said, "Questions will be raised such as what rights would a clone in the form of a human have? Can it have a soul or human dignity?"

One of Shannon's books, Bioethics, is currently being used as a textbook at SHU for the Bioethics class this semester. It addresses ethical questions that surround the major, modern biological possibilities and problems.

Flyers were circulated around campus and Stiltner anticipates a good turn out. "It is a timely topic to be discussed," said Shannon.

According to Stiltner, "no research has been done on embryos due to the fact that no federal funding is available.

"I took Bioethics last semester and thought it was an interesting class. I found this particular topic very controversial," said Christina Vargo, a junior from Lynn, Mass.

"I'm looking forward to the lecture," she added.

Joy McClellan, a junior from Westbury, N.Y., agreed. "The lecture sounds cool. I'll try to make it because it is something different on campus and it has a lot to do with our future."

This is the second event that the Hersher Institute has sponsored since Stiltner became director.

"It is a relatively new program to promote ethics in all parts of the curriculum," said Stiltner. "It is geared toward both students and faculty."

The Old Gym... now and before change

All Photos by Kerrie Darress

(Above and below right) The Old Gym, as it is currently being used for student mass on Sundays.

The old gym last semester, when data jacks were being installed.

The men's locker room, which has yet to undergo a facelift.

The Old Gym... now and before change

By Kerrie Darress

The Old Gym, which opened in 1932 as the site of a physical education facility, is being reimagined for laboratory use.

"The gymnastics team is in a new room on the first floor of the old gym," said Sharon Cook, director of recreation. "The new room will accommodate 40 people."

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Editorials

Do we really need to clone a human being?

It has been a few years since scientists were able to successfully clone a sheep which has been begging the question, can it happen to us too?

Professor Thomas A. Shannon will shed some light on whether or not we can expect a human clone in the near future in a lecture next week.

Maybe the question isn’t if it is possible, maybe it’s more important to ask why is it necessary?

Do we really need five of each of us running around? What would be the reasoning behind cloning ourselves? We learned from the SHU Voices this week that some would like a clone to do all of their work for them. Have we really become that lazy? We have become so reliant on advances in technology that we are barely doing anything ourselves any way. Do we really need another one of ourselves doing things for us as well?

We hope that Sharon Z will address some of our aforementioned concerns at his lecture.

Would you kiss your mother with that mouth?

Who ya gonna call? Nobody!

Remember the Fall semester, when phone lines were so overloaded that making an off-campus call required an Act of God? Well, just when you thought it was safe to get back on the phone...the horror continues.

The phone and data lines are still inadequate for the University community’s needs. We’ve been living and working around an antiquated communications system for over half of the school year, and despite constant announcements that this or that is being done to fix the problem, many haven’t noticed a change.

Where did it all go wrong? Was it the fact that SHU failed to anticipate its needs for this year, thereby failing to compensate for the demand? Was it that once the problem was realized, the steps taken were too small? Was it that we have yet to pick one solution and stick to it? Maybe it was all of these.

While it’s true that students could help alleviate the pressure on the phone lines by calling at alternate times or rediscovering snail mail, the problem has gotten way out of hand, and it’s time more effective steps were taken toward resolving the situation.

The SHU Voices

If you could clone something, who or what would it be?

Geo Diaz
Sophomore
Stamford

“I would clone my best friend because he only lived 21 years of his life and left behind his daughter.”

Lena Jones
Junior
Stratford

“I would clone my mother because she is the only one I trust and I would love to have two of her around.”

David Bertoldi
Sophomore
Wrentham, Mass.

“I’d clone myself because I’d make them go to class and do all my work for me.”

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Professor inspired by recent e-mail about new millennium

By Sally Michlin, English Professor

Until last week, I gave very little thought to the coming of a new millennium, other than asking a salesperson if the computer I was ordering was Y2K compliant. I had the same attitude I have about every New Year’s Eve; the year is going to change whether I am watching the ball drop in Times Square or I am sleeping blissfully when the magic moments arrive. You get the picture, by now. I am simply, blase about the arrival of the baby New Year.

My indifference changed last week, when I received a mail from a colleague. An electrifying shiver went down my spine. It was simple enough, routine communication, requesting course selections for next fall and next spring, but it was the actual dates that gave me a jolt. Next fall’s semester wasn’t the “shocker.”

Seeing “Spring ‘00” was the eye opener, the catalyst of recognizing the magnitude of what is about to happen, two semesters from now. A once in a lifetime experience is going to occur. A new century will be arriving. History is in the making, and we are a part of it.

Spring ‘00! From the time I saw that in print, I have been, almost constantly, thinking of the last time that occurred, 1900. The century began with no electricity for the masses to a time when computers are commonplace. A span of one hundred years has taken us from travel to the Concord. It is mind boggling to think about all that has occurred in the 20th century. Pre-Vatican II, with Catholic beliefs needing dispensation to be in the vending parties of non-Catholics, seems like yesterday. Life without television, telephones, and dishwashers is not part of my life experience. What does stand out is that my attitudes have not changed in the half century of my life.

At the age of five, seeing racially labeled drinking fountains in the Miami, Fl. railroad station irrationally disgusted me. Elvis was a guy whose hair needed to be wasted. The Beatles needed haircuts. I could not understand why young people, my contemporaries, would have comfortable homes to hang out in Haight Ashbury with daily showers, experimenting with drugs, sexual promiscuity, and protesting everything and anything that bespoke establishment. My idea of rebellion, “backing the system,” was to steal Nancy Drew books under the blankets, when my parents expected me to be asleep.

From the moment of reading “Spring ‘00,” I have come to the realization that there is a constant thread in my life, in my temperament, and that condition is living a peaceful, “don’t rock the boat,” be polite, be calm philosophy. That does not mean a commitment to the status quo. It does mean that bringing about change should be accomplished in what I consider a civilized, ethical manner. In the proverbial nutshell, the Sacred Heart University community reflects the ethics of a majority of students. Perhaps, somewhere in Peterson’s, or any college directory, that describes our University, a phrase should be added, “A non-rebellious campus and community of reason, mutual respect, and learning, environment.”

Perhaps activism does not occur at SHU. Is that a statement that students and faculty are happy about everything, that all is perfect? The answer is, “No.”

It is unlikely that there is anyone on campus who has not been frustrated by telephones and voice mail, cable TV, FLIK food and prices, and the SHU Web. From my viewpoint, our University community expresses displeasure that fits my personal philosophy. Instead of what I consider inappropriate activism, we grumble, we complain to each other, we discuss, we write letters, and we form committees to deal with campus problems.

We are a peaceful academic community, a place where problems are resolved in a mature, sensible, way.

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When discussing First Amendment rights, freedom of speech, with students, I ask why students do not seem at professors, when too much homework, or an unwelcome exam, is given. My query always gets the same response, “Swearing at teachers is not respectful.” This response reflects the ethics of a majority of our students. “Respect” is an operative word at SHU. Obviously, seeing “Spring ‘00,” for the first time, in personal mail, has motivated me to reflect. Perhaps, somewhere in Peterson’s, or any college directory, that describes our University, a phrase should be added, “A non-rebellious campus and community of reason, mutual respect, and peaceful activism, intellectually, academically, and technologically ready for the new millennium.”

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Professor inspired by recent e-mail about new millennium puzzled me. Why students would risk, and experience, arrest was beyond my comprehension. Sit-ins, picketing, hunger strikes, campus boycotts and other radical behavior have never made any sense to me.

From UCLA Berkley, to college campuses in New England, these activist activities still occur. Students picket, go on hunger strikes, protest in every imaginable manner to make a point, whether the point is political or about campus conditions. My generation may have invented “Generation Gap,” but active rebellion has always been unfashionable, foreign, and uncomfortable for me.

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The Weather Corner

Today
High 50 Low 331
Rainy.

Friday
High 44 Low 26
Partly Cloudy.

Saturday
High 45 Low 25
Wintery mix to rain.
New fitness craze kicks its way into SHU

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

A new wave of fitness has swept the entire nation and is taking over college campuses by storm. The craze is called Tae Bo, and it’s drawing crowds of people to the Pitt Center five days a week.

Tae Bo is a blend of fitness that incorporates aerobics, karate, and boxing. It was developed by former karate expert Billy Blanks and has several celebrities like Shaquille O’Neal and Carmen Electra spending their free time in the gym pounding out spin kicks and right jabs.

“Billy Blanks’ main motivation for his new exercise is knowing that everybody wants to get in shape, and everybody wants results—but the key is to enjoy doing it,” said Starr Carn, assistant director of the Pitt Center, teaches Tae Bo five days a week and is astonished at the amount of students as well as their gym instructors who turn out for these one hour sessions.

“We started this program back in early November, but since the second semester started up we’ve been forced to turn people away,” said Farrar. “The participation is outstanding. I guess it has something to do with New Year’s resolutions.”

Farrar became interested in Tae Bo when he witnessed it on TV and realized the benefits of the new exercise. It was then that he called Blanks and started instructing the workouts himself. Sixty to sixty-five people cram into the aerobics room at the Pitt Center five days a week to experience this new thrill.

“Tae Bo when he witnessed it on late night info-mercials when something caught his eye. I was never interested much in aerobics, but these type of movements help with quickness and agility which make the workouts more interesting,” said Farrar.

Since then, Farrar has studied videotape on Blanks’ sessions and started instructing the workouts himself. Sixty to sixty-five people cram into the aerobics room at the Pitt Center five days a week to experience this new thrill.

Senior Nathan Risley believes that is no other greater feeling than completing one of these tremendous workouts. “I anticipate each and every workout because it leaves you exhausted yet determined to exercise again,” he said.

The one-hour workouts began with four sessions a week, but now because of heavy participation, have jolted to seven invigorating lessons per week. Farrar attributes much of the increased turnout to both sexes becoming involved and a variety of moves that keeps people coming back for more.

“At first 85% of the people taking the course were women, now more and more guys have shown interest,” said Farrar. “It peaks everyone’s interest and they anticipate coming back because it’s never the same routine.”

Lisa Grassi, who leads the workouts on Thursdays and Fridays believes that Tae Bo is so effective because of its constant movements which keep participants “on their toes.”

“There is only one break for about three minutes during the workout,” said Grassi. “Other than that, you’re continuously moving, and by the time it’s over you want to do it all over again.”

The sessions start on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and run through Friday mornings. Exact times are posted at the main desk of the Pitt Center.

Photos by Matt Duda

Greek Life springs into action as rush week for fraternities and sororities is set to begin next week.

Students can meet with members of the seven fraternities and sororities on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9 in room HC 202 at 10:10 pm.

The sororities include Beta Delta Phi, Delta Phi Kappa, Kappa Phi, and Phi Omega Tau. The fraternities include Lambda Sigma Phi, Omega Phi Kappa, and Sigma Delta Chi.

“I am excited and optimistic,” said Karen Manson, a graduate assistant in Student Activities.

Manson, who took over the position this semester as Greek life adviser, is thrilled to be a part of the event.

“I was told that 50 or so people usually rush in the spring,” said Manson.

Greek Life organizations comprise an integral part of the campus community. The Greek organizations assist the University in enhancing the learning process for all students. They also participate in many community service projects in the surrounding areas.

“We are always out performing community activity service like cleaning up parks,” said Marcos Risio, pledge master for Sigma Delta Chi. “It’s a good way to give back to the community.

Most students overburdened with work in the fall wait until the spring semester to rush when they have learned to manage their time more efficiently.

“Play field hockey in the fall and had no time to rush,” said Stacey Hilmer, a sophomore from Smithtown, N.Y. “I am definitely planning to attend the rush activities next week.

“I feel that spring pledging is better than fall because students are more familiar with fraternities and sororities on campus have to offer,” said Sheila Hilger, a sophomore from Garden City, N.Y.

Greek Life organizations are optimistic about Spring Rush and hope that it could be just as enjoyable as planned.

“We are looking forward to having a large, promising class,” said Gail Sue Capone, past president of Kappa Phi. “I pledged in the spring and find it favorable because students, especially freshmen are more comfortable with school.”

Students participate in an intramural basketball game in the Pitt Center

By Guy Fortunato
Contributing Writer

The intramural basketball season will take the court on Feb. 22 and continue through the second semester.

The event is sponsored by the Intramural Sports Committee and is available to any students that can play without pay.

“There are no fees to participate in intramural sports, and it is a great way to get involved,” said Lisa Grassi, student director for intramural sports.

Basketball headlines spring intramurals with intramurals because it cuts down on my procrastination with studying.”

For many students the intramural basketball season is one of the highlights of the school year. “Basketball is a healthy outlet for me and it’s great because there are all levels of competition out there,” said Jeff Lord, a sophomore from Garden City, N.Y.

“You have both friendly games and real physical games depending on what you feel like,” he said.

Intramural basketball season will take place in the Pitt Center and rosters should be submitted no later than Feb. 16.
Club to teach kids about environmental safety

By Joe Longo
Contributing Writer

This semester, the Environmental Club plans to reach out to schools in the area to teach children a bit more about their environment. Depending on cooperation from local schools and the University administration, the club hopes to hold the first lecture in the Mahogany Room or the Ryan Matura Library.

“We work hand and hand with the kids on small environmentally relevant craft’s and some actual planting,” said Club President Nick Fiore.

Fiore explained that this connection is special because both parties learn from each other and they work towards the same goal in making the environment much safer.

“The cultural and ordinary insight that is received is unbelievable,” said Fiore. “Club members feel this is one of the most rewarding experiences of the semester.”

Students who can present some interesting ideas and concepts for further exercises should consider joining the environmental club.

Currently the club is made up mostly of women, who have been members for three years. According to Fiore, the club is looking for more diversity in its members and encourages all people to join.

“We are extremely friendly and open to whatever ideas and activities you can offer to our club,” said Fiore.

Plans to contact outside funding has been made so the University will not be faced with an additional fee.

Ski trip to Sugarbush to be sponsored

By Scott Frisora
Contributing Writer

A skiing trip sponsored by the Ski and Snowboarding Club and the Outing Club is slated for the weekend of Feb. 19 to 21 in Vermont.

The excursion will take place at Sugarbush, one of the most highly regarded ski and snowboarding parks in the New England area.

The trip is open to all students, and members of the Ski and Snowboarding Club are encouraging people to join.

“We are hoping to get well over 40 people,” said Aaron Chrostowski, a junior member of the Ski and Snowboarding Club. “We have many people signed up right now and we are looking for more to go,” he said.

The trip is a package deal through “Snow Search,” a company that handles the University’s ski and snowboarding expeditions. The entire package costs $185 for the first 40 SHU students to sign up, and $206 for non-students.

The package will include transportation, a two-day lift pass at Sugarbush, two nights at a mountain view condominium with a jacuzzi and indoor pool, as well as transportation to local night activities. The condos will house a maximum of six people, and there will be an extra charge on ski and snowboard rentals if needed.

Beginner and experienced snowboarders alike are looking forward to an exciting weekend on the slopes of Sugarbush.

“I just started snowboarding and cannot wait to go,” said Rob Adzima, a junior from Trumbull, Conn.

Adzima hopes to learn more about the sport from experienced snowboarders during the trip.

“I am looking forward to a lot of fun as well as a good learning experience,” said Adzima.

The bus will depart in front of public safety on Feb. 19 at noon and will return Feb. 21 at around 10 p.m. Tickets are available at the Student Activities Office in Hawley Lounge.

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Campus Happenings

“A Campus of Difference”
A diversity management session will be presented for faculty and staff on Friday from 1-4 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Ambassador Program for students
International students and African-American students will act as ambassadors to local public schools to teach about various African cultures. Sponsored by the International Club and UMOJA.

Art Exhibit Reception
Lou Hicks’ exhibit will be opening at a reception on Feb. 7 from 1-4 p.m. in the Art Gallery. He will give a lecture on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

Jazz performance in Mahogany Room
A jazz trio of piano, bass, and drums will perform music from the Standard Jazz Repertoire on Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for students and $8 for non-students.

Dance Performance at Hoop Game
Project Concern, a youth group from Boston, will put on a hip-hop dance performance during halftime of the men’s basketball game versus UB on Monday at 7:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students.

Compiled by Mike Kuchar
Students agree, live music fulfills ‘Wildest Dreams’

By Rob Loud
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart’s celebration of Black History Month will come to a close with the band Wildest Dreams, Feb. 25.

The band, who is based in Boston, Mass., will play in the Theater. Their shows involve dancing and percussion.

Grace Lim, assistant director of student life for international programs, said, “They are a professional group who we couldn’t afford for awhile.”

Lim went on to say, “The Coca-Cola Corporation made it possible for the band to appear on campus by giving the school a grant.”

With their distinctive blend of music, the band has learned to reach all audiences.

A representative of Golden Rough Productions, with whom Wildest Dreams works, said “Wildest Dreams” performances are effective in large or small venues and the band has proven appeal to diverse audiences.

In addition to their own songs, the band covers artists such as Bob Marley, Paul Simon and Peter Gabriel.

Wildest Dreams has performed at Boston’s First Night, and the 1994 World Cup.

Elena Rosero, a sophomore from East Meadow, N.Y., said, “I seen an entire film), he knows a lot of motion pictures (he has never

In the past ten years, but his uncle used to

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The building could also be called an “art-house.”

There are no garish lights that would attract attention. The architecture and design is old-fashioned, down to its billboard of featured films.

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In fact, even the inside design is old-fashioned Art-Deco, plagued with chipping paint and cracked concrete floors.

While holding a strip of the celluloid film, Sabados said, “To me, all a movie is, is ribbons of film.”

But he is able to elaborate on some of the theater’s history, and explain some of its significance since its opening, in 1922.
All-star cast finds love, 'Playing by Heart'

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

Formerly titled “Dancing About Architecture,” "Playing by Heart" is a character-driven drama about the sometimes funny, sometimes painful and always complex ways love can touch your life.

Set in Los Angeles, the film weaves in and out of the lives of a group of people of varied generations and lifestyles.

They are all of experiencing love in one of its many maddening stages. Some people are finding it, others are losing it. What they have in common is an intense desire to express how love makes them feel.

All of these people — strangers, lovers and family — are transformed by a series of unsettling events that bring into focus just how complex and how wonderful love can be under the right circumstances.


The perfectly matched Connery and Rowlands deliver the most memorable performances as Paul and Hannah, an upscale married couple trying to overcome a problem involving a woman from Paul’s past.

Anderson plays Meredith, a director of players who’s disappointing track record with men leaves her closed-off to small others. Stewart is the architect that just won’t let her get away, despite her attempts. Jolie is wonderful as the fast talking and wildly flamboyant Joan, whose heart is broken again and again by Keenen (Phillippe).

"Playing by Heart’s" director, Willard Carroll, who’s prior work includes the animated children’s film, "The Brave Little Toaster," proves he can do more than just cartoons.

Carroll focuses on the night life of the characters, inviting us into their homes and accompanying them to the places they like to go, which establishes a nice connection to the audience. Carroll also wrote the witty and humorous script that will make you laugh and cry.

"Playing by Heart" is definitely worth the trip to the theater. Its stories are likely to touch the audience and all people can relate to one of the on-screen couples.

The incredible cast delivers top notch performances and the surprising and satisfying conclusion is bound to make you smile.

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Favorite Actress in a Comedy Series: Jill Egan, Home Improvement
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Favorite Broadcaster: Terry Bradshaw, Fox
Editor’s Choice Award: Drew Carey
Best Show You’re Not Watching: 7th Heaven

A&E Briefs

Coffeehouse celebrates Black History Month

The International Center presents its second coffeehouse of the spring series. An African-American coffeehouse will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Teller and Troubadour, a storytelling duo, will be telling traditional stories from Africa and the Americas. Admission is free for students.

Hawley Lounge “Brown Bag Film Series”

As a participant in Black History Month, Hawley Lounge will be showing a different movie each weekday from 1-3 p.m. Emails will be sent daily announcing the title and showtime of each film. For more information, see Kim Timpany in the Student Union office.

Cloning discussion given by WPI professor

A lecture, called "Cultural, Ethical and Theological Implications on Cloning," will be given Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium. The discussion will be given by Thomas A. Shannon. Shannon is a professor of religion, philosophy and professional ethics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Admission is free, and the discussion is open to the public.

Rusted Root announces tour dates

Rusted Root announced the first dates of its 1999 Spring tour. Rusted Root will hit Conn. Feb. 17, at New Haven’s The Palace. For more information, contact Mercury Records Media & Artist Relations at (212) 333-8364.
Close call dooms Pioneers

By Jason Havelka
Staff Writer

A controversial call kept the Sacred Heart men’s volleyball team from defeating last year’s NCAA Division II champions, East Stroudsburg in one of last Thursday’s matches.

In a home match that lasted more than three hours and took five games, the Pioneers started out strong, taking the first game 16-14, before dropping the next two 14-16 and 11-15.

Sophomore Matt Vetro (Merrick, N.Y.) recorded eight of his game-high 30 kills in the match’s fourth game to help Sacred Heart come back to tie the match at two games a piece.

Sacred Heart then served for the match at 14-15 in the fifth and final game, when a lifting penalty called on one of the Pioneers’ outside hitters cost the team the point it appeared to win the match.

East Stroudsburg then defeated the Pioneers, 19-17, in the final game.

Head coach Scott Carter was angered by the referee’s call.

“This was one of the most controversial calls I’ve ever seen out of my teams at the highest level of volleyball I’ve seen in the Sacred Heart,” said Carter.

“We are probably playing the highest level of volleyball I’ve ever seen out of my teams at Sacred Heart,” said Carter.

“The players are coming together well as a team, and making excellent on-court decisions which attribute to our good results so far,” Carter said.

Vetro currently leads the nation in hitting percentage among all Division I and II teams.

Carter says setter Brian Cotte continues to run the offense smoothly and effectively, making excellent on-court decisions.

The Pioneers look to improve their record tonight in the Pitt Center when they square off against Rivier College at 7 p.m.

Photo by Matt Duda
Randazzo nears 3-point records, but insists he's more than just a shooter

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

"Get it to Shooter! Get it to Shooter!"

The fan in the front row rises from his seat in the William H. Pitt Center and gestures wildly with his fists, seemingly threatening violence to the player who doesn't follow his instruction.

Thankfully, the ball is swung cleanly through the net.

The total time of the triple jump was 4:20:01, which also broke SHU's 4x4 record. The team, along with Cheever, consisted of freshman Celli Falco, Shawah, and freshman Shandra Fraser. Falco also won the 55-meter-dash (7.9) and the 200-meter sprint (28.2).

Runners win at Stony Brook

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

SHU's indoor women's track team defeated three teams at the University at Stony Brook Quad Meet this past Sunday.

The women won the meet over Quinnipiac College, Wagner College, and St. John's University.

The men's team placed second against these teams, losing to Stony Brook 78-80.

The men's jumpers eased past their competition. Senior co-captain Morrisse Hart won the triple jump with a leap of 44'8".

Sophomore Mike Benedetto lead the long jump, breaking his own school record with a jump of 21' 2".

Benedetto also landed a 42'1" jump in the triple jump, placing second behind Hart.

Randazzo about his upcoming graduation from Sacred Heart. "I want to be thought of as a guy who did everything he could to make the team win."

Randazzo's coach, Dave Bike, says that the Oceanside, N.Y., native is a much better player than when he arrived on campus three years ago. "He's a kid that each year got better," Bike said. "He didn't limit his improvement to just his freshman or sophomore year, and that's important."

Randazzo's numbers suggest that he is more than just a shooter. He leads the team in scoring (16.7), is second in steals (1.3) and third in assists (2.6). He leads the team in free-throw percentage at 82 percent.

The home crowd rises to its feet, the fan/coach wannabe screams his approval and Sacred Heart Invitational in Providence, R.I. this weekend.

"I don't want to be remembered as just a shooter. I want to be thought of as a guy who did everything he could to make the team win."

John Randazzo

Randazzo began the season fourth place on SHU's all-time list for three's made with 101. He's buried 65 for this season, pushing him into second place, ahead of Sean Williams and ex-teammate Johnny Barkette.

SHU legend Darrin Robinson tops Randazzo with the career record of 219. So far he's equaled his output from last year, third most for a SHU player in a single season. Pioneers two-time All-American, Monmouth, owns the top two spots with 75 in the 1992-'93 season and 72 in 1991-'92. With just seven games left in his career, the season mark looks well within Randazzo's grasp. To achieve the career mark, he'll need to average 7.6 treys per game.

He'd own it if a torn quadriceps muscle hadn't sidelined him for 10 games his sophomore year.

Randazzo doesn't concern himself with these numbers. "If I break the records, that's great. If not, then that's fine with me," he said.

What makes his numbers all the more amazing is that he didn't start playing the game until he was 12. Soccer became his sport of choice at age 5.

He earned All-County recognition in the sport at Oceanside High School and planned to play both in college. "It was just too much," Randazzo said about the workload that soccer would have brought to his college schedule.

SHU is 7-13 this season but eight of the losses were to Division I schools. "The best part (of the season) was hitting the game winner against Monmouth," said Randazzo, referring to his three-pointer that edged the Division I foe, 63-61, on Nov. 18.

"After the game my father came onto the floor and we hugged. It was really a special moment," he added.

Randazzo calls his father, John senior, his best friend and credits his dad and mother, Patricia, for rearing him. "I wouldn't change anything about how I was brought up," he said. "I want to raise my kids the same way they raised me."

Randazzo's parents, who can be found in the stands at every SHU game, home and away, turn their son's praise. "He's a fighter and he's had to be to have gotten to where he is," said his mother.

"He thinks I sometimes am disappointing him," said John Sr. "He's never disappointed me. He's a super kid."
Randazzo-led Pioneers slam first place NHC

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

A pair of three-pointers by senior guard John Randazzo helped Sacred Heart fend off a late rally and top conference leader New Hampshire College 81-70 last Saturday at the Pitt Center.

The win gives the Pioneers a 7-13 record, 6-5 in the New England Collegiate Conference. NHC dropped to 14-6, 10-2.

The game began with senior forward Dave Fesko sinking his first five shots. Fesko had 18 points in the first half and finished with 21 on 10-23 shooting. Fesko led his team into halftime with a 36-27 lead.

The Penmen clawed their way back into the game with a 16-3 second half run that made the score 66-63 with 3:33 left.

With two minutes remaining in the game and SHU clinging to a 64-65 lead, Randazzo hit his third three of the game. His fourth came with 51.1 seconds left and took the air out of NHC.

SHU Head coach Dave Bike said that Randazzo’s key shots have come all season. “He’s been consistent all year,” Bike said.

Randazzo finished with a game-high 23 points on 5-9 shooting, 4-3 from three point range. Randazzo has made 65 three’s this season, matching his career-high from a year ago.

Randazzo credited Fesko for getting the team on track in the first half. “They were playing a tight defense,” he said. “Dave had the hot hand so we got him the ball.

Fesko and Randazzo may have done the scoring, but it was sophomore forward Andrew Hunter that made the Alumni Day crowd of 1,000 rise from the bleachers.

In one instance, Hunter took a pass from Fesko on a fast break, snaked through two defenders and shook the earth with a forceful one-handed dunk before getting fouled. A second-half reverse jam again brought the crowd to its feet and gave SHU a 61-47 lead.

SHU travels to Albany State this Saturday for a 7 p.m. game.

The Pioneers return home on Monday for a 7:30 p.m. game against Bridgeport.

Icemen melt Iona Gaels with two-game sweep

By Adam Laganae
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart icemen swept Iona this weekend by scores of 8-4 and 7-3. It is the second time that SHU swept an opponent this season.

The Pioneers were led by freshman Chris Mokos, who had three goals and an assist on Friday and another goal and three assists on Saturday, earning eight points in two days. Freshman Chris Ferazzoli tallied four goals and three assists for SHU. Three of the four came on Saturday. Also tallying high was junior defenseman Derek Young, who had one goal and four assists on the weekend.

“It’s good to start winning,” said team captain Young. “We have our offense, but managed to score 15 goals in the two games. This gives the ’O’ a lot of confidence.”

Young stressed the importance of on the team’s need to improve and put the pack in the net.

“Scoring is what we need to do in order to be successful.”

Senior centerman Billy Demetrades mentioned the confidence boost the team got heading into their next games. The Pioneers faced Quinnipiac on Tuesday and have a home-and-home with American International this weekend.

“The Quinnipiac game is a big game to go into with that confidence,” said Demetrades. “It is with our offense, but managed to score 15 goals in the two games. This gives the ‘O’ a lot of confidence.”

SHU goalie Alexi Jutras-Binet covers the puck from an Iona player.

Bresnahan steals win from hapless Penwomen

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

The Sacred Heart women’s basketball team ran away with a 93-58 victory against the winless Penwomen of New Hampshire College last Saturday in the Pitt Center.

The win pushed the Lady Pioneers’ overall record above .500 at 11-10 and upped their New England Collegiate Conference record to 8-4, giving them sole possession of third place.

Senior captain Jessica Bresnahan achieved yet another milestone in her career, seizing the record for most steals in a career with 62.

Before Saturday’s game Bresnahan needed only four more steals to capture the mark and her seven steals against NHC did the trick.

Bresnahan took the all time steals lead against SCSU on Jan. 25.

Bresnahan also had seven assists in the game, just one shy of placing her in the record books for having the fourth highest career assists total.

“The team has been playing harder and more aggressive," said Bresnahan. "The season is ending fast. I know we’ll finish out strong.”

Bresnahan and junior center Heather Yablonski shared as leaders in scoring with 14 points each. Bresnahan had five boards in the game, Yablonski had four.

Six Pioneers scored double digits against the Penwomen Leslie Newhard and junior Katie Toole had 12 points each, O’Neill 11 and junior Dawn Warner had 10 to go with Bresnahan, Yablonski and Newhard’s totals.

SHU has five games left this season, all of which are conference games.

The team returns to action Saturday at the University of Albany before returning for a 5:30 p.m. contest on Monday against the University Bridgeport at the Pitt Center.