Survey says... SHU not so "dry"

By Julie Ann Nevero Editor-in-Chief

An annual survey of freshman norms conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles revealed that beer drinking, abortion and casual sex are supported in higher numbers by Sacred Heart University freshman than by the national average in these same categories.

The study, a project of the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP), polled 275,811 freshmen students at 469 of the nation’s two and four-year institutions.

Freshmen filled out a questionnaire in freshman seminar classes in the fall which were then sent to UCLA to be tabulated.

When the results came back, Dean of Freshman Mike Bozzone compared the national numbers to the results at Sacred Heart and copies were distributed to all freshman advisors.

The national numbers showed a slight decline in beer drinking reporting that 51.6 percent of college freshmen admitted to drinking beer frequently or occasionally, down from 52.7 last year, while at SHU, which is a dry campus, 68.6 percent of freshmen drink beer.

The same was true for wine and liquor; the national number was 54.9 percent at SHU it is 69.6.

Bozzone believes the fact that most college freshmen drink stems from trying to fit into a social group.

"College freshmen come to college expecting that they need to drink," said Bozzone. "Those who don’t usually do in order to fit in. It’s hard to establish a group."

He said this is something we should know about, so we know how to "manage the campus."

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Fights lead to suspensions for two students

By Matt Duda Sports Editor

Two separate altercations involving two Sacred Heart athletes and one former athlete, which took place on Jan. 31 and Feb 5, have resulted in two suspensions.

The first incident involved Jameel Keels, a freshman linebacker from Norwalk, who allegedly assaulted another freshman. According to Dean of Students Larry Welk, and Fairfield police reports, Keels attacked freshman Marc Gregory of Cromwell in the fifth-floor kitchen of South Hall.

Gregory said he and two friends were cooking food at 3:20 a.m. when Keels and several other individuals came onto the floor. Gregory’s companions exchanged words with Keels and his companions, then, according to Gregory, “he came over and hit me for no reason.”

Keels received a suspension from campus and cannot return to his dorm until Feb. 15. Welk said that Keels also must serve weekend suspensions from campus housing, perform community service, and undergo counseling.

Gregory was treated at St. Vincent’s Medical Center and released. Fairfield police said they are investigating but no arrests or charges have been made. Keels was unavailable for comment.

The second incident involved two juniors, former SHU basketball guard Shawn Jones of Windsor and Chris Wilkinson, a tight end on the football team from New Hartford, N.Y.

According to Welk and Di-
News Briefs

Alumni scholarship deadline in two weeks
The Alumni Executive Council Scholarship deadline for application submission is Feb. 26.

To be eligible, applying students must have completed a minimum of 30 credits by January and be attending Sacred Heart University full-time as a junior or senior for the 1999-2000 academic year when the scholarship funds will be credited.

Application materials are available in the offices of Campus Ministry, Student Life and University Financial Aid. All申请s must be typewritten. Completed applications should be sent to: Office of Alumni Relations Scholarship Committee, c/o Jim Meeker, Sacred Heart University, 5151 Park Ave., Fairfield, Conn., 06432-1000.

SHU awarded $15,000 foundation grant
Sacred Heart University has received a $15,000 grant from the Chase Manhattan Foundation in support of its Science, Math, Area Resource Center.

The Chase Manhattan Foundation is an independent, tax-exempt organization, providing gifts to non-profit agencies throughout the United States.

The funds will be used to provide hands-on teacher enhancement workshops in the areas of chemistry, physics, biology and educational technology. Each year, more than 700 teachers from throughout Connecticut come to SHU to take these workshops.

"Teachers and students learn by doing," said Babu George, professor of chemistry and SMART Center director. "All of the workshops are hands-on in nature and will equip the teachers with the materials and knowledge needed to implement the experiments in their classrooms on a discovery basis."

SHU students participate in math contest
A team of Sacred Heart University students participated in the 1998 Mathematical Contest in Modeling sponsored by COMAP. The team members were: Brian Bunnell, Mike Koosa and Brandon Lyons.

They spent the weekend along with several other undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and several other countries on one for the competition.

They wrote up a report of their results and submitted it for judging by a panel of experts from industry and academia.

The solution papers will be judged in March.

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Campus Minister Tricia Leonard Pasley reads in the old chapel.

Some students said that since SHU has a religious affiliation there should be a chapel that feels more permanent.

"Religion is an important aspect of life at Sacred Heart University. Each week about 350-450 students attend mass, no matter where it's being held. We hope to keep all the positive energy on campus that we can. I hope we can find a permanent solution to this," said Justin Venech, a graduate assistant at campus ministry from Bridgeport.

Winter Weekend Getaway Ski Trip cancelled
The Winter Weekend Getaway Ski Trip has been cancelled. Students who already signed up for the trip are encouraged to see Mike Moylan, operations assistant in the Student Union Office.

1998 Sacred Heart Yearbooks available now
The 1998 Sacred Heart University Yearbooks have arrived for SHU students. They are free to all full-time students from the 1997-1998 academic year in the Prologue Office.

Mandatory meeting for pre-nursing students
There is a series of meetings with Linda Strong coming from Feb. 24 to March 18. The meetings are from 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 23 in the Mahogany Room, 2 to 3 p.m. in SC-208 on Feb. 24 and 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on Feb. 25 and March 18 in the Mahogany Room and mandatory for pre-nursing students to attend one session.

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Fight: Two SHU athletes on suspension due to altercation

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Jones said, Wilkinson said that the fight never should have occurred. "I don't think he should have been in school here this year," said Wilkinson. "After he got kicked off the basketball team and other stuff, I don't think he should have been here."

Jones returned to his Windsor home on Monday, seemingly with no intent on returning to SHU. "I don't think he should ever come here again," said Dutton.

Jones said that the fight with Wilkinson is over and he is trying to put it behind him. "It was just a fight. He started it, I finished it,"
Freshman: Support alcohol, sex and abortion

Abuses, the West hall 362 bath­ room, which suf­ fered extensive damage early Tuesday morn­ ing, is left. Buildings and Grounds worker Dan Jacox with a damaged toilet. The total dam­ ages incurred are estimated at $2,805.

Photos by Kerrie Darres

West Hall damage disaster

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

An early morning rampage left the third and first floors of West Hall with $2,805 worth of damage on Tuesday.

A report by Maintenance shows most of the damage concent­ rated to the 302 bathroom. A stall was ripped down and destroyed in the hallways, and toilet paper dispensers throughout are missing and screens, wall tiles, sink handles and shower heads all must be replaced.

In the kitchen, screens were damaged and coils pulled out of the oven. Also, bulletin boards were ripped down and destroyed in the hallways, and toilet paper dispensers in the 311 bathroom were removed and missing.

The damages are estimated to have taken place between 4 and 5:30 a.m. Director of Residential Life Cathy Rayris says her office is currently working to find the guilty parties.

"Public Safety and ourselves are collecting reports from everyone on that floor," she said. "We have some leads, and we’re fol­ lowing them.

She also said that students wishing to file anonymous reports will be permitted to do so.

"We don’t want to charge everyone, we want to find who did it," said Rayris.

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abortion and casual sex. Abortion was supported by 50.9 percent of freshmen who had driven in West Hall while 49.1 percent supported it at SHU. Nationally, 39.6 percent of freshmen sup­ ported casual sex stating that, "If two people really like each other, it’s all right for them to have sex even if they’ve known each other for a very short time" whereas it was supported by 47.7 percent of freshman at Sacred Heart.

Freshmen feel that their own in­ sight with regard to the high num­ bers in these categories. "Newners, college students want to experience life and this is the way they rebel," said Gaetano Marra, from West Haven.

Most freshmen believe that on-campus drinking is heavily practiced at SHU.

Marra said he always hears people talking about weekend plans and that they usually always involve alcohol. "I live on the first floor so I hear everyone stumble into the dorm after a night out," he said. Marra believes that in a Catholic college he should be concerned but says there’s not much we can do about it. "I think they drinking and casual sex are just stages in our life that we have to get through to make us better people in the long run.

Jessica Andrade, from Lakeville, Mass., thinks that the reason why freshmen drink on campus is because there is nothing else for freshmen to do. A lot of us (freshmen), don’t have cars so we can’t really go anywhere, like a club," she said. She too has seen evidence of drinking in the freshman dorms. "There are always beer cans in the elevators on weekends," she said. "People are obviously too loud.

Beer cans? Shouting? Where are the Resident Assistants, one might ask? Andrade says she has heard of people who are doc­ umented for their behavior but be­ lieves that a lot of people get away with it as well.

As a Catholic University, Andrade says that drinking isn’t doing nothing to do with it. "Being a Catholic University doesn’t re­ quire us to be any more moral than others," she said. "If anything, as a Catholic University, we should be concerned with those students who supported abortion.

On a lighter note, Sacred Heart was ahead of the game in Volunteerism. Nationally, 42.1 percent of freshmen volunteer at least one hour a week. At Sacred Heart, 52.3 percent of freshmen volunteer.

Surveyors say the study is conducted to "provide a norma­ tive profile of the American fresh­ man population for use by indi­ viduals engaged in policy analy­ sis, human resource planning, campus administration, educa­ tional research, and guidance and counseling," and Bozzone be­ lieves it does just that.

He and other freshmen advis­ ers use the study when discus­ sing what changes they should make in the Freshman Seminar class.

“It is an instructional tool,” Bozzone said. “It tells us what the student’s priorities are, what their thoughts are and how to take care of them.”

PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

Public Safety Releases from Feb. 1 to Feb. 7

Feb. 1: 1:22 a.m.- Parkridge resident reported students were vandalizing a picnic table. Officers responded and found a damaged chair and trash strewn about the area. The responsible students were brought to the Public Safety Office and to press criminal charges against a student that had been witnessed by him on Jan. 31. Fairfield Police were notified and responded.

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Editorials

Students: Put down your dukes and talk

The recent suspension of two Sacred Heart University students for fighting is a sad example of how out of control the use of fighting has become in resolving disagreements.

Granted, Sacred Heart is not Riker's Island, but it is not Woodstock either. We are all adults here who should behave accordingly. Are we all such simpletons that violence has become our problem solver? And at an institution of higher education, and one with a Catholic tradition to boot, what message do we send when the school has to suspend our students for fighting?

And what is solved by the situation? It is hard to believe they could not have solved their problem any other way than to break out respective cans of whoop ass on each other. It isn't likely that the thought of talking out their differences occurred to them, and that is a shame.

If we as students want to be treated as adults, we must act like them first. And if we decide to act no better than a pack of lions fighting over a mate, then we should expect to be treated like them as well.

Don't love just on Valentine's Day

It's almost here. February 14 is St. Valentine's Day. A day when we are supposed to recognize the ones we love. Couples all over the nation plan romantic getaways and intimate evenings. They spend months planning for a single day which begs the question, what makes this day so special?

If you are in love with someone, you love them everyday. Why do we have to set aside a day when people should love each other more? And what happens when the day is over? Do we stop loving them? We should give and receive this love every day of the week.

All this does is make those who haven't been hit by the cupid's arrow feel bad about not being in love. If you don't have a companion, the day does nothing for you. They can't even turn on the television without seeing some sappy, romantic love story.

There are other people besides a partner to love on Valentine's Day, like our parents, our siblings and friends, yet the day's focus seems to be on lovers in love. Don't forget to love them. Not just on Valentine's Day, but every day of the year.

Wielk encourages all to remember the University’s mission

Even though the days haven't been as cold as usual at this time of the year (which we have had) has barely affected our days, this has in some ways become the 'winter of our discontent' at Sacred Heart. A series of violent incidents, which began in early December and has continued through the early part of this semester, is both deeply disturbing and quite alarming to those of us who strive daily to form a community in the Catholic intellectual tradition centered on the principles of our University Mission Statement.

In four of the past five week-ends in which classes were in session this semester, fighting occurred, either by one or more members of the Sacred Heart community against another or others has been seen at least three hospitalized and two others that required some form of medical attention. In all four of these incidents, not to my surprise, but nonetheless to my disappontment, alcohol was a contributing factor.

These recent acts of physical violence and drinking (by both of age and under age students alike) are ones that we as faculty and administrators grapple with constantly in the student development process. These incidents go far beyond these surface issues and smacks right at the heart of what Sacred Heart is all about: our ability to respect the dignity and worth of each and every individual within our community.

To refresh all of our memories, let me repeat for you the first paragraph of our University Mission Statement:

"From its founding, the University has been recognized for its caring approach to students. This expresses the University's belief that each student is born with a unique set of qualities and skills. It respects the personal and academic freedom of each of its students while, at the same time, fostering a genuine experience of community. By so doing, it creates the environment in which each person in the University shares in the common goals and common commitment to truth, justice and concern for others."

At this time I would like to issue a challenge to all of us in the Sacred Heart University community to visit these core values of the University Mission Statement in all that we do each day.

And, let's not be afraid to stand up to those that fail to meet the challenge; when you hear language that is unsuitable in the hallways, stop and point it out. Instead of people riding buses to bars, let's fill up the buses to the hockey rink to cheer on our men's and women's teams. And, instead of lining up in the Dean of Students office for a judicial hearing, let's all correct our sights on the Dean's List for academics.

This challenge will need to be taken up on all fronts, not just by the students. The Student Affairs staff are working with the students to facilitate programming that educates and provides a social environment outside of the classroom that leads to a cohesive community of Christian learners.

The faculty continue to work to raise the bar for academics in a rigorous way that challenges each and every student consistently. And, if need be, myself and Public Safety will have to raise the level of enforcement and subsequent sanctions on campus.

Up until now, these violent acts have carried immediate suspensions from the residence halls. Effective immediately, I am putting education and programming at the forefront of enforcement and subsequent sanctions on campus.

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As we near the start of the Lenten season and interestingly enough, Ash Wednesday falls right in the middle of Peace and Love week on campus, let us all come together as a community to reclaim the dignity of the human person and to act with a sense of civility and decency towards each other.

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**Letters**

**STUDENT Frustrated by Tel-Com Problems**

**Letter to the Editor:**

I woke up one morning last week at 7:30a.m. by my phone ringing. My father called explaining that my grandmother had become very sick. He wanted me to call my grandmother and commented that it had taken him an hour to get through to my phone. It then took my father an hour to call my grandmother, who was very sick but happy that I had called.

After that situation was resolved, I went to school to continue my day. I went to the library to print out a paper in the computer lab down stairs. Apparently no computers in the lab were able to print out to the printer. The only computers that worked were reserved for the learning disabled. I asked the reference secretary if I might be able to use those computers for one page paper. She flatly refused me and walked out of the lab.

I walked then to the computer lab in the school, to print out my paper. Out of twenty computers, 19 did not work. The computer that did work gave my disk a virus. I looked around for an attendant to help me with my problem. The student working at the desk could not hear my question because he had a Walkman on and was reading a magazine at the time. After summoning him from his music, I questioned him about my problem of printing. Apparently the only thing he knew how to do was turn the computer on and off.

Time was growing short, and I needed a computer to print from before my class. I proceeded then to the computer help desk to retrieve my computer. This was the first time I had seen it in two weeks because of a problem with my modem. I took the computer home and quickly hooked it up to my printer. Upon turning the computer on however, I realized something was missing. Microsoft Word was not on my computer. In fact every single program from Microsoft Office was missing:

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As I am writing this letter to the editor, the entire school network has shut down. Let's say I was bleeding to death from a self inflicted wound because I am angry and fed up with technology at SHU. I have tried to call Public Safety at 7995, but the number is busy. I have tried the emergency line 7996, but it was down. Let's say I lay bleeding to death from a self inflicted wound because I am angry and fed up with technology at SHU.

Brian P. Merwin
Junior

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**UMOJA Member Upset by Article Published in Feb 4 Issue of The Spectrum**

**Letter to the Editor:**

I am writing in regards to the article published in your previous issue entitled, "Umoja: voice of leadership."

This article, written by Danielle DeName, was poorly researched. As reporters it is my assumption that you attempt to report news and facts to the public. So how is it possible that such an inaccurate article could have been written and even published?

The quotes within the article were either rewritten or never said. You reported events that never took place, left out important details and misspelled names. The UMOJA constitution was not written as you reported. In actuality, Jesse White worked with Taniesha Mitchell (whose name you misspelled) to acquire the information necessary to create a constitution. When Keysha Whitaker and myself heard that White was starting an organization, we decided to help him with its creation. The three of us then got together with Grace Lim and created the constitution for UMOJA.

The article was filled with misinformation. It shows the lack of effort that went into writing it. I strongly suggest that the article be rewritten using actual facts and not made up ones.

Shacky Charles
UMOJA member
Counseling Center offers students comfort

By Greg J. Bavedas
Contributing Writer

Students can receive free and confidential counseling for emotional and stress related problems at the University's Counseling Center located in the brick house behind the South Lot on Park Ave.

Like many of the counseling programs created at other universities across the country, the Sacred Heart Counseling Center helps full and part-time students who are feeling overwhelmed and are experiencing the stress of "juggling it all."

Students face different problems at times and the Counseling Center stands ready for anyone who needs help.

"It was a good idea to make this service available to part-time students as well as full-time students," said Patricia Aquila Klauser, a career counselor doing an internship for a Masters Degree in personal counseling.

"Some of the part-timers, especially the adults, have different problems than younger students," she added.

Problems can range from difficulties at home to academic stress experienced at school. According to Klauser, the age of the student usually factors in when addressing stress related emotional ailments.

"The majority of the problems I see in the cases referred to me are anxiety related," said Klauser. "The cause of the stress can be due to relationships, marriage problems, academic stress, and unrealistic academic expectations."

No matter what the problem may be, the goal of the Counseling Center is to get people who are having difficulties to come in and talk.

"We are always here and the door is always open," said Klauser. "It's a good way to have someone that's not a family member or a teacher to bounce your problems off," she said.

Confidentiality also plays a major role when students discuss their problems at the counseling center, according to Klauser.

"The student's problems are left in the room; whatever they say stays," said Klauser. "Confidentiality and having someone to talk to are always a good thing," she added.

Sr. Anne Louise Nedeau is the head of the Counseling Center which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can call 371-7955 to make an appointment or just drop by. There are three counselors available to talk with students.

Finding new faith

Fr. McLennon invites all to celebrate

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

With Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, coming Feb. 17, many Catholics are preparing for a time of offering and faith to their religion.

For the first time since Fr. Michael McLennon has been director of pastoral ministry at SHU, there are no catechumens willing to take the step into the Catholic religion.

According to Fr. McLennon, catechumens are people who are preparing to enter a church who have never been baptized as Catholics. This year, Fr. McLennon is offering anyone to be inaugurated into the church.

"Usually every year, there are about two or three catechumens who participate in Lent, this year I invite the whole SHU community for the celebration," McLennon said.

Members of the church who wish to participate can sign their name into a book called the "Naming of the Catechumens" in which they enroll themselves, and their faith, into the Catholic religion.

"Ash Wednesday mass represents the giving of Lent and symbols, and most of the Lent readings are geared toward catechumens," said McLennon.

New members of the catechumenal community will congregate one day a week for the next four weeks of Lent for "breathing of the word." A discussion of the readings that were given at Sunday mass each week.

"We meet every week to talk about the impact of the scripture readings and how they apply to our daily lives," said McLennon. "We hold it as an open forum to anyone who wishes to get involved," he concluded.

Services for Ash Wednesday will be at noon, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
Black Inventions and their Inventors

In honor of Black History Month

Torpedo discharger
H. Bradberry

Street sweeper
Charles Brooks

Disposable syringe
Phil Brooks

Photo print wash
Clatonia J. Dorticus

Defroster
Frederick M. Jones

Pencil sharpener
John L. Love

Hair brush
Lyda Newman

Lawn sprinkler
J. W. Smith

Galvanic battery
Granville T. Woods

Seniors to retreat to Trinita

By Rob Loud
Contributing Writer

Sign-ups for the Senior Retreat on Feb. 19 to 21 at the Trinita Retreat Center in New Hartford, will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 at Campus Ministry. The retreat is funded by Campbell Ministry which all inclusive package requires a donation of $15 and includes meals, lodging and scheduled events.

Guest speakers will discuss transitions between college life and the "real world," as well as the transition between dating and marriage.

"The speakers will be focusing on transition," said Jennifer Jacques, senior retreat coordinator. "Seniors are coming to an important part of their lives, where transition will be crucial," Jacques added.

In addition to the guest speakers, prayer services throughout the weekend will be a major part of the retreat.

"There will be a morning prayer, as well as prayer services throughout the day," said Fr. Michael McLeon, director of pastoral ministry.

"There may be a mass on Sunday depending on the amount of students planning to attend when they arrive back at school," he added.

The retreat center is located in an isolated area where according to Jacques, students can relax and enjoy the scenery.

"The Trinita Retreat Center is a secluded, old farmhouse. It has lots of space and trails we can take advantage of," said Jacques. "The retreat is run by students and faculty, and everyone will have time to socialize; as well as reminisce about their years at Sacred Heart and at home," she said.

According to some students, the retreat may prove to be more than just a getaway.

"It is a good way to talk with your friends about past and future experiences," said Kelly Libby, a senior from Enfield. "It is a good way to talk with your friends about past and future experiences."

Libby was a retreat leader on Encounter, last semester's four-day excursion and believes that this semester's trip will be just as pleasurable.

"Encounter was a very spiritual experience, and I am sure next week will be the same," she said.

Campus Happenings

Senior retreat sign-ups

The retreat to Trinita Retreat Center in New Hartford on Feb. 19 to 21 will have sign-ups at Campus Ministry today. A donation of $15 is required for a package that includes meals, lodging and scheduled events.

Skate with the Lady Pioneers

The women's ice hockey team will host a skate-off at the Milford Ice Pavilion from 6 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Valentine's Day. Admission is $3 for students and $5 for the general public.

Outing club meeting

The Outing Club will hold a meeting tonight at 9 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

Faculty Auction

Bid for anything from Broadway tickets to a faculty member doing your laundry on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

"Get Healthy"

There will be a health screening on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Public Safety.

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Perfect holiday film:
Sparks fly between Costner and Penn in 'Message in a Bottle'

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

After seeing a sneak preview of the film "Message in a Bottle" last Saturday night, some members of the audience could be heard saying, "I thought it was much better than the book."

Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, it was easy to see that the film version was very much like his other books in that it was filled with the kind of idealistic romance which he is famous for.

The film critic might consider the film to be too predictable and lavish. But for those who love romance, laughter and don't mind quite a few tears (as a point of reference, the film's director, Luis Mandoki, also directed "When a Man Loves a Woman"), "Message in a Bottle" is the perfect romance for the Valentine season.

Theresa Osborne, played by Robin Wright-Penn, is a researcher for a newspaper office in Chicago. While on vacation, she finds a corked bottle embedded in the wet sand of a Cape Cod beach. Inside the bottle is a love letter, written by a heart-broken man, and addressed to his deceased wife, Catherine.

The letter is written in such a beautiful way that Theresa becomes obsessed with finding its author. She traces the letter to a small New England town, whose residents are too preoccupied with life's petty annoyances to enjoy life to its fullest.

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Performances of "Our Town" will be held March 19-20 and 25-26. Tickets and information are available at The Center's box office or you can be contacted at 374-2777.

Members of the "Our Town" cast look forward to their March performances.

Picks From the Past...

Life's little-known secrets:
Kerouac's 'On the Road' teaches forgotten philosophies from ages past

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

"On the Road" is, in part, biographical. Kerouac tells the story of a young man who hitchhikes across the country, from the east coast, to the west coast, and even through Mexico. Through the narrator, Sal Paradise, Kerouac reflects the real-life jazz sessions, drug sessions and the different kinds of relationships that were forming all over the United States.

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However, for people who have the time and desire to read something that is different from the pulp fiction that plagues the Walden Books displays, and to take a different perspective on the world, there should try Jack Kerouac's "On The Road."

It was written in 1951, when Kerouac was the "Beat Generation" hero.

"On the Road" is not only a perfect example of beat literature, it is considered to be its defining novel.

For those who are not familiar with this revolutionary movement, a short explanation might be in order.

It was a change in the way America's youth saw the world. It was pre-hippie era, but just as revolutionary. But more than that, it was a rebellion against the sugar-sweet life that coated American society.

Kerouac reflects the reality of his generation, to describe their own life and surroundings. This group included Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and William S. Burroughs, to name a few.

As a result, their controversial literature is mainly self-defining literature that reflects their exalted attitudes toward society. They were tired of life as most Americans knew it.

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The African-American Coffeehouse was an event for SHU's celebration of Black History Month.

Scenes from the latest International Center's Coffeehouses

Photos by Debbie Paduano

A performance from last Thursday's Coffeehouse.

A&E Briefs

Tonight's events
Tonight, in the University's Gallery for Contemporary Art, Lou Hicks will give an Artist Talk. Hicks, whose exhibit, "Places," opened this past Sunday, will discuss her paintings and prints. Her work will remain in the Gallery until March 4. The talk will begin at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

The Mahogany Room will host an evening of jazz music tonight at 7:30 p.m. "The Jazz Cafe" is free for SHU students, general admission is $8.

Outpost Pub hosts local bands
This spring, the Outpost Pub will serve as host for new area bands. The band committee of the Student Events Team has arranged for over four bands to come to SHU to perform in the spring semester. The first concert will be Wed. at 10 p.m. featuring "The Brian Bauers Rock Band."

John Popper comes to New Haven
Toad's Place, a New Haven bar, is known for hosting various successful bands, local, national and even international. The bar, which hosted the popular Irish band, "Black 47," last weekend, will present "Frogwings" on Friday night. "Frogwings" is a band comprised of "Blues Traveler's" John Popper, three members of the "Allman Brothers Band," and three musicians from various bands. Advance tickets are $16.50, or pay $20 at the door. "Derek Trucks Band" opens for "Frogwings" at 9 p.m. Door opens at 8 p.m. For more information, call Toad's Place at 624-TOAD.

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GUARANTEED APPROVAL
Pioneers: Beat struggling arch rival, 72-64

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It was the second straight game the Pioneers have struggled from the field. SHU struggled from the field in a 70-55 loss at Albany Saturday night. Sophomore point guard Kurt Reis backed up Ranzazzo with 11 points and five assists. Freshman Jim Reeves was a key down the stretch, finishing with 10 points on 6-10 shooting from the free-throw line.

Sophomore Tim Welch, starting in place of Mindaugas Lydeka, grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds while senior co-captain Dave Fesko pulled down 10. Once an bitter rivalry, the SHU-Bridgeport games of late have failed to match the intense battles of the 1970's and '80's. Until the early '90's, both schools fielded powerhouse Division II teams, often facing each other with NEC titles on the line. They infrequently squared off in regional NCAA action with SHU holding a 3-1 all-time lead in that series.


In 1985, the Bill Bayno-led Pioneers defeated the Manhate Bol-led Purple Knights in a 74-45 post-season grudge match. SHU owns the all-time series lead 39-20.

SHU also prevailed in the most memorable game in the se-

ries, the NCAA regional champi-

onship of 1989 in Waltham, Mass., where they competed in a beach swim because it was

something out of the ordinary, and

it challenged us," said Meghan Kavanagh, a sophomore team

member from Long Beach, N.Y.

"We ended up finishing in 12

spot so we did well up against 52

other teams," added Kavanagh.

On the way home from Florida the team competed in Greensboro, N.C., against Division I North Carolina A&T. The Lady Pioneers once again came out with a victory 82-64. On Jan. 19, the team com-

peted against Southern Connecti-

cut State University. SCSU de-

feated the Lady Pioneers, but the event was not a total loss for SHU. "Senior Dana Westing, turned in personal best times in the 200-meter which got her first place in that event," said Pamela St. Martin, head coach of the swim team.

"Patti Saums, a freshman from Edison, N.J. came out with a personal best time of 3:02.8 in the 200 Free which gave her first place," added St. Martin.

That team is now preparing to travel to the University of Mary-

land-Baltimore County for the Northeast Conference Champi-

onships where they hope to finish among the conference leaders.

This will be the first year for

Division I swimming champi-

onships for Sacred Heart Univer-

sity. Nevertheless, the Pitt Center
crowd was noticeably louder than 

the SHU Box took a lot of spirit

from the annual contest. "The
great games were in the old gym,"

Bike said. "This is the second
time we've played here (in the Pitt

Center). It hasn't had the time to

get the identity for that."

Nevertheless, the Pitt Center
crowd was noticeably louder than the SHU fans outnumbered UB's supporters, and hecklers seemed to impact the Purple Knights down the stretch. SHU goes on the road for its next four games beginning with last night's contest at Southern Connecticut. Much closer to home, the Pioneers will visit

Bridgeport for the final time next

Wednesday night at 7:30.

Swimmers stroke to 6-5 record after first year.

By Kylie Lauder

Staff Writer

After its first season as a var-
sity team, one of Sacred Heart University's newest sports teams

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Wining Family Appreciation Day

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Tom Ciccarone instructs two fencers during a practice session at the Pitt Center.

**Fencers fight to foil foes**

By Jason Havelka  
Staff Writer

Everyone has seen films of swashbuckling heroes and masked villains clashing in death defying sword-fights. The speed, accuracy and focused concentration used appears to be amazing special effects, but in actuality, they are unnoticed in the aerobics room of a professional referee. "You don't rush that comes with squaring off by hits being recorded by strikes and two close losses, which could happen if an athlete sticks to fourth place with a leap of 6'7". Junior Shawn Keenan broke his school record once more. "It's games like this which reveal one's true character, so I told the team to go out there and show me what you're made of," said coach Trina Bourget. "And they did." The game to support the American Heart Foundation. There will be an entry fee of $5 for adults and $3 for SHU students and children. Not only is it the most important game of the year, but the women's ice hockey team is using the game to support the American Heart Foundation. There will be an entry fee of $5 for adults and $3 for SHU students and children. After pulling freshman goalie Anna Alvear to take sole possession of the ice, senior captain Sarah Harms scored with 12 seconds remaining to complete the tie and gain first place in the division. "It was a huge weekend for the team, but this next game will be by far the biggest game of the season," said Bourget. On Saturday at 3 p.m., the Pioneers will try to take sole possession of first place when they square off against Division foe Wesleyan. Not only is it the most important game of the year, but the women's ice hockey team is using the game to support the American Heart Foundation.

**Icewomen prepare for showdown with Wesleyan**

By Jason Havelka  
Staff Writer

Senior captain Meghan Warnock led the indoor track team this past Sunday at the Brown University Alden Invitational.

Not only did she finish first in the triple jump (34' 6") Warnock broke the recently set 55-meter hurdle record with 9.37 seconds. Warnock also jumped her personal best in the long jump (15' 3"). "It can only be unnoticed in the aerobics room of the Pitt Center."

"It's an amazing level of concentration," says Ciccarone. The fencing team is still fighting and the willingness to learn," says Ciccarone.

"There's no experience needed, just a drive to learn and succeed," he says.

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Pioneers slay Purple Knights in NECC duel

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

In a game that evoked memories of heated contests in an old, highly competitive rivalry, Sacred Heart's men's basketball team edged Bridgeport 72-64, Monday before a spirited crowd of nearly 1,000 at the Pitt Center.

SHU raised its record to 9-14-6 in the MAAC.

Although the Purple Knights never led in the game, it was close throughout, with SHU taking a slim 28-22 lead into the half. That margin was attributable in large measure to senior co-captain John Randazzo, who led the team into the locker room with 13 points, including three three-pointers. Randazzo hit his third trey of the game with 6:45 remaining before the break, bringing his season total to 72 and equalizing Darin Robinson's second-place mark in Pioneer history.

Randazzo surpassed that mark in the second half before tying Robinson again. This time, Randazzo matched the two-time All-American's school record of 75 on the season list with his sixth and final trey with 47.2 seconds left to give SHU a 66-57 lead.

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Seniors lead SHU past UB in farewell game

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

The Sacred Heart women's basketball team defeated the University of Bridgeport 91-61 Monday night in the Pitt Center, bringing its record to 13-11 and 10-5 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

Captain Jessica Bresnahan and Shannon Walsh were honored for their four years of play for the Lady Pioneers in a short ceremony conducted by Athletic Director Don Cook prior to the start of the last home game this season.

A moment of silence was observed for former UB coach Harvey Herer who passed away earlier this year.

Harer Herer's wife, Claire.

The Sacred Heart women's interest:

Penalties have spelled doom for SHU several times this season.

"A lot of games could have been closer and we would have had more opportunities to win, had we not taken so many penalties," Walsh added.

Walsh says that when they don't take a lot of penalties, they were either in the game or had the lead.

"When we are disciplined, we play much better," he said.

Freshman defenseman Jay Drake noticed the team tends to take a lot of stupid penalties.

"We have to watch that we don't take (stupid penalties) at crucial parts of the game," said Drake.

Opponents commit on 20 percent of their power plays. The Pioneers hit the net 0.8 percent.

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"We dominated the whole weekend," said senior co-captain and defenseman Neil Welch.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers, their celebration turned to disbelief.

The goal was called back when it was ruled that freshman Peter McRae had jumped offside. The Pioneers went on to lose the game 3-2.

"I expected anything. I don't care what their record is. There's no guarantee of a win," SHU coach Dave Bihl said of his long-time about the cross-town rival.

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