Church, colleges look for middle ground on doctrine

The pope’s 1990 document, “Ex corde Ecclesiae” sought to create a stronger bond between Catholic universities and the Catholic Church. In trying to implement the pope’s desire for that bond, the United States has experienced an active debate on the matter.

The argument lies in how to create a more spiritual identity within Catholic universities in the United States. A draft proposed by a subcommittee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops seeks to reach this aim by enforcing specific edicts of Canon Law in American Catholic universities.

Canon 812 states that any professor of theological discipline receive a mandate from a church, since the church does not play the dominant role in our society that it does in those of European countries.

The phrase “Ex corde Ecclesiae” speaks of incorporating the pope’s decree with the norms of the region. This is especially important to American schools, since the church does not receive a mandate from a church authority. Canon 833 states that theology professors and some administrators take an oath of faith and fidelity upon appointment. Canon 810 states that college must consider one’s character and integrity of doctrine before appointing that person to a position.

These laws have been out of practice in the United States for years due to the emphasis placed on academic freedom in our society. The phrase is not to be taken literally, but rather in spirit, it means that religious principles should guide the actions of the university’s administrators. This is especially important in the United States, where religious freedom is a fundamental right.

By Brian Corasaniti
News Editor

Second SHU president dies at 80 of heart attack

Robert A. Kidera, who served as president of Sacred Heart University from 1971-76, died of a heart attack on Jan. 30 in Rochester, N.Y. He was 80.

As SHU’s second president, Kidera guided the institution through an early period of growth highlighted by the creation of new academic programs, the development of the Cabaret Theatre (predecessor of the Downtown Cabaret Theatre), and the graduation of the first valedictorian, John Friel in 1974, with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Kidera taught journalism at Marquette University and was an administrator at Cornell and Fordham universities prior to succeeding the late William H. Conley as president of Sacred Heart University.

In 1976, Kidera became the first male president of Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., two years before the previously all-women’s school went coeducational.

“People characterized him as a man of great joy,” said Anthony Camera, president of Sacred Heart University.

Kidera is survived by his wife, Helen Kidera of Brighton, N.Y., three sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial mass was celebrated for Kidera at SHU on Feb. 9.
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Parkridge fuming over phones

Residents worried about safety in emergencies

By Chris Cirri Contributing Writer

While the phone situation has caused concern throughout the entire Sacred Heart University campus, many students feel the problem is particularly bad at Parkridge.

For an average of six to seven hours a night, the phones are said to be "out of order." Students and SHU officials are concerned with the safety issues this problem deals with. Students say they are beginning to feel unsafe because there is no one to go in touch with in case of emergency.

"God forbid there was an emergency. How can we get in touch with anyone?" said Mike Benedetto, a sophomore and Parkridge resident. "These conditions are unsafe and something needs to be done. My parents are paying way too much money for me to live in these conditions."

William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, is aware of the current phone problem. "When the phone systems are down, there is a great cause of concern within the Public Safety Office," said O'Connell. "We are doing the best we can do until this problem is fixed."

Because of the phone complications, Bill Hanley, a sophomore and Parkridge resident, found out two days later of his grandfather's illness. "My mother was in touch with me for two days straight. She even tried connecting to my room through Public Safety, but she couldn't get through to them either," said Hanley. "This is getting absolutely ridiculous."

Although many students say they have complained, they feel that there is nothing being done to fix this problem.

"We mustn't let the school walk all over us. The University is putting us in an unsafe environment, and it seems that they are doing nothing about it," said Mark Signore a sophomore and Parkridge resident.

George Kryshchenko, acting chief information officer, said Parkridge will be receiving a Centrex switch which will route all calls through SNET's switch as opposed to the SHU switch. Kryshchenko said due to the size of the SNET switch, phone calls coming from Parkridge will be easily handled. The process was supposed to be done last month, but is on hold pending the rewiring of the phone lines at Parkridge. Kryshchenko was unavailable for comment on the progress of the project.
Editorials

Smile, you’re on SHU camera

Though we are no strangers to crime, most would agree if we said that Sacred Heart is a pretty safe place. Most would feel comfortable walking alone at night on-campus and last year’s installation of blue light phones might have even made us feel more safe.

Sure bullets were fired at Parkridge and cars were stolen from University lots last year but for the most part, crime has never been a major concern here. That is, of course, until recently.

Students involved in fights on in-campus dorms leading to suspensions and the vandalization of a West Hall bathroom have opened our eyes to the fact that yes, bad things happen here too.

What is so disconcerting, however, is that the threat is coming from within. We don’t need to worry so much about protecting ourselves from those outside the University, but those who are already here.

Surveillance cameras in common areas might prove beneficial. If that’s what we have to do to protect ourselves from each other, so be it. But if we can’t trust each other, who can we trust?

What your mess says about you

The college experience is an important one. We are living on our own for the first time, responsible for ourselves. It is at this time that we learn who we are and how we will choose to be seen by those around us as adults independent of our parents or pre-conceived notions.

At Sacred Heart, this transition is either not being fully realized by some, or is being made too slowly, as demonstrated by the damage and mess in the residence halls.

Ask yourself: would you destroy a home you had built or cared for on your own? Now ask yourself this: how much do you value the work and living space of those around you?

While the residence halls at a college are not what some would call a home, for the time we are here they are the closest thing we have. Why would any of us treat our home, not to mention the home of our friends, with so little respect? Do we enjoy living in squalor?

Before we blame maintenance or administration for our living conditions we must examine the role we have played in creating our living environment.

If it’s no secret that members of the SHU community are known to criticize Flik International, Sacred Heart’s food distributor. In fact, there have been many articles written regarding the Market Place’s outrageous prices, food selection and cleanliness. The quality of Flik’s products have come into question on many different occasions as well.

After years of complaints and suggestions, people get tired of hearing and reading about Flik’s inadequacies. I’m sick of it too, but the fact is, though there has been much talk of improvements, there is little evidence of it.

The first edition of the Spectrum this year featured a front-page article in which Director of Flik International, Chip Kennedy, explained of a new addition that would be made in order to compensate for the overcrowding in the cafeteria. The addition would not involve any construction just “an awning and a rollable piece of equipment which will house already prepared food,” which would be located “where the windows facing South and West Hall are located.”

I have yet to see what Kennedy described as, “[A] new edition [that] will make it easier for students on the go to grab something to eat,” which was supposed to have been completed in October. Also, the lunchtime and dinner crowds are just as unbearable, as they were at the beginning of the year.

The Market Place, too, has come under some scrutiny in the past because students feel that their prices are too high. In my three years here I have, in fact, seen a slight decline in the price of certain foods that are sold in the Market Place. However, $3.50 for a small sandwich and $1.60 for five pieces of Carefree gum is too much for my budget. Those of us who are facing over $16,000 in Stafford Loan payments after graduation can’t afford to spend their life savings in their school cafeteria.

But my main complaint is not about the prices or selection or the overcrowding. Every year, every semester and probably every day, students casually joke about the unsanitary conditions in the cafeteria. Before last week, I was not one of those students, but three personal experiences have changed my opinion.

One evening at dinner, I went to the milk dispenser to get some 2% for my cereal. While filling up, I noticed a meter on the side of the machine. Its purpose is to display the price of the milk. For example, the needle could point to “freeze zone,” “safe zone” or “danger zone.” This time it was in the “danger zone,” which I found to be a little worrisome, but I assumed it was just an oversight.

Two days later the arrow pointed to the same place. Every time I’ve checked it since then, it has remained in the “danger zone.” The meter might be broken, but that does not make me feel any more comfortable.

This seems relatively insignificant when compared to my next two experiences.

On two separate instances, about a week apart, I saw a cockroach on the counter of the deli section in the cafeteria. The second time, which was this past Saturday morning, the worker fixed the problem by putting a plate over the roach and continuing with his work. My sightings are not the only ones, either. Roaches have been seen in both the grill and entree lines.

These are not rumors, these are actual problems to which I am an eyewitness. I don’t bring them up to gross anyone out, or even to criticize the workers at Flik, but this carelessness simply cannot continue.

We have all invested our money, and faith, into this company, and, for the most part, have waited patiently to see some positive results.

What’s hiding under your plate? Questions to ask before eating at Flik

Most students understand that a university is bound to have its problems. Sacred Heart is growing, and is not entitled to some of the privileges of larger, more established universities. But these are changes that need to be made and problems that need to be fixed. These issues have been brought up time and time again, but the complaints have not produced any noticeable results, and persistence often pays off.

What’s hiding under your plate? Questions to ask before eating at Flik

BY FRANCES

MOORE

The SHU Voices

Do surveillance cameras make you feel more safe?

Rob Glejzer
Junior
Billerica, Mass.

“No, because cameras don’t save people, people save people.”

Lisa Pio
Junior
Ludow, Mass.

“Yes, if something were to happen it could help to pinpoint who’s responsible in certain situations.”

James Woods
Junior
Brooklyn, N.Y.

“No. For two and a half years I didn’t know we had them so it doesn’t make a difference to me.”

BY JEREMY Stahl

The SHU Fits

SHU FRESHMAN EXCITED ABOUT

PEACE & LOVE WEEK!

February 18, 1999
Proof that one can still be inspired to do

Last April, I opened up the Registration booklet and proceeded to pick my classes for the next year. It didn’t seem to work right away, but this would be the last time that I would ever register for classes. A joy at first thought, but not anymore.

Anyway, since this would be my last year in college, I wanted to pick the best ones I would ever take. I remember scrolling down the list of courses in the Media Studies section hoping to find something wonderful. My finger stopped when I got to a course listed as Representing AIDS. With a Media Studies class about AIDS, I thought to myself? I contemplated what it could be about. The word “represent” would imply that we would be looking at AIDS as represented, but in what context and using what techniques? I didn’t try to find the answers to my questions I did find that all students do when we want to know about a course, ask other students who have already taken it.

I talked to a student who had taken the course two years prior and loved it. I talked to a few more students and they loved it too. Long story short, I registered for the class, not knowing, however, that it would indeed be the best one that I would ever take.

When classes started in the Fall, I was actually excited about the Representing AIDS course. It isn’t often that a Media Studies class, or any class for that matter, gets rave reviews from almost all those who took it, so I knew it must be good. And indeed it was. Throughout the semester, we looked at the different ways that AIDS is represented in society drawing on a variety of texts; books, articles, feature films and documentaries.

I had never been part of a class that I loved going to each week, that I loved participation in each week and that I loved doing the assignments for each week. I had never been part of a class that required so much of my personal thoughts and interpretation. It wasn’t a professor up there lecturing, it was a small community of people sitting in a circle, discussing our thoughts. In most classes when the professor asks a question, we put our heads down. We often ran over in the Representing AIDS class because we all had so much to say.

The bulk of the class dealt with what was on our minds. We were required to write three-page reaction-essays each week, responding to both the film(s) screened in class and our reading assignments. We were free to write about whatever we felt necessary to discuss. A scene in a film, a sentence in an article, a picture in the book, it didn’t matter.

The class required more thought and attention than any other class I had taken here, and I loved it.

We saw and read about things that I had never even considered in correlation with the disease. Like how those with the disease responded to other’s representation of them or how the Hollywood representation of AIDS differs greatly from that of an artist’s interpretation. I not only learned more about a disease that is the number one killer of people in my age group, but also learned more about myself and what I could do to help.

This semester, I am required to do Service Learning for a religion class I’m taking and when filling out the placement form, I specifically requested a job that would require working with persons with AIDS. The Representing AIDS class was over, but as far as I was concerned, the learning had just begun. The course had given me an inch, it was up to me to take a mile.

Representing AIDS is only offered once every two years and its instructors are currently debating whether or not to ever offer it again. I know how emotionally draining the class can be at times, having taken the class, but the instructors have to know how much it has influenced myself and the rest of the class, I see people who took the class with me and we still talk about the things we did in it.

I spoke with one of the instructors of the class about how much the others and I enjoyed it and she was flattered. It’s not that they no longer want to teach the class, it’s just that it sometimes takes too much out of them. They have both either been involved in AIDS programs or have known someone who is living with or who has died from AIDS and this may be too much for them to handle sometimes and I understand that.

Let me end by saying this: Never in my life have I been so inspired to do something, to get involved. The Representing AIDS course made me more aware of how much I knew very little about and now want to know more about. I’m starting to now through my service learning placements I would like to become involved in volunteer work of this kind elsewhere, post-graduation. I can only hope that my words will encourage the class and its instructors to continue because it would be a real shame to see it go.

The Weather Corner

Today

High 38
Low 34

Rain (a.m.)

Friday

High 39
Low 32

Varibly Cloudy.

Saturday

High 33
Low 27

Snow.
FEATURES

SHU community grieves the loss of a dear friend

Buildings and Grounds worker dies of heart failure at tender age of 38

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

If you wanted to find out just what type of man Albert Herb was, you wouldn't have to travel to far or ask too many people. Just by speaking with anyone that has any type of association to this University and its people, they will all tell you the same thing.

"He was well liked, well regarded, and cared about everyone," said Dr. Anthony Cemer, president of Sacred Heart University. "He will surely be missed.

Al Herb died on Jan. 23 at the age of 38, when he had a sudden aneurysm of the aorta valve of his heart. He worked for the Building and Grounds Department at the University for the last two years and, according to friends and colleagues, he would go out of his way just to help people.

"He was always doing people favors," said Al's brother Brian. "If you told him you needed something done, whatever it was, it would have been done yesterday.

Al and Brian Herb grew up in Trumbull, where at the local schoolyard Al would play the role of the big brother so that Brian and his younger sister could get to play with the older kids.

"Al made sure that everywhere we were, we were with him," said Brian, now 36. "We looked up to him when we were growing up - he was a role model.

At almost seven feet tall and 300 pounds, Al was a visual giant on campus. He was a regular at SHU's basketball games, as he and his nephews would catch every home game. He was adored by everyone that crossed his path and his outgoing nature turned acquaintances into soon friends.

"He meant the world to me," said Pearl Richardson, a public safety officer who had known Al for two years.

"Never had a bad day, if he saw you 99 times during the day he would stop and say hello 99 times," she added.

Al had been working at Stratmore Electric in Stratford as an electrician for five years before getting the job at Sacred Heart. According to a co-worker, Al was just as enjoying to work with than he is now.

"He was a very mellow," said Tony Lutisc, who worked with Al at Stratford. "He had charisma, an all around terrific guy.

Mike McCarthy, a painter in Buildings and Grounds had known Al for 15 years through a mutual friend and had recommended him to come work at the University.

"What was great about Al was that he would do anything for anybody," said McCarthy. "He was like a big bear, he was kind-hearted.

Al brought life into the everyday job that he had. According to his supervisor, Mike Giaquinto, he made an everyday routine seem exciting.

"Truly a wonderful guy," said Giaquinto. "He had a rough job, but he approached it with such ease.

Herb was respected by people from all walks of life at the University. Everyone who he came in contact with has touched by his presence. He had a aura around him that drew people in.

FHS Supervisor Sharon Sanders first met Al when he would come into the cafeteria for breakfast. Since then, she formed a strong relationship with the "genuine" Herb.

"He was just a beautiful person, he was like family," said Sanders. "He was close to everyone, even the people he didn't work with.

Herb owns a house in West Dover, Vt., where he usually made weekend excursions to the Mount Snow Ski Resort with his family to enjoy his favorite passion.

Avalon Gates complex will continue to house SHU students

Luxury living still available for upperclassmen

By Guy Fortunato
Contributing Writer

The question concerning whether or not Avalon Gates in Trumbull will house Sacred Heart students next semester has been resolved.

According to Dean of Students Terry Walk, seniors and graduate students will be permitted to live in Avalon Gates in the fall of next year.

Avalon Gates first housed Sacred Heart students in the fall of 1996. There are currently 256 students living in the complex, which consists of a health club, garage stables and a pool area.

"It is safe to say that Avalon will be available to students next year," said Walk. "In fact, we might be able to free up some space with the construction of East Hall. We are going to try to focus on placing seniors and graduate students at Avalon," he said.

East Hall's construction will be complete by early summer and will house freshmen, all sophomore.

The two first floors of the complex will consist of classrooms and administrative offices.

According to Residence Hall Director Jim Giudice, classrooms being in the same building will make it more convenient for students.

"Residents will only have to take elevator down a few flights to get to class," said Guidice. "It's much easier that way.

According to residential life, the housing process to get into Avalon Gates is based on credit hours and a lottery primarily focused on class rank.

"Truly want to live at Avalon next year," said Elena Rosero, a sophomore from East Meadow, N.Y.

Rosero believes that the possibility of living at Avalon Gates next year is giving her incentive to work harder in school.

"The lottery gives me motivation to do really well academically this year," she said.

Many students feel fortunate to live in Avalon Gates because of its facilities and isolation from campus.

"I love living at Avalon because you get to interact with different residents that aren't students," said Lindsey Cooper, a sophomore from Londonderry, N.H.

"I also feel like I have more independence than I did last year living on campus," she said.

All residents at Avalon Gates are not students of Sacred Heart and according to Phil Tartaglia, a residence assistant, a friendly relationship has developed between the two.

"I think the fact that students at Avalon have to learn how to respect and get along with other residents prepares them for life quickly than if they had lived on campus," he said.

"Students at Avalon seem to mature faster and acquire the socialization skills that will help them after college," said Giaquinto.

The process for campus housing will begin in March.
Black Inventions and their Inventors

In honor of Black History Month

Folding bed  L.C. Bailey
Disposable syringe  Phil Brooks
Peanut butter  Geo W. Carver
Player piano  Joseph Dickinson
Lock  W.A. Martin
Gas mask  Garrett Morgan
Folding chair  Purdy/Sadgwar
Cellular phone  Henry Sampson
Refrigerator  J. Standard

Auction raises money for seniors

By Mike Kuchar  Features Editor

The first annual faculty auction was held at 8:30 p.m. Monday in the Mahogany room.
The event was sponsored by the Class of 1999 and students were able to bid on prizes such as Mighty Mighty Bosstones tickets and a Broadway play.
Faculty members donated the prizes for the auction. All proceeds of the fundraiser went towards Senior Week beginning the last Wednesday of the semester.
We hope that we raise close to $1000 by the time Senior Week approaches," said senior Holly Burk. "There are a lot of great prizes that we could bid on," she added.
The biggest prize of the night was Four tickets to Broadway. The tickets were donated by Assistant Dean of Students Denise Sutphin. It sold for $126 to senior Gia Vacca.
"I thought it was a great fundraiser," said Sutphin. "Four tickets to Broadway is a pretty good deal."

Lack of channels frustrate students

By Michael Amento  Contributing Writer

The cable situation on campus continues to be a hot topic of discussion. Students in the last two years have had 28 channels drop to 25.
According to students, channels were removed from the system with no explanations from telecommunications.
"I hope they get this situation straightened out," said Judd Majeski, a junior from Westfield, Mass.
The Madison Square Garden Network is one of the channels that has been removed this semester and the result is causing some students to complain.
"I am a huge Yankee fan and I thought when I paid for cable I'd get the channel all year," said Berkowitz.
Fox Sports Network televises some of the other New York teams that interests students. Most cable systems in the area provide their customers with the opportunity to view this channel, but the University cable system doesn't carry this channel.
"I would pay more than $80 a semester to get more channels," said Brian Filider, a sophomore from Albany, N.Y.
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"I can't understand why cable is the same price this semester as it was last semester and we get fewer channels," said junior Dan Saviano.
Other students complained that many networks didn't even come in clearly.
"We only got about six channels this weekend," said Michelle Majeski, a junior from Westfield, Mass.
"We are off to a good start, but hopefully we could raise some more money next week," said Wool.
The auction raised $230 for seniors and according to John Wool, it will continue Monday at lunch.
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Faculty Auction

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Other gifts were a $20 gift certificate to the Gap and another $20 gift certificate to Abercombie and Fitch, won by senior Gia Vacca.
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Campus Happenings

Breaking of the Word discussion
First meeting of the catechetical community will take place on Feb. 21 in the Mahogany Room at 10:15 p.m. after Sunday mass. Lead by Fr. Mike, members of the church are invited to talk about the impact of weekly scripture readings as they apply to daily life.

 Martial arts club looking for new members
Jiu-jitsu, a traditional form of martial arts resembling karate is looking for new members to join. The club meets every Thursday and is holding the first meeting tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Pitt Center wrestling room. Everyone is welcome to come experience the thrill.

Endangered species presentation
The SHU players along with student government present a drama on endangered species entitled "waking up." It takes place on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the University theater. The play is written by Kathy Sorenson and is free to students. For all others a donation of $1 is asked.

Seniors retreat to Trinita
There will be a senior retreat to the Trinita Retreat Center in New Hartford beginning tomorrow through Sunday. Interested students should have already signed up for the trip and contributed a $15 donation.

Compiled by Mike Kuchar
**Audiences awakened by 'Devine':**

*New lottery film is a winner, but by no stroke of luck*

By Frances Moore A&E Editor

Film-goers will be pleased with the latest contribution from Ireland, as it finds a new way to define friendships and love. "Waking Ned Devine" is a simple comedy that will please just about everyone.

The first scene sets the humorous tone that is maintained throughout the remainder of the film. Writer-director Kirk Jones does a wonderful job of depicting the humor that is present in life and relationships.

As Fox-Searchlight describes its own film, "Waking Ned Devine" turns conventional storytelling upside down.

The film takes place in the town of Tullagh Mohr (pronounced Tulley More), population of 52 and dwindling.

It is the story of two old friends, Jackie and Michael, played by Ian Brennan and David Kelly, respectively, and their schemes to get their hands on over 6 million pounds in lottery winnings.

Their first goal is simply to find the winner. Their second is to get a substantial amount for themselves.

Drunk rowdies, feigned identity and drunken rows are some of the "I Love Lucy" type schemes that involve Jones' characters, resulting in both laughter and tears.

"Waking Ned Devine" is a simple comedy that will please just about everyone.

Kelly and Brennan not only turn out their own remarkable performances, but are supported by an equally talented cast. In fact, the film's strongest feature is the high-quality acting.

Planagan is wonderful as the loving and supportive wife, and adds her own subtle humor.

Maggie, played by Susan Lynch, and Finn, James Nesbitt, play a couple whose only compatibility is the fact that he is a pig farmer. Their performances as the seemingly star-crossed lovers can only be described as outrageous, as Maggie constantly tells Finn, "If it wasn't for the pigs, I'd marry you tomorrow."

The film marks Jones' debut in the medium. (He is best known for his work in commercials). But writing, directing and performing aside, the film's finishing touch is the beautiful landscape of Tullagh Mohr.

The cinematographer captures the beauty and simplicity of the Irish countryside. Those who have been to Ireland will instantly miss it, and those who have not will wish they had.

"Waking Ned Devine" has been hailed by critics and audiences everywhere.

"It is a story of friendship and love, illustrated by great performances and punctuated by beautiful scenery," says last semester's "The Consequences of Truth.

Rick Mc Kinnon is a professor of communications and head of SHU Players. He commented Vargo and Short's work.

"I think it has been a great experience for them. They are courageous and brave to take on this enormous project," he said.

He went on to say, "I would characterize them as being very dedicated to this project and handling the fact that they're overwhelmed very well."

One of the difficulties of the play, Vargo explained, is that, within the 35 minute time frame, there are no breaks between acts.

The only break in action is within the narrative itself, which Vargo says is not an easy thing for the actors to pull off.

"Vargo said, "It's difficult for the actors because the play changes constantly."

She is excited about the play, and hopes it will serve support from SHU students.

One of the play's show times is during Wednesday's conversation hour, in hopes that more students will be able to attend.

"The significance of the play is to show how someone is susceptible to acquiring AIDS," said Mc Kinnon.

An "Endangered Species" will be performed Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Theater.

Admission is free for SHU students and all are encouraged to attend.

**Bosstones Update**

Special to the Spectrum

Fans of ska music will be given a treat by The Mighty Mighty Bosstones on Friday, Feb. 26 in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

The racially mixed, eight-member band, formally known as The Bosstones, has been playing ska-core since its formation in 1985.

Mighty Mighty was incorporated into the name in 1990, when The Bosstones released the album, "More Noise and Other Disturbances."

This was followed by albums such as "Ska-core, the Devil and More," "Don't Know How to Party," and "Question and the Answers."

Since their return, the Bosstones' popularity has increased.

Original band member Nate Albert said, "What I've noticed is that our fans have started to follow us. We've been very lucky."

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, well known for their band "Mighty Bosstones on Friday, Feb. 26 concert is $20, $10 for SHU students. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 371-7846.
Faerie. A story are engaging.

Tristran, the story's hero, is hardly the classic hero — he is clumsy and awkward, and unsure of everything except his need to fulfill his promise to Victoria. The cast of characters also includes three ancient witches, seven brothers, half of whom are dead, all of whom seek the star Tristran is after. There's even a masked guest appearance from Gaiman's friend, singer Tori Amos.

The characters, despite their strange origins and quirky natures are paradoxically familiar. Gaiman's intricate and casual storytelling style help even the most bizarre assertions to make perfect sense. His characters become a part of the reader's world, to the point where they are missed when the story is over. The story moves at a dramatic pace, and is full of surprises and hidden treasures.

Things that are forgotten pop up again later, usually in the most unexpected of places. He leaves clues along the path, hidden in plain sight.

It is only when all the pieces have fallen together that all the nuances of his story are realized. "Stardust" is not Gaiman's only work of note. His last novel "Neverwhere," about a secret world beneath the London subway system, is also a fun and suspenseful read. He has also published short stories and poems, most recently "Smoke and Mirrors." His his "Sandman" graphic novels are also still available.

For any fans of fantasy fiction, or anyone who enjoys storytelling that engulfs the reader, Neil Gaiman's work provides challenging and engaging fun.
Runners finish first, third in Championships

By Emily Greenough

Runners finish first, third in Championships

The SHU men's track & field team pulled off their first ever indoor victory at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Championships at Southern Connecticut State University last weekend. The men's team defeated the 15 other teams in the conference, and the women's squad pulled in third place, defeating 13 teams.

The SHU men's track & field team, which included sophomore Andy Erhartic, also pitched in for the relay team. Erhartic, and freshman John Morrison placed second in the 3000 meter run. Morrison was also named CTC Men's Indoor Coach of the Year at this meet.

Sophomore Rich Brancalone pulled out some surprises by anchoring the distance medley relay to victory. Senior tri-captain Rick Janocko, sophomore Matt Boyer, and sophomore Andy Erhartic also pitched in for the relay team. Brancalone also entered a third place finish in the 3000 meter run. Brian Williams scored points in all three of his distance events over the weekend.

Junior Nick Day broke his own school record and blew away the competition in the 3000 meter racewalk.

"The SHU men's distance team hasn't been looking to sharp lately," said men's and women's track Coach Christian Morrison, "but they really did do the job in this meet."

For more information, call 372-8464.

SHU STARS

Abraham scores three goals, one assist in two games for iecewomen

Kim Abraham, a freshman from Bellmore, N.Y., scored three goals and recorded one assist for the Lady Pioneer's ice hockey team in their past two games.

Abraham scored two goals and assisted on another in SHU's 6-0 slamming of Trinity on Saturday.

On Sunday, Abraham's gave SHU a 1-0 lead in the second period by sliding the puck and firing in a short-handed goal against first-place Wesleyan. The goal was crucial, as the two teams tied 2-2.

The forward is second on the team in scoring with 11 goals and 10 assists.

SHU considers academic policy changes for athletes

By Rob Land

Attending Wesleyan, the SHU Athletic Director Don Cook thinks that athletes deserve some special treatment. "Athletes are used to much more leniency than the rest of the student body. They have access to tutors and other resources that the rest of the student body doesn't have." Cook noted.

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Old SHU Box a forgotten campus treasure

I was perhaps the most rec­
ognizable landmark on Sacred
Heart’s campus and yet no one
seemed to notice or care when it
was gutted and renovated. Its
valuable collection of champi­
onship banners and medals were
eliminated articles that gave it iden­
tity. A vital part of SHU history
was carted off with the grimy
bleachers and tattered nets.

Where once stood the old
gym, or SHU Box, as it was more
lovingly called in its hey­day,
stands a makeshift but polished
chapel. Gone is the three­point
arch that Durin Robinson stepped
to when he tied a school record by
making six three­pointers in a
game. Washed away is the lane
where Kevin Stevens once tossed
with 7­foot­6 Manute Bol. No
longer stand the bleachers where the
majority of Robinson’s 2,402
points were deposited.

Frye. Younger. Robinson. They fall into a larger group of
Pioneer legends who once made the Box their home. More than 30
years of basketball All­Americans such as Ed Czernota, Howard
Olivecranza and Bill Bayso lifted the Box’s undersized scoreboard
with thousands of points. The Pioneers posted a 292­128 record
in the Box.

These days, it’s not a ball
being tossed into a basket, it’s
the hand of a nurse changing
in­tuition bills. Dave Bike no longer
lectures there about the impor­
tance of playing solid defense to
his team, rather Fr. Mike preaches
lines form not at a
chapel. Gone is the three­point
lane, but instead celebrates the
facets of living. Those who once made the Box the place where we got
our times,” said Patty Saums, a
freshman swim team member of
Edison, N.Y.

By Kylie Lauder
Staff Writer

After finishing their first regu­
lar season of intercollegiate com­
petition, Sacred Heart’s swim team
competed in the conference cham­
pionships.

The Lady Pioneer swim team
grabbed a fifth place finish at their
first Division I Northeast Confer­
ence Championships this past weekend.

The team traveled to the Uni­
versity of Maryland­Baltimore
County to compete against Cen­
tral Connecticut State University,
St. Francis of P.A., St. Francis of
N.Y., and Wagner College.

The meet lasted three days
beginning with preliminaries in
the mornings and finals in the
evening.

SHU sent 12 girls to the finals.

“Freshman, Patty Saums took
fourth place in the 50 Free with a
time of 26.40, said Pamela St.
Martin, the head coach of the swim
team.

“She also took sixth place in
the 200 Back and seventh in the
100 Back,” added St. Martin.

The Pioneers were neck and
neck with Wagner until it came
time for the 1650 meter freestyle.

Wagner had competitors availa­
ble for that race, but Sacred
Heart did not have any swimmers.

Wagner received those points
taking fourth out of the Pioneer’s
reach.

“Even though we couldn’t get
fourth the team did its best through­
out the meet to stay tight with
Wagner up until the 1650 freestyle
where they swam to get the points
they needed to get ahead of us,” said Patricia Welch, a sophomore
swim team member from Seekonk,
Mass.

Many of the Pioneer swim­
ners came out of the meet with
their personal best times.

“I think in the long course meet
we did better because they knew that
that was the place where we got
times,” said Patty Saums, a
freshman swim team member of
Edison, N.Y.

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Feb. 18­Feb. 24

FRIDAY

(M) Ice hockey @
Canisius, 7:30 p.m.

(W) Ice hockey vs.
Bowdoin, 7:30 p.m.

(M) Volleyball, @
Vassar Tournament

SATURDAY

(M) Ice hockey @
Canisius, 7:45 p.m.

(W) Ice hockey vs.
Wagner, 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

(M) Basketball vs.
Stony Brook, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

(M) Volleyball @
Johnson & Wales, 7 p.m.

By Anna Alveari

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By Jason Havelka
Staff Writer

With four games left in the regular season, the women's ice hockey team kept its hopes for a division title alive with a win over Trinity college, 6-0, on Saturday and a tie against division rival Wesleyan college, 2-2 on Sunday.

The Pioneers out shot Trinity, a first-year program, 65 to 12 using a combination of three new lines, which Coach Trina Bourget used for the first time. "All three lines worked extremely well together, moving the puck around nicely and generating plenty of offense," said Bourget.

Juniors Lauren Wiggins and Lori Hendra along with freshman Kim Abrahams all recorded two goals each in the victory. Sacred heart then faced off against Wesleyan, in possibly the biggest game of the year due to first place in the division being on the line.

After going scoreless in the first period, Abrahams struck first by netting a shorthanded goal at 7:03 in the third period until Wiggins scored on a power play three minutes later giving Sacred Heart the lead with 10:11 remaining.

Wesleyan's Elizabeth Adams scored her second goal of the game with less then four minutes remaining to tie the game at 2-2. Kim Derleth was instrumental in preserving the tie. Wesleyan out shot SHU 36-23, but Derleth, a freshman, made 34 saves.

"This was a big game for us, and due to the outcome, it makes the last four games even bigger," said Bourget.

Following the game, the team allowed fans to skate on the ice for a small donation. The Pioneers raised $365 dollars for the American Heart Foundation.

At 10-2-3, the Pioneers remained tied with Wesleyan for first place in the division. "A division title would give us a automatic birth into the conference tournament quarterfinals and home ice advantage for the first game of the playoffs," said Bourget.

The Pioneers are currently

Pioneers dispose of NHC

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

Freshman forward Leslie Newhard scored the fifth double-double of her inaugural season with 21 points and 11 rebounds helping the Sacred Heart women's basketball team defeat the Pennwomen of New Hampshire College 79-67 Monday night in Manchester, N.H.

The win increased the team's overall record to 14-12 and they remain in third place in the New England Collegiate Conference at 11-6.

"She's (Newhard) been one of our most consistent players," said Coach Ed Swanson. "It's nice to know game in and game out you're going to get from a player."

SHU had two other players in double figures against the Pennwomen; senior captain Jessica Bresnahan and junior center Heather Yablonski.

Yablonski knocked down 16 points and 9 rebounds while Bresnahan dished out 15 points. The point total of Monday night's game was a far cry from the Lady Pioneers' 93-58 victory over NHC on Jan. 30 in the Pitt Center. In their first meeting, six SHU players were in double digits, outscoring the Pennwomen 51-28 in the second half.

This time around the win didn't come so easy as free throws seemed to make the difference for the Lady Pioneers.

SHU sank 20 of their 28 attempts from the line while the Pennwomen shot 4-11.

Swanson said that health problems may have helped NHC close the gap. "We've been hit by the flu bug so I don't know if we were physically up to par," said Swanson. "We were in control most of the game, though."

Other top scorers in the game for the Lady Pioneers were junior Dawn Worner and sophomores Heather Czaplinski and Mike Ferrari all with eight points each and junior Katie Toole with three.

The women's team played its last game of the 1998-99 season against rival the University of Bridgeport yesterday at the Harvey Hubbell Gym.