Cernera to address papal document in open forum

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

On Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium, Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, will be holding a forum to discuss the papal apostolic constitution "Ex corde Ecclesiae." The forum is intended to inform members of the Sacred Heart community of the issue surrounding the document, and to distinguish the facts from the rumors. "Ex corde Ecclesiae," put forth by the pope in 1990, stated a goal to create a stronger relationship between the Catholic Church and Catholic universities worldwide. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops was then charged with finding a way to apply this goal in the United States.

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Producers of fake I.D.'s caught

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News Editor

Fake identification material has been taken from two rooms in West Hall. This week, a second phase of investigation into the situation is continuing.

The first room was searched on Friday and Public Safety confiscated over 100 passport-size photos of students, templates, transparencies, a laminating machine, personal computers, floppy discs, color printers and magnetic tape. A second cut in the moment was searched on Monday and similar materials were recovered.

Both students, who Public Safety believes are not working together, are under investigation by the Fairfield Police Department. The names of the students would not be revealed due to the ongoing investigation.

According to William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, the students admitted making I.D.'s for between 30 and 40 people and were in the process of making others. The students admitted to charging between 30 and 40 dollars to their clients. If the police charge the students, they will be charged with forgery in the second degree, which is a Class D felony.

"Friday, we got the information that we should check a certain student's room," said O'Connell. O'Connell added that a third student, who has graduated, was identified as making fake I.D.'s in West Hall, but since he is no longer a SHU student, no investigating can be done by SHU.

Larry Wiell, dean of students, said that he has been in contact with the Department of Liquor Control and is working with them to curb fake I.D. use at local bars and clubs like Wings in Stratford.

"Any information we get, we turn over to liquor control since it's not a public police matter," said Wiell.

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By Scott Fruza
Contributing Writer

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"The largest class size is a Freshman Seminar class which holds up to 40 students, but teachers go the extra mile to get to know you," said Rob McGinn, a sophomore from Amityville, N.Y.

But some students said that class size is a problem.

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Church: Cernera to address SHU Thursday

Cernera feels that Sacred Heart is taking very seriously its Catholic character and identity, caused the issue to gain so much attention. This document suggests a solution through more control over Catholic universities by diocesan authorities.

In November, the Conference will discuss the subcommittee’s report and the reactions it has gained.

Thursday’s forum will focus on further explaining this document.

“It’s informative,” said Cernera. “There is still a very significant process going on — and that process is one that is going to go on for about 5 years.”

According to Cernera, reports by Vatican newspapers fueled a fire of panic. Stories have been circulated about the Church completely taking over universities, and about Catholic universities seeking an entirely Catholic staff. These reports have caused the public to believe that the issue is much more drastic than it is truly.

“The American academic system has this fear of the encroachment of the state or anyone who’s going to tell them what to do,” said Fr. Michael McLemon, director of Pastoral Ministries at Sacred Heart. He believes that some of the problem is one of communication, since the American separation of church and state is a foreign concept to Europeans.

Cernera feels that Sacred Heart is already displaying a strong Catholic character, and therefore would change little even if the current document were to pass.

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Vernice added that she has informed — one class for the Spring 1999 semester has the problem of overcrowding.

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PUBLIC Safety Releases from Feb. 15 to Feb. 21

Feb. 15: 8:09 a.m. - South Hall resident reported his room was broken into and property was stolen.

9:33 a.m. - While investigating the above incident, a second South Hall resident reported his room had also been broken into and property was stolen.

11:33 a.m. - West Hall fire alarm received; no probe found.

Feb. 16: 2:16 a.m. - Officers assisted Residential Life staff with alcohol and violation violations in South Hall.

9:38 a.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; activated by dust cleaning.

12:09 p.m. - Staff member reported a laptop computer was stolen from a closet in the HC wing between Jan. 26 and Feb. 6.

1:15 p.m. - Staff member reported an on the job injury in the Academic Building; medical assistance not sought.

Feb. 17: 11:53 a.m. - Parker residence reported the theft of his laptop computer from his apartment the previous day.

3:57 p.m. - Staff member reported two balances were stolen from a room in the SC wing over the weekend.

5:19 p.m. - Campus Center fire alarm activated by a burning candle.

Feb. 18: 8:21 a.m. - Faculty member reported a students injured.

11:33 a.m. - Buildings and Grounds reported an unknown chemical release in the tunnel in the north wing of the Academic Building.

Fairfield Fire Department, Department of Environmental Health and Chorus Harbors notified. Section of the building was evacuated until approximately 4 p.m., when the source of the problem was found (acid in a sink drain pipe).

1:46 p.m. - Mailroom supervisor reported an employee was producing illegal photo identification cards, incidents under investigation by Public Safety.

6:04 p.m. - West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

6:51 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm received; caused by cigarette smoking.

Feb. 19: 10:50 a.m. - Officer reported the campus to the intersection of the North Lot and the Administration Road had been destroyed by a vehicle which hit it. Fairfield Police were notified.

Drivers of the vehicle hit it were recovered at the scene. Fairfield Public Safety to track the vehicle to a parking lot on campus, identify the operator and bring the student responsible to the Public Safety Office. Student responsible admitted their involvement and said they will pay for the cost of the new sign.

6:00 p.m. - Public Safety investigation into fraudulent drivers licenses resolved in the search, with Residential Life, of a room in West Hall. Found in the room were 400 passport size photos of students, templates, transparencies, laminating machine and other material used to make fraudulent drivers licenses. Also confiscated were personal computers, floppy disks, color printers, of assorted brands.

Feb. 20: 2:15 a.m. - Public Safety assisted Residential Life with an orderly student in South Hall.

3:49 a.m. - Officer observed the Exit sign on the sixth floor of West Hall was vandalized.

4:08 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm caused by burnt food.

Feb. 21: 1:21 a.m. - South Hall resident reported their room door was vandalized.

4:50 p.m. - Jefferson Hall Building 2 fire alarm caused by an unidentified student who discharged a fire extinguisher.

Medical: Students sick

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lose the information typically," said Raynis.

According to Michael Bozzone, dean of freshman, the flu epidemic that has hit Connecticut this year is also a large cause for public assistance.

"What I’ve been noticing is a lot of people sick, a lot of flu... and even becoming or serious as previous," said Bozzone.

Bozzone said he is not certain that intoxication is playing a significant role in medical assistance. "I don’t know that it’s any worse than before. In some of the more serious medical incidents on campus, there’s alcohol... I’m assuming there’s some of it.”

Larry Wielk, dean of students, also thinks that the flu problem has led to more students calling public safety for medical assistance as opposed to in-office sources. Wielk said that students may be having difficulty reaching outside numbers and call public safety instead.

Wielk also thinks binge drinking at bars and clubs in the area has a lot to do with the assistance given in public safety.

"I don’t say we’re intoxication incidents to drinking related to the outside drinking areas. They’re also running the buses,” said Wielk. Wielk added that on one of those weekends, "four students were taken to the
Fakers: Beware the consequences

It comes as no surprise that students are making false identifications in order to get into local bars and to buy beer at package stores.

This is college, we expect this behavior. But to condone it, that's a whole different story.

In a school our size, it's hard to take a shower without the entire student body knowing about it. So, when rumor has it that somebody in one of the dorms could get you into bars just by changing your name and age, you'd be a fool not to. Right?

Wrong! The penalties for false identification are growing by the minute. Gone are the days when a 300 pound bouncer hands back your cheezy fake license and politely says, "Please leave sir, before I call the police."

Believe it or not, these bars and liquor stores pay heavy fines and face license suspensions when caught selling alcohol to minors. Not to mention the fact that if arrested, you could be fined a lot more than the amount of money you paid for a cardboard cutout with your picture on it.

So before you dish out all that cash for something that could be confiscated by the end of the week, think about spending it on something more worthwhile.

Take advantage of AIDS Awareness Week

Each year, Sacred Heart University offers students the opportunity to learn more about the number one killer of people their age.

The University pays a pretty penny to host guest speakers and clubs and organizations sponsor events all week long. The least you can do is go to a few.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are 40,000 new HIV cases every year. Half of that sum involves people under the age of 25. Half of the new sum is directed toward people under the age of 22.

Believe it or not, despite the statistics, there are still some people who hold the attitude that it can't or won't happen to them.

We take criticism as Generation X for being lazy and unmotivated, said that we don't care about anything. Do we want to be branded this way for life, or do we want to do something about it?

Ignoring a problem like AIDS isn't going to make it go away. Take advantage of the AIDS lectures and activities being offered this week. Learn all you can and see how you can get involved.

Not all drinkers are binge drinkers, stop pointing fingers

I have a confession to make. Tonight I came home from my work at the Spectrum and poured myself some alcohol. I didn't chug, funnel, or shootgun, I slowly sipped two glasses of wine. I sit here writing this column while drinking some Gallo Cabernet Sauvignon. No, a terribly expensive vino, but a brand that's affordable for someone on a limited budget.

To the majority of nothing I would have to worry about confessing but the instant I uncorked the bottle and poured the first drop, I broke state law. I'm 20 years old. I don't reach legal age until Sept. 27 of this year. If a policeman had walked past my apartment and seen my action he'd have waited is uninvited and read me the Miranda Rights. Thankfully, I'm safe for now, but if any spelling or grammatical errors leap out while reading this, attribute it to the grapes.

The alcohol debate rages between college students and authority figures. College administrators and police agencies attempt to punish students who possess or consume alcohol.

It's a battle that's been fought here at Sacred Heart. Many recall the battles that our Dean of Students fought with promoters of a now defunct alcohol-serving night club that provided free transportation from campus to its business. Two students eventually served suspensions for their effort to promote the club.

Last week, Public Safety officers raided two dorm rooms in an attempt to subvert two fake I.D. manufacturing operations. Apparently a large amount of sophisticated equipment was confiscated because the owners printed out fabricated driver's licenses and sold them to minors who used them to purchase alcohol.

There's a disturbing message that authorities are subtly conveying when these things take place. We know what is best for you, kids. We will make your decisions for you. You are not educated enough to make your own decisions.

I've had a fake I.D. taken and been threatened with arrest after attempting to enter a casino. What a vicious crime, playing black jack with $20 while sipping on a Budweiser. Quick officer, lock me up before I do irreparable damage to myself.

It's insulting that a legislator in Hanford feels that I can not decide what I will not be able to decide what I do with my body until I turn 21.

How can a man or woman who never laid eyes upon me, never read my writing, never listened to my thoughts, know what I am capable of handling? On my 21st birthday, I will be given a manual that tells when I can drink, what I can drink, and how much of it I can drink.

Yes, there are people who abuse substances and yes, they should be restrained from doing so. But all I ask is that I am considered innocent until I prove otherwise.

Instead of swiping that bottle out of my hand and shaking a finger in my face, sit down next to me, order a drink for yourself and talk to me about how I can utilize control. Show me how my friends and I can have a good time through moderation.

I suspect few will take me up on that offer. I get the feeling that I'll have someone peering over my shoulder whenever I open my refrigerator door. It's a shame that the people who feel the need to restrict my actions can't find the time to tell me teach me to handle myself.

I'd like to say more about this matter, but it's time for me to refill my glass.
Letters

"GRANDMA" SENDS ALL AT SHU A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Marie Melise—"Grandma." I worked in the cafeteria for a while. I just want to say I love all of you young people. You are our future leaders of tomorrow.

I'm very happy the old gym is currently being used for student Mass on Sunday. "Sacred Heart" will surely bless our University as there is only God and he loves all of us no matter what.

Have a happy Spring Break. Those who will graduate, I will always remember them for their kindness to me and those that still have courses to complete, the same.

Love to the cafeteria workers, I miss you. God bless our University and everyone in it.

Marie Melise
Former FLIK worker

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Burlington wants school to crack down on drinking

Burlington, Vt. (CPX)—Only hours after a riot involving 300 people broke out in downtown Burlington, the city’s mayor and local police demanded that the University of Vermont crack down on student drinking.

“There is certainly a belief, however true, on campus that the university is very permissive, is not stringent about alcohol in dorms,” Burlington Police Sgt. Patrick Voorheis told the Associated Press.

“We need to get the university to assume greater responsibility for students off campus,” said Mayor Peter Clavelle. “The University of Vermont has historically argued they cannot accept that response because it is not a part of their educational mission. That is absurd.”

University officials bristled at the suggestion that they aren’t doing much to curb student drinking, citing regular meetings with local bar owners and a variety of educational programs designed to foster awareness about substance abuse.

However, the university is eager to work more closely with the police department, school officials said.

Police arrested six people—three of them students—for disorderly conduct after a crowd of about 300 people gathered downtown around 2:15 a.m. on Oct. 2 after bars had closed. The mob chanted obscenities and tried to deter a police officer from arresting someone for drunken driving. The crowd smashed windows in a police car, storefront and movie theater and set a trash bin on fire.

University officials said the two UVM students arrested would face sanctions. The third, a student enrolled at Champlain College, will also face disciplinary action, Champlain officials said.

“I would like them (the university) to crack down harder on drunken students,” Voorheis told the AP. “I would like to see them students involved in disturbances. It is even plausible they could have university personnel monitoring the system in hopes of getting a strong message out.”
Greek Life welcomes another fraternity

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

Early morning on Wednesday, Feb. 17, Sacred Heart welcomed its newest fraternity, Alpha Sigma Psi.

The newest edition to Greek Life was created by Eddie Scali, Jr., a freshman from Massapequa Park, N.Y., who is the fraternity's president, and his friends were disappointed with the student involvement at Sacred Heart, and decided to try to get more people involved.

"We are trying to make Greek Life a bigger organization on campus, and especially help with school spirit," said Scali.

Though the group of 15 freshmen and sophomores has not yet received their contract from Greek Life, they are subject to the same rules as other fraternities. They must sponsor events on campus, be responsible for community service hours and must rely heavily on fund raisers for their funding.

They have already completed a portion of their community service obligation. In conjunction with Campus Ministry and the Merton House, they helped to raise over $400 for hurricane victims in Florida. Their advisor Doug Steele, an admissions counselor at the University, is proud to be working with Alpha Sigma Psi.

"Know they're going to work really hard, not only in school, but also in their new venture," said Steele. "They want to make SHU a better place," he said.

The fraternity itself is made up of a variety of personalities. Scali said, "We're a different group of guys. Everybody in the fraternity is totally different. That's why we started it.

Scali agreed, saying, "Every kid brings something different to it. They talk a lot about individuality, and they want to bring another aspect to Greek Life."

Other members of Greek Life are happy to see it expanding. Marcos Rios, a freshman from Southbridge, Mass., and member of Sigma Delta Chi, said, "I'm really excited to see more students getting involved in Greek Life."

Scali and his brothers said that they are happy with the reactions of other fraternities.

"So far they've been nothing but supportive. They are happy to see Greek Life expanding," said Scali.

Alpha Sigma Psi is in a probationary period right now. This means that they can carry out the normal duties of a fraternity, but they cannot have a new pledge class for approximately six academic months.

They did everything by themselves, and they are doing a lot more than they initially planned," said Steele.

Alpha Sigma Psi is the fourth fraternity at Sacred Heart since its founding in 1963.

Keeping the Heart Healthy

SHU's bi-weekly health column

By Sara E. Alia and Carrie A. Nielsen of the Student Nurses Association

Advised by Dr. Strong

It's that time of the year again when everyone comes down with the flu. You know, everyone has the identical symptoms: sore throat, cough, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of appetite, and a generally crummy feeling. Altho-ugh many may think, they won't get sick. I got the vaccine, they're mistaken. Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a virus. There are three strains of influenza including types A, B, and C. What this means is that the flu vaccine may only be protecting you from one strain of the virus. Also, contrary to popular belief, you can get the flu more than once a year. In fact, you can have it many times in your life. Just as a reminder, the vaccine is only effective for one year and must be received yearly.

Late fall and winter are peak reasons for the flu. People at the highest risk of catching the flu include the elderly, the very young, and those with chronic problems such as heart or lung conditions. A person can start showing symptoms 1 to 5 days after exposure and symptoms commonly last 2 to 7 days.

The question is: How is the flu spread so quickly among people, especially SHU students? Influenza is spread from an ill person to other people by coughing and sneezing. This is highly relevant to all students who live in South and West Halls, because people are sharing germ's back and forth due to their living arrangements. Okay, so now that we know how the flu is spread, how do we protect ourselves from catching it or passing it on?

First, those who have a fever or cough, stay home!!! You should not go to school or work, we all know what it is like to have someone coughing up a lung sitting next to you during class. The most effective means of prevention is frequent hand washing. Also, always remember to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and don't leave dirty tissues lying around. If you happen to be one of the unfortunate victims of the influenza virus, it is crucial to seek treatment for the sake of yourself and others around you. It is important to drink lots of fluids, especially vitamin C beverages such as orange and grapefruit juice, and most of all, get plenty of R & R (rest and relaxation).

Brazilian culture electrifies crowd

Dance Troop celebrates spirit of Carnival

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

Many people thought that last Tuesday's Mardi Gras bash would be the last pre-Lenten ethnic celebration on campus. But, last Thursday in the Faculty Lounge, Carnival, Brazil's major feast came to campus in the Brazilian Coffeehouse.

The colors of the Brazilian banner, verde, amarelo, azul, and branco adorned the members of Ginga Brasileira, an exciting music and dance troop from New Haven.

The Brazilian Dance Troop entertained students by using wooden sticks and martial arts. Senior Antonio Guimaraes, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, introduced the audience to the spirit of Carnival. The six-day event is celebrated throughout the country by people of all ages and backgrounds. It is intended to recognize Brazil's cultural evolution to its present identity. People in outrageous costumes parade through the streets shouting their praises.

Echoes of the previous African American Coffee house showed in the art of Capoeira, a mix of martial arts, gymnastics, aerobics, and dance. It was developed by sixteenth century plantation slaves as a secret defense against their Portuguese captors.
Eating Disorders Awareness Week comes to SHU

Health screenings set up by Prevention Team starting in early March

By Stacey Shepperd
Contributing Writer

Eating Disorders Awareness Week will take place March 1-5. Events will be organized by the SHU Eating Disorders Prevention Team to alert the community of warning signs and various ways to seek treatment.

"The goal for the week will be to make more people on campus aware of eating disorders in terms of prevention and treatment," said Jocelyn Novella, University counselor.

Healthy eating screenings will be conducted throughout the week beginning on March 1 from 6-7 p.m. in South Hall, March 3 at noon in the Student Life Conference Room and 6 p.m. in the Pitt Center, and on March 4 from 6-7 p.m. in West Hall. After individuals have completed these surveys, a counselor will be available privately to discuss the results.

According to Novella, the screening provides students who were hesitant to seek treatment, get the help they need.

"We found in previous years that through the screening exams we have been able to identify a significant amount of students who are at risk, who would not have sought help themselves," Novella said.

A "Setting Yourself Free" day will occur on March 2, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Students are invited to liberate themselves of any self-deprecating habit for one day.

Last spring, Novella sent a campus-wide e-mail inviting interested students as well as faculty to be a part of the Eating Disorders Prevention Team.

Faculty and students believe that the importance of the team is to reach out to people who need help combating eating disorders.

"Due to personal experiences, I've realized it's important to have people reach out, so I wanted to become involved," said senior Lisa Sleeper.

Debbie Danowski, an adjunct professor of English and Communications, created the team's pamphlet titled "Food, Eating Disorders, and You." Danowski wants students to know from experience that recognizing your problem is the first step in recovering from an eating disorder.

"As a person with an eating disorder, I know personally how important awareness is in moving toward recovery," said Danowski. "It is possible to recover from an eating disorder," she added.

The pamphlets are located in the Counseling Center and throughout campus. During Eating Disorders and Awareness Week, they can be found on the Women's Studies' bulletin board.

According to Novella, the panel discussion has been postponed until the end of March, because of time constraints. The panel will include doctors and counselors as well as students coping with eating disorders.

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Anorexia Nervosa

A list of the most common symptoms:
* An intense preoccupation with thickness.
* A refusal to eat meals.
* A deep fear of weight gain and eating.
* An irregular or nonexistent menstruation cycle.
* Wearing baggy clothes to hide body size.
* Striving for perfection in all areas.
* Rapid weight loss in a short amount of time.
* Dizziness and fainting spells.
* A distorted body image.

Binge-Eating

A list of the most common symptoms:
* Constant preoccupation with eating.
* Eating large amounts of food at one time.
* Weight gain.
* Often lying about or hiding food.
* Regularly feeling lethargic and exhausted.
* Idolizing or worshipping thinness.
* Feeling a strong need to rid the body of food after eating.
* Exercising compulsively.
* Fearing weight gain.
* Experiencing light-headedness or dizziness.
* Determining self-worth by the amount of weight loss or gained.
* Vomiting regularly

Bulimia Nervosa

A list of the most common symptoms:
* Eating large amounts of food quickly.
* Feeling a strong need to rid the body of food after eating.
* Exercising compulsively.
* Vomiting regularly

Campus Happenings

Italian club selling pastries

Cirocolo Italiano, the new Italian Club, is selling traditional Neapolitan cream fritters for the St. Joseph holiday. Samples of cream and sweet ricotta filled pastries will be available today at lunch and dinner at the dining hall. The treats cost $2 to be paid today. Orders can be picked up at the International Festival on St. Joseph's Day.

Trinidad and Tobago Coffeehouse

The Hartford Steel Symphony will perform a medley of crowd-pleasing island music from Trinidad and Jamaica on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Authentic refreshments like patties, sweet bread and coffee will be served. The event is sponsored by the International Center and is free for all SHU students.

International Festival applications due

If you are interested in representing your culture through an exhibit or performance, sign up for the 1999 International Festival taking place on March 19. Unwind to a relaxing evening complete with fine performances, authentic refreshments and gourmet coffee. The application deadline is Feb. 26 and can be picked up in the International Center in the Hawley Lounge.

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Black Inventions and their Inventors

In honor of Black History Month

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Brazil:
Dance excites crowd

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the rhythm-clapping crowd holding their breath.

Ginga's leader, Efraim Silva of Sao Paolo, compelled the audience to participate.

Each audience member received two sticks learned to clap them to the count of Um, a Sao Paolo rhythm. He and his wife Eva, a SHU alumna from Hun-
Increasing awareness: Sean Sasser shares his experiences with life, love and Pedro in the 'Real World'

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

This is the true story of an African American, HIV positive, gay man, who chose to come to Sacred Heart to talk about his life. Sean Sasser, who appeared on MTV's "The Real World III" opposite his now deceased partner, Pedro Zamora, addressed a crowd of about 175 SHU students Monday night in the Theater.

Sasser's speech, sponsored by Student Activities, S.E.T., and Phi Omega Tau as part of SHU's AIDS Awareness Week, stressed the importance of safe sex claiming that, "when (condoms are) used properly, they are incredibly effective. Take advantage of everything available to you," Sasser added.

He did contend, however, that abstinence is the "only 100 percent prevention." Abstinence not only of sexual activity, but of drugs and alcohol as well. "These substances can impede your judgment," he said.

He also stressed the importance of getting tested for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), the virus that causes AIDS, stating that the 40,000 new cases every year, half are under the age of 25.

Sasser believes there may be even more because not everyone gets tested. Fear, ignorance and trust in a partner were some of the reasons the audience contributed to the question of why people don't get tested.

"If you have ever engaged in any of the behavior that could put you at risk for HIV or other STD's, you really need to know what your status is," Sasser said. "The sooner you know, the better you can care for yourself."

Sasser has been HIV positive for nearly a decade. He discovered he had the virus when he was 19 years old on the day he was supposed to ship out with the Navy. Sasser had applied to the Navy in an attempt to "knock the gay out of me."

Sasser and Zamora were the focus of many "The Real World III" episodes giving the world a glimpse of their commitment to HIV education while living with the virus themselves. They first met while doing activist work in San Francisco and became involved when Zamora returned to San Francisco for the MTV documentary.

Zamora died of brain cancer the very night that the final episode of "The Real World III" aired on November 11, 1994. "Watching him die was like watching myself die," Sasser said.

Sasser always knew he was different, but thought this stemmed from being African American. Because he didn't know that much about his heritage beyond slavery and Martin Luther King, his mother started taking him to the library. "I could finally identify myself as black," he said, but he still felt different.

When he was nine years-old, Sasser discovered he was gay. "I was horrified, terrified. This could not be what was meant for me," he said.

Sasser said that he hid his gayness for years. That was, in fact, "leading a double life." It wasn't until after going through three years of college that Sasser "came out" to his mother. Six months later, he had to tell her he was HIV positive. "She was incredibly supportive," he said.

Sasser became involved in AIDS activism and was the Public Policy Coordinator for the San Francisco-based Heath Initiatives for Youth (HIY) before appearing on "The Real World." He trained HIV positive and affected young people to be "powerful visible advocates for themselves and others."

He is currently the Atlanta Media Resource Center Manager of the Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Sasser's talk got rave reviews from SHU students. "I think it was an amazing thing that happened here and talked about being such a minority," said Sheila Bogan, a senior from Cumberland, R.I.

"It was very moving," said Nicole Bishop, a senior from Kings Park, N.Y. "He approached a serious topic with style and dignity."

S.E.T. President, Mike Dunton, said he came away from the lecture with more knowledge about AIDS. "It was very informative. He gave us a 'real world' lesson on how to protect ourselves. Some myths and stereotypes were also abolished."

As of now, Sasser doesn't know from whom he contracted the virus. He has talked to his previous partners and all say they are not infected.

Sasser is currently and has been healthy for a while. He takes no medications, says he doesn't have good eating habits and is "allergic to the gym."

When asked why the virus effects people differently Sasser said that it depends on the individual and how the virus was transmitted.

"If it is injected directly into the blood stream (via IV drug use) it may have a different effect, rather than through sexual activity," he said. "I'm just lucky."

What happens next?

By Frances Moore
A&E editor

There will be one less thumb pointing the way to a great movie these days. Gene Siskel, half of the critical team Siskel and Ebert, died Saturday at age 53.

Who would have thought, when Siskel began working with his co-star Roger Ebert 24 years ago, that two thumbs would have left such a big print on the film industry?

And now the question remains, "Will one thumb be enough to guide people to the movies?"

Siskel and Ebert worked as a team. They began their careers working for rival newspapers in Chicago. Their rivalry continued on the small screen, as they disagreed on many occasions. Siskel was often viewed as the opinion of one over the other. Siskel's following consisted on people that relied on his cynical, yet honest, opinions. Those who enjoyed films for the message that they contained would be more likely to agree with Siskel, rather than Ebert's appreciation for the technical qualities of a film.

Each weekend fans could find Siskel and Ebert on "The Bal- coy," engaged in sometimes vicious thumb-wrestling wars. The thumbs-up or thumbs-down system became a standard rating, often making or breaking a film.

They were pretty powerful thumbs.

If a film received two thumbs up, filmmakers could use that as bragging rights for their film.

On the other hand, no pun intended, two thumbs down usually guaranteed that the film would flop.

But now there is only one, lone thumb. Will Roger Ebert have enough of a following to continue the tradition that began almost a quarter of a century ago? Will he be forced to use his thumb to take a hike?

On Oscar night, will there be space for another to sit in that now vacant seat in the balcony, or will it be reserved as a seat that only Siskel could fill?

Ebert himself doesn't know. As he told USA Today, "I can't imagine what it will be like."

Even if you were not a fan, is no denying the fact that the critical duo had a profound effect on the world of film.

Millions tuned in every week in search of guidance. As we say adieu to Siskel, and offer a hearty pat on the back, we must wait to find out who will be next to lend Ebert a hand.

Choke on 'Jawbreaker'

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

"Jawbreaker" tries to be fresher than it is, and ends up falling flat in its attempt to shock the viewer.

We've all seen dead high school girls before, and Rose McGowan playing a witch with a capital "B" is nothing new, either.

The film succeeds, though, at knowing its role among high school flicks. "Jawbreaker" doesn't pretend to be a serious commentary on high school life. You know going in that it's a face. If you're not sure, the sex scene between McGowan and cameo Marilyn Manson will take care of any doubts.

There are even appearances by Pam Greer and Carol King, two actresses most moviegoers would never expect to see together.

"Jawbreaker" is good for some sick laughs, but it will not earn the $7.75 to anyone but the truly twisted and Rose McGowan fans. Wait for video; this one will just be as funny at home.
New artist sings the blues

Stirring photographs from painful past

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"Office Space" is headed by a strong cast.
Cotte sets up Pioneers

By Danielle De Name

Staff Writer

The beards of perspiration rolled down their face like tears. A concerned roommate asks, "Cotte, man, how's that knee feeling?" Okay, but I am still going to play," Brian responds while shifting the ice pack on his knee.

Brian Cotte, a junior from Natick, Mass., has just begun the rehabilitation of his by-passed kneed. He suffered the injury while performing his duties as setter on Sacred Heart's 9-2 men's volleyball team.

"Having surgery an his shoul­der last year and stretching his ACL this year are two tough injuries to overcome, but definitely, especially a setter," Carter said.

This season has been an ex­ception one for Cotte so far. He ranks fifth in the nation among all combined Division I and II players in digs per game average with 2.33, 17th in service ace average at .407 and 15th for assists per game with 15.10.

Cotte credits his coach for facilitating the improvement. "Coach has helped me become the leader, athlete and person that I have become with his outstanding guidance. He shares the same drive," Cotte said.

Cotte sets up Pioneers

By Matt Duda

Sports Editor

A career-high 33 points from John Randazzo led the Sacred Heart University basketball team to a 88-81 win over rival Bridgeport on Feb. 12.

The win raised SHU's record to 10-16, 9-8 in the New England Collegiate Conference. The se­ries between the Park Ave. rivals ended with SHU holding a 40-20 edge.

Randazzo accumulated his points on 10 of 14 shooting from the field, including six of eight from beyond the three-point arch.

Senior forward Dave Jesko added Randazzo, scoring 22 points. Jesko and Randazzo combined for SHU's final 16 points to secure the win.

Sophomore center Tim Welch scored 11 rebounds and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. Sopho­more point guard Kurt Reis dished out seven assists.

At press time, the Pioneers were leading Stony Brook in the final Division II game for the Pio­neers.

Randazzo will finish as the team's scoring leader this season, followed by Jesko. Third place was decided against Stony Brook. Sophomore forward Andrew Hunter and junior center Mindaugas Lydeka entered the season averaging 8.8 and eight points per game respectively.

Next season the Pioneers be­gin play in the 12-team Northeast Conference. SHU also will play a complete Division I schedule.

Indoor track dashes through conference meet

By Emily Greenough

Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's indoor track team managed to hold off some tough competition at the New England Collegiate Confer­ence Championship at Southern Connecticut State University on Saturday.

The women placed fifth out of seven teams while the men placed sixth.

Freshman Gaetano Marras was Sacred Heart's only individual winner of the day, claiming his post in the men's high jump once again with a leap of 6'7". This is Marras's sixth successful indoor meet out of seven, and he is the first athlete ever from the men's team to make first team All-NECC.

Gaetano turned back a tough field in this meet," said coach Christian Morrison. "I think he must have ice water in his veins, because he's not scared of jumping against anybody."

The men also scored points by finishing fourth in the 4x400 relay and setting a school record. The team consisted of freshmen Adam Reynolds, sopho­more Matt Boyer, freshman John Sakowich, and senior Carl Sturino.

Reynolds also finished fifth in the 500 meter run and qualified for ECAC's.

Sophomore Greg Krymshenko scored points for the men's team by finishing fifth in the 1000 meter run, also qualifying for ECAC's.

Sophomore Mike Benedetto scored fifth place in the high jump with a leap of 6'2".

The women's team also fielded several all-conference se­lections. The team placed second and were named second team All-NECC: sophomore Heather Stockton in the 3000 meter run, freshman Kimberly Kyrytschenko scored points for the women, and sophomore Brandi Blevins in the 1500 meter run.

Randazzo also scored fifth in the mile run and qualified for ECAC's.

Sophomore Mindaugas Lydeka entered the season averaging 8.8 and eight points per game respectively.

Next season the Pioneers will be­gin play in the 12-team Northeast Conference. SHU also will play a complete Division I schedule.
**SHU STARS**

**Randazzo scores career-high 33 points**

Senior men's basketball guard John Randazzo, of Oceanside, N.Y., scored a career-high 33 points in a win over rival Bridgeport Feb 15.

Randazzo set the school record for three-pointers made in a single season. He also owns the school record for three's in a game.

The men's lacrosse team practices in preparation for it's season opener on Wednesday.

Young lacrosse team shooting for improvement

By Matt Duda

Sports Editor

Last season, Sacred Heart's men's lacrosse team suffered its worst season in the program's short history. The Pioneer's lost their first five games and ended with a 5-8 record.

Two of SHU's top three leading scorers and an All-American defender have graduated, but the Pioneer's are betting on skilled veterans and a speedy recruiting class to improve their standing this season.

Coach Tom Mariano says the team has already shown vast potential.

"There's such and overwhelming number of kids," Mariano said. "They play harder and are much more physical and intense in practices than in years past."

Leading the returning players is senior attackman Chris Lukowski of Syracuse, N.Y. Lukowski led the Pioneer's scoring attack last season, finishing with 16 goals and 24 assists for 40 points.

Lukowski is used primarily as a feeder, distributing the ball from behind the cage to midfielders and attackmen in scoring positions.

Senior Kenny Martin of White Plains, N.Y., hopes to be the recipient of many Lukowski passes. Martin, an offense-focused midfielder, is known for his blazing shot. Martin finished with 18 goals and four assists last season.

The defense will be anchored by veterans Brian Wolchok and Mark Letizia. Wolchok, a senior from Jefferson Station, N.Y., scooped up 39 ground balls last season.

Letizia returns to action after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament six games into last season. Letizia, of Camillus, N.Y., is an offensive defenseman who loves to carry the ball into the offensive half of the field.

The biggest question mark for SHU is in goal. Last season, the Pioneer's split time between two goalies. Mariano said that he'd prefer to field one for most of this season, but says he can't yet name a clear-cut starter.

Twenty-three freshman will wear Pioneer uniforms this season. Mariano said that the newcomers will have an immediate impact.

"It's a pretty talented group, both athletically and academically," Mariano said.

Sacred Heart opened a tough schedule this season on Wednesday with a 3 p.m. contest against Vermont. Other home games this year will be played against Manhattan, Lafayette, Hartford, Albany, and Holy Cross.

The Pioneers face Ohio State on March 13, at 5 p.m. at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Key away games this year are against Boston College, Villanova, and Dartmouth.

**WHRT airs Pioneer sports**

By Matt Duda

Sports Editor

WHRT, Sacred Heart's student-run radio station, broadcasts a wide variety of music, ranging from rap to reggae to metal. Recently, the station began providing live play-by-play coverage of Sacred Heart's men's basketball team.

According to WHRT Station Manager Lisa Pio, the concept of providing live coverage to SHU sporting events has been in the works for over two years.

A grant from Coca-Cola allowed the station to purchase a remote console that transmits the broadcast from the game site over phone lines to WHRT's studio.

Junior Mike Kuchar and senior Greg Nota, both media studies majors, provided the play-by-play commentary for the men's basketball team's 71-69 loss at Southern Connecticut last on Feb. 10. The Feb 15 80-65 loss at New Hampshire College was not aired by WHRT, but Pio said the final game against Stony Brook on Tuesday was covered on the station's 91.5 FM frequency.

Note that despite being on the air, WHRT's broadcast hopes to expand on its coverage. "We're looking at doing some men's and women's lacrosse games in the spring and some baseball and softball too," Pio said.

**Intramural All-Stars**

**Name:** Charles Bennedum

**Class:** Junior

**Hometown:** Oceanside, N.Y.

**Sport:** Floor hockey

Sponsored by Coca-Cola
Newhard's buzzer-beater busts Bridgeport

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

Freshman Leslie Newhard sank a lay-up with no time left on the clock clinching an 86-84 victory over the University of Bridgeport last Wednesday night in the final game of Sacred Heart's women's basketball team's 1998-99 season. SHU, who is ineligible for post season play due to the Division I move, finished at 15-12 overall and 12-6 in the New England Collegiate Conference, good for third place.

The Lady Pioneers had possession of the ball with 17 seconds left on the clock and the score tied at 84. They had some trouble setting up the play and one pass was almost picked-off. But Newhard took a quick dish under the basket from junior Katie Toole and sealed the deal at the buzzer.

Newhard led the team in scoring for the tenth time this season with 23 points. This was also the fifth time this season that Newhard scored 20 or more points in a game.

She also led in rebounds with eight. Newhard finished the season as SHU's top point-getter averaging 14.1 points per game.

When Newhard made the shot, she thought she tied the score. "I was trying to get under the basket for a rebound," she said. "I was just in the right place at the right time."

Newhard thinks the season was a success for the team and feels they are ready for the transition next year. "I think we could've had a few more wins, but I think the team played great," she said. "It will be good to be able to have a post season next year."

Senior captain Jessica Bresnahan shot 500 from behind the arc, sinking four of her eight attempts in the final game of her SHU career. She finished the game with 13 points and was fourth on the team in scoring averaging 11.7 points per game.

"The whole day I was thinking that it would be my last game in a Sacred Heart uniform," said Bresnahan. "It didn't really hit me until the game was over, though."

Bresnahan was happy that her team won the game of the season in such dramatic fashion. "It was more emotional and an awesome way to end," she said.

Bresnahan agreed that the team had a tough game this season but wasn't disappointed. "Since we couldn't go to the tournament, we wanted to do the best we could," she said. "It wasn't the most consistent season, but we beat some big teams this year."

Bresnahan drove herself into the record books this season, capturing the lead for all-time steals (214), steals in a season (75), third in all-time assists (329) and is the truth in scoring with 844 career points.

Junior center Heather Yablonski sustained an ankle injury early in the season which kept her out of a few games but still managed to average 12 points per game, third on the team. Yablonski will be looking to break the 1,000 point mark next season.

Icemen fall to 15 games below .500 after losses

By Adam P. Lagnese
Staff Writer

The men's ice hockey team was swept by Canisius for the second time this season, dropping their overall record to 5-20-1, 2-18-1 in the MAAC.

Earlier in the season, the Pioneers hosted two games against Canisius and lost 10-2 and 3-2. This past weekend, with both games at Canisius, the Pioneers fell 7-1 on Friday and 4-2 on Saturday.

"We were not ready for the first game," said sophomore Jeff Guarino. "We just didn't have our legs."

After the 7-1 loss, the team captains Neil Welch and Derek Guay brought the team together on Saturday morning. The meeting was about being ready to go. "Derek and I got the guys prepared," said Welch, "and we came out better for the second game. We didn't play smart at the beginning when we allowed four first period goals."

Welch said that after the short lapse and being down 4-0, the team played with their heads and gave the same effort to cut the lead in half. "One of the two goals was scored by sophomore Eric Drake, who leads the team with 7 goals and 14 assists."

"We were definitely more ready to play," said Guarino. "We didn't get any breaks, and we just can't finish."

Guarino also noted that the only way for the team to be successful in the upcoming playoffs is to finish their scoring opportunities. But the lack of scoring has been a problem for SHU all season long.

In this weekend's games, the Pioneers were out-shot by the Griffins 52-29 and 39-26. That is a total of 91-46. Canisius had more shots in Friday's game than the Pioneers did on the whole weekend. In the four games against Canisius this season, the icemen were out-scored 24-7.

The only positive note the dismal weekend brought was that the team became more unified. The team spent most of the week together.

Women's hockey splits two weekend games

SHU sets a school record for wins in a season with 10-0 win vs. Bowdoin

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The Sacred Heart women's ice hockey team tied a school record for wins in a season by destroying Bates College 10-0 last Sunday. The win followed a tough 2-1 loss to Bowdoin College the Pioneers are currently 3-18-4 and ranked fifth in the nation in Division II.

Against Bowdoin, Sacred Heart goalie Kim Derleth was kept busy. Bowdoin outshot the Pioneers 42-25.

Bowdoin's leading scorer, Amy Steel, struck first with a goal 3:34 into the first period, giving the team an edge they would not relinquish. SHU senior Sarah Hanna, playing in one of her final games as a Pioneer, tied the game 12:33 into the game. It was Hanna's 14th goal of the season.

Bowdoin retaliation in the second period proved too much for the Pioneers to overcome. Bowdoin shut out SHU the rest of the game.

Sacred Heart followed up their conference loss with their fourth shut out of the season and destroyed Bates 10-0.

Junior Lori Hendra of Calumet, Mich., recorded her first career hat trick, while Hanna scored four points on two goals and three assists in her last regular season home game at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

The Pioneers out shot Bates 51-17, and converted one of two power plays in the lop-sided victory.

The Pioneers are still in contention with Wesleyan for the league title. The Pioneers tied Wesleyan 2-2 last Sunday at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

Head Coach Trina Bourget said that the Pioneers must stay focused in order to achieve their goal of a league title.

"We must take each game one at a time, each period at a time, not looking past any team in hopes to achieve a division title," said Bourget.

Hanna leads the team in scoring with 25 points. She has 15 goals and 10 assists. Freshman Kim Abrahams has recorded 22 points on 11 goals and 11 assists.

Proruston goalkeeper Kim Derleth is the team's saves leader. Derleth is spelled at times by junior Anna Alvey.

The Pioneers play back to back home games this weekend. They face Union College at 2 p.m. this Saturday and Hamilton at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Both games will be played in the Milford Ice Pavilion.