A view from the tenth floor of East Hall

The sight that sophomores on the tenth floor of East Hall will be seeing next year. East Hall construction is going on schedule with expected completion around July 15. See story, right.

Media clubs’ new bosses selected

By Julie Ann Nevero

Editor-in-Chief

The new Editors-in-Chief of the Spectrum and Prologue and Manager of the WHRT station for the 1999-2000 school year were determined last Friday.

Matt Duda (Spectrum), Heidi Booth (Prologue), and Lisa Pio (WHRT) were selected by Sacred Heart's Editor/Manager Selection Committee to lead their clubs.

All applicants for these positions were required to fill out an application, submit two letters of recommendation in addition to appearing before the selection committee.

Duda, who served as the Spectrum’s Sports Editor this year, has been writing for the paper since his sophomore year. He is looking forward to his new position and is fully aware of the amount of work that follows.

"It's exciting, but at the same time, I have a lot of work to do," said Duda.

He added that this is something that he has always wanted to do. "In whatever I do, my goal is to be at the top. This is the likely step to take," he said.

Duda's goal for next year’s Spectrum is to expand. "Now here's the deal, the Spectrum is at a good point. It presents a good quality publication. I want to expand on that."

Duda said would ultimately accept the position.

SHU honored at service awards

Sacred Heart University received awards in two categories last Thursday at the seventh annual Department of Higher Education’s Community Service Fellowship Program in Hartford. This marked the sixth straight year the University won one or more awards in the state-wide program.

Sean Otterspoor, a Sacred Heart University junior from Trumbull, was an individual student winner, while the Taft Commons residence hall was an award recipient in the student group category. The ceremony took place in the Old Judiciary Room at the State Capitol.

"We are pleased and grateful that Sean and the students at Taft Commons were recognized for their community service activities," said Anthony Cemera, president of SHU. "As the University has grown and become more diverse, the ethic of service has continued to be one of its defining characteristics. Service to the human community is a essential part of the mission that guides the University in all of its efforts and activities."

Otterspoor is president of the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, but he is also involved in other community service projects. He is a board member with the Bridgeport Habitat for Humanity, has worked with AmeriCorps at the Volunteer Center of Greater Bridgeport, and has developed a Step-by-Step program in which volunteers repair, replace or repaint the front steps of homes whose residents cannot afford the cost of the repairs.

Sean Otterspoor works at the Habitat House on Shelton Street.

Special to the Spectrum

Even before taking his first college class, Otterspoor became a volunteer. With 13 other SHU freshmen, he took part in the University's initial Community Connections Program in August 1996. In the week-long venture, students perform community service and work live in Bridgeport inner-city.

"You get a great feeling helping people," said Otterspoor. "People are basically good and accepting. If you want to help them, they're not going to put you down."

At Taft Commons, 85 percent of the student residents have taken part in community service during the 1998-99 academic year, said Christina Sipola, Taft’s residence hall director and adviser to the Hall Council.

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Yo quiero foreign language

By Cindy Borgos
Contributing Writer

A decrease of students interested in majoring in Spanish at Sacred Heart has resulted in less faculty in that department. Less faculty means fewer classes, which leads to a problem for students. According to Thomas Forget, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, few students are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn how to communicate in a diverse society.

Currently, the department has two full-time teachers and a part-time professor. Also, one full-time teacher teaches both Italian and French. This teacher is supported by a group of adjuncts.

"In a multi-cultural world, people are not taking advantage of classes offered in this institution and many students are not making that demand," said Forget.

Meanwhile, there are 16 students majoring in Spanish and three minors, who say they struggle with upper level courses. This semester, I only had one choice for an elective. I would have liked to take an extra class, but there is nothing offered," said Karen Bagley, a senior Spanish and Political Science major from Whitman, Mass.

University officials agree on the lack of foreign language classes, but they believe that this will only be a temporary problem.

"Things will improve next year," said Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It is my understanding that by next fall there should be a tremendous difference when Pilar Precourt returns. Some of the things that have happened with the department are unfortunate. Professor Munday has to leave to finish her Ph.D.

In the meantime, a small number of students majoring in Spanish are struggling with the class requirements and electives. Most of these students are juniors or seniors.

"The amount of electives offered depends on the number of enrollment. The reason may be that students are finding difficulty to learn foreign language," added Curtis.

"People do not realize the value of understanding a language, when this is an important aspect in our society. It makes you more aware of the world around you," said Bagley.

University officials agree that students are showing more interest in subjects such as biology and psychology because learning a foreign language is a form of art that is not easy to acquire.

"If there were more students interested, then we would have the need to please those demands. This year, it is our expectation to see some improvement in this department," said Paolini.

"I would hope that the faculty would give serious thought to increasing the stringency of the modern foreign department during the discussions about the revision of the core-curriculum," said Forget.

Media Clubs: Spectrum, Prologue and WHRT select Editor-in-Chiefs and Manager for the 1999-2000 school year

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She will rely on her staff to do this. "I want to make sure they understand the goal and talk to more people.

Pio is the co-host of next year's Station Manager and was re-elected for next year. Pio is the co-host of the popular "Doobie Sisters" radio show. She was unavailable for comment at press time.

Al Precourt, assistant director of Student Activities, said Precourt. "We got the best based on those who applied."

Yo quiero foreign language

"A lot of times people on the staff come to other friends to talk to and take pictures of. I want to change that," said Booth.

"I feel confident in the people we chose and in the recommendations of the committee," Al Precourt, assistant director of Student Activities said.

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Service: Sean Otterspoor and Taft honored

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"I'm thrilled. It is a meaningful reward for the meaningful effort the students have put in during the year," said Spitala, a graduate student in sociology.

Tara Cangemi, a sophomore from Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and president of the Latino Student Club, offered an explanation for her selection. "Making an impact in the lives of less fortunate people," she said, "is the best thing you can do.

There were two other individual award recipients in Thursday's ceremony; Suzanne M. Fallon of Trinity College and Donna L. Terrill of Northeastern Connecticut Community Technical College. In the student group category, the Genesis Club of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Youth Together of Yale University joined Taft Commons.

Computer Science Chair receives award

Domenick Pinto, chair of the Computer Science Department, was presented an award for innovative excellence in teaching, learning and technology on April 15 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The award was presented to faculty from 64 colleges and universities throughout the world. Pinto presented a special multimedia workshop on April 17 as well.

OT speaker of month next Thursday

The Pre-OT Club's Speaker of the Month Series will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday in SC-205.

Jennifer Cosgrove, academic fieldwork education coordinator for the Occupational Therapy Program, will be speaking about, "Occupational Therapy for Children."

School Supplies Drive ends tomorrow

The School Supplies Drive, sponsored by the Class of 2001, will be wrapping up Friday. They are collecting rulers, pens, pencils, notebooks, paper and anything that has to do with school from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Recycling program hits SHU

Sacred Heart's Student Senate has started a campus-wide conservation program. The first part of this program is a recycling campaign. Recycling bins have been placed around campus. Students may put clear, green or brown bottles or jars, plastic jugs, milk and soda bottles, food or beverage cans, aluminum foil and paper plates and motor oil.

Students should not put light bulbs, mirrors, window or plate glass, pyrex, pottery, aerosol cans, paint cans, and coat hangers in the bins. For more information, call Amy Macauley at extension 4231 or Erin Zych at extension 6085.

International Banquet coming Friday night

The International Banquet and Semi-Fomal, entitled, "Spring Renaissance," will be at 8 p.m. on Friday at Toscano Park at the Knights of Columbus Building on 2540 Park Avenue.

The tickets are $15 for SHU students and $20 for non-SHU students. For more information, call extension 7614.

Rubin named Alumni Scholarship winner

Diana Rubin, a Sacred Heart University sophomore from Mhhten, Mass., has been named the recipient of the Third Annual Alumni Executive Council Scholarship. The announcement was made by Debra A. Meno '83, chair of the scholarship committee.

Rubin, a biology major, was chosen on the basis of her accomplishments in academics, athletics, and community service. She has made the Dean's List in all of her three semesters and has a 3.6 grade point average.

Athletically, she is a member of the varsity field hockey and track and field teams. And on the community service level, Rubin teaches after-school science four afternoons a week at area elementary schools, volunteers at the Merton House and, for her Service Learning project, is working in conjunction with the Mercy Learning Center.

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The ins and outs of club advising

By Kelly-Anne Franklin Contributing Writer

Despite the ease with which students can form an organization or club at Sacred Heart University, sometimes it is not so easy to maintain that organization. As a result, there are 10 inactive clubs on campus, for various reasons.

"For some, it's just timing," said AI Precourt, assistant director of Student Activities. "For example, the Young College Democrats and Republicans are mainly active during elections."

The recently formed Ski and Snowboard Club has also found itself on the inactive list after its adviser left SHU.

According to the Clubs and Organizations Resource Guide, an effective adviser must, "obtain a basic understanding of the rights and responsibilities of campus organizations," and is, "encouraged to become familiar with legal issues affecting your own relationship to the organization and the university as it relates to potential liabilities."

"For the most part, I don't think it is," said Precourt, who advises the Senate, Greek Life (indirectly), the senior class, Women's Rugby, the Judicial Board, Committee Assistance, and the Student Activities office. "It can be a problem to a point because I don't think faculty and staff know the role."

Like both Ham and Precourt, some people take on the responsibilities of advising more than one organization, but Ham doesn't believe it is a problem.

"It's something you have to be dedicated to. If an advisor is comfortable advising more than one and the club is getting what they want from their adviser it's fine," said Ham. "That's what matters the most."

East Hall: Ten story building on schedule

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Parking for East Hall will be limited to faculty, staff, the Residence Hall Director, and possibly the Resident Assistants, according to Wiel.

Security for East Hall has yet to be firmly determined until Public Safety receives its budget along with the other departments for the 1999-2000 school year, according to William O'Connell, director of Public Safety.

"We have requested additional staffing (for East Hall)....we expect more calls for assistance," said O'Connell.

Wiel said that lights will be up on the common areas on either side.
Editorials

Learn a language, expand your horizons

Although the Art and Media Studies Departments tend to get the most press about their poor facilities and staff, the Foreign Language Department is an area that also gets overlooked by many in the SHU community. We live in a multi-cultural country where many nationalities and languages are represented. And although Sacred Heart isn't exactly the UN, we have more diversity than some parts of the country and live within an hour of arguably the most culturally diverse city in the country.

The bottom line is that knowing English and nothing else is just not good enough anymore. If you travel across the border to Quebec, for example, a vast majority of the people who just go through the school system speak at least two languages.

The entire student body doesn't need to be bilingual, but it should be exposed to other languages and cultures and have the luxury of a greater variety of classes to choose from.

For learning's sake, hush!

Well it's spring time now. The time of year that people look forward to. The time of year when the weather gets a little bit better and a little bit warmer. The time of year when people ditch the treadmill and run outside. Everyone wants to take advantage of the warm weather and students at Sacred Heart are no exception. Why should they be?

As we all know, South and West Halls are located just across the way from the Academic Center. Just outside of the Dining Hall lies a small field. Students often find their way out to this field when the weather is warm to do a great many things. Some have a catch with their roommates, others bathe in the sun.

With classrooms bordering this field, it's easy to become distraced. Students in class hear people laughing and they look out the window to see what's so funny. Sooner or later someone in the dorms puts his speakers in the window and we find ourselves bobbing our heads to a popular tune. Students might start to get the feeling they're at a barbeque and not in class.

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A generation of change:
Students can make Earth Day everyday

A message to the University from the founder

For today's college students there has always been Earth Day. Growing up, almost all of you participated in school, scout or community activities that marked this occasion.

But as recently as 1969, there was nothing called Earth Day. As a U.S. Senator, I was dismayed the Senate and the rest of the political establishment were simply blind to the environmental deterioration all around us. I could count on one hand the number of Senators who would have described themselves as "environmentalists," and I was searching for some way to change that.

From my travels around the country, I knew Americans were much more aware of and concerned about the state of the environment than the political establishment. Finally it occurred to me that if we could organize a huge national demonstration on behalf of the environment it might force the issue onto the nation's political agenda.

After proposing the idea in a September 1969 speech in Seattle, I sent a letter to every major college newspaper and took other steps to spread the word and wondered if it would catch on.

The public response was overwhelming. On the first Earth Day, April 22, 1970, some 20 million Americans took part in a wide range of activities. Just as remarkable was the fact that I did not organize all this; students and teachers and other citizens simply felt strongly enough about the planet's condition that they rushed to support the cause.

American Heritage Magazine called Earth Day, "one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy." I never dreamed that 29 years later Earth Day would still be going strong.

Will the new millennium be good or bad for our planet's health? The answer depends in large part on the generation now on our college campuses. I believe most young people understand the importance of environmental protection and what we need to do to be responsible environmental citizens. The key question then is: Will your generation act on this knowledge and commitment? If you do, you will be remembered as the generation that made the critical difference.

The key challenge for you is to forge and maintain a sustainable society; one that meets its own needs without depriving future generations of the chance to meet their needs. No country has managed to achieve that goal. We are all consuming our capital and counting it on the income side of the ledger. That is not sustainable. What is our capital? It's our resource base; air, water, soils, forests, rivers, oceans, minerals, scenic beauty, and bio-diversity. Take that base away, and all that is left is a wasteland.

We have only one planet. Nothing could be more important than making sure it is a livable planet. Through community work, political activity, and lifestyle decisions, you have the power to save the earth.

Gaylord Nelson is a former US Senator and is Counselor of the Wilderness Society.

Is there something on your mind and you want to tell someone how you feel? Don't stay silent, write a letter to the editor. The Spectrum wants to know what you're thinking. Submit your letter today and let your voice be heard. Hurry, there's only two more issues left!

All those persons interested in joining the Spectrum staff for the next academic year should come into the office and fill out an application. We are currently accepting applications for editorial positions, staff writers, photographers, business managers and ad representatives.

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Marijuana use still apparent on college campuses like SHU
Illegal substances and other hardcore drugs not hard to find

By Rob Loud
Contributing Writer

As frozen rain fell from the late autumn sky, members of the STAR program worked diligently to build a playground for the children of Bridgeport, thus completing the task in one day.

"STAR, which stands for Students Taking an Active Role, is a program developed by Denise Sutphin that helps students become active leaders in the SHU community. It was started in 1992 in order to give students the opportunity to assume leadership roles in and out of the classroom."

According to Amy Ham, program assistant of student activities, the program consists of an eight week voluntary course that accepts a maximum of 50 students per semester.

"It is designed to enhance new leaders as well as to provide skills and training to those students that have interest in becoming a leader on campus," said Ham.

Captain of athletic teams, members of Student Government, and members of Residential Life are just some of the people that are involved in the STAR program, said Ham.

In order to be eligible, students must have a minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A. and have a recommendation from a member of the University's administration. The courses are a part of "Conflict Resolution," a program sponsored by Student Life designed to help students cope with problems that they may encounter during and after their collegiate experience.

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Keeping the 'Heart healthy

SHU's bi-weekly health column

by Sara Alia & Carrie Nielsen of the Student Nurses Association

Advised by Dr. Linda Strong of the Nursing Department

If itchy, red, swollen eyes, a stuffy runny nose, and sneezing make your throat and chest feel tight, you may have an allergic reaction to pollen or mold. Allergies can occur at any time of year, but spring is the most common time of the year, with the peak usually occurring during April and May.

An allergy is defined as "an overreaction by your immune system to an otherwise harmless substance such as pollen or pet dander." Contact with one of these substances, called an allergen, triggers production of an antibody that in turn causes the release of substances that cause allergy symptoms. A cold is usually gone within one week, whereas allergy symptoms can usually be found by a cold, however there is a difference.

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From left, Sara Alia and Carrie Nielsen

It is common for people to become allergic to their pets such as dogs or cats during pollen season because the animals carry pollen on their fur. If this happens, a bath will help get rid of the pollen on their coats.

Over the counter medications such as antihistamines can block the action of a chemical that is responsible for allergy symptoms. Nasal sprays contain corticosteroids, which can help alleviate symptoms.

If allergies persist, it is important to see your doctor. Not only for relief symptoms, but also to avoid further respiratory problems. It is also important to learn exactly what is causing your allergy attacks. Allergists are certified medical personnel who can diagnose and handle allergies and immune conditions.

A physician can recommend an allergist for you.

Campus Happenings

Prologue seeking help

The University's yearbook is now accepting applications from anyone who is interested in the positions of photography editor and assistant editor for the 1999-2000 school year. Applications can be picked up in the Prologue office across from the Mahogany Room or with Hank Parkinson in the Student Activities office in Hawley Lounge. Applications are due by April 30.

Science Conference to be held Saturday

The Eastern Collegiate Science Conference will be held on Saturday, April 24 starting at 8 a.m. in the Old Gym. Students from universities all over the east coast will be presenting their research and they will be in the running for awards in the science areas such as biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Students are welcome to register in the Social on Friday evening in the Old Gym from 6-9 p.m.

Dance Lessons given

There will be Ballroom Dancing lessons given every Thursday starting tonight from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Old Gym. All are welcome to come and dance the night away, with no admission charge.

Class of '99 Flea Market

The Class of 1999 will sponsor a Flea Market on Sunday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the North Lot.

Summer is here!

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The 1999 Summer Undergraduate Schedule

Summer schedules are available at the Registrar's Office in the Academic Center and at the University College Office in the Administration Building.
By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

St. Januaria Beleno’s exhibit, "Seasons and Bowls," will open April 24 through April 29 at Sacred Heart University’s Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Beleno has been painting at SPU for two and a half years and as a painting major is required to have a show in the gallery. Her show will be comprised of 26 of her works of art, five of which are drawings, using pastels and one illustration.

Many of Beleno’s paintings draw upon her childhood memories growing up in northern Colombia. To this day, she can still recall the flowers she saw growing up in the small village of Margarita. Two hundred orange trees alone grew on her front lawn.

Beleno, who will graduate in May, has also captured in paint the flowers she has seen since coming to the United States. "I have some paintings of sunflowers," she said.

Beleno gives up in Margarita with her parents and 11 brothers and sisters. She currently, and has since just before entering college, resides with the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at Mary Immaculate. She has taught art classes to 45 girls at a time as the convent’s school in Medellin.

Even as a child her talent for painting was obvious. A young teacher in the public elementary school at which Beleno and her brothers and sisters attended recognized and fostered her talent for painting.

She believes that her artistic talent could have come from her mother whom she says could make even a flower which she had dropped into a glass bottle into a work of art.

Beleno is anticipating a big turnout for her show. "I think a lot will be there because I invited everyone," she said. "I am expecting a lot of people.

The opening reception is Sunday from 1-4 and is open and free to the general public. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 7:30 p.m.

Exhibit will offer more than ‘Flowers and Bowls’

By Frances Moore
A+E Editor

Perhaps you have heard the melodic voices in the hallway. Their wonderful harmony and creative lyrics have brightened the day of many students, faculty and staff.

Well, the harmony might not be so wonderful, but the students who deliver singing telegrams throughout campus have certainly brightened the days of the many who have received them.

The Class of 2000 has been delivering singing telegrams since the beginning of the semester, singing for occasions ranging from birthdays, to awards, to conventions.

Officers from the Class of 2000, Amy Macauley, Theresa McGovern, and Karen Slattery, as well as our advisors, combine baryonic voices and voices for the cause. McGillen, a junior from Florida, is responsible for writing many of the creative lyrics.

One day, "It’s fun to be able to take people’s say, and work them into a song. It’s also fun to see people’s reactions." Class of 2000 advisor Amy Hau works closely with the group.

"They are dedicated, and extremely creative. The spend a lot of time on these." Usually people who hire the group to sing provide them with a lot of information about the recipient. From that information, they choose a tune, and write lyrics.

McGovern explained that they do not just sing the traditional "Happy Birthday" song. Instead, they take any familiar tune, and change the words to fit their needs.

For a guidance counselor convention on Wednesday, they sang to the tune of the "Gilligan’s Island." Some of McGovern’s lyrics were: "Just sit right back and you’ll hear a tale of Sacred Heart. A little school in Fairfield town, where students are very smart. The students study hard in class, for each and every test. In Bio, Psych, and Pre-PT, they want to be the best. Yes, they want to be the best." Sometimes we get embarrassed doing them, but it’s worth it to see someone really enjoying it," said McGovern.

Macauley, a junior from Ithip Terrace, N.Y., lends her singing talent to the group.

"It’s really a lot of fun for us, and for the people we get for." They have had some unusual requests, too. One student, was given a wake-up call on his 21st birthday, and Dominick Pinto, chair of the computer science department, received a singing telegram on Tuesday for winning the Innovative Curriculum in Technology award.

Those who have been on the receiving end have had no trouble but good things to say about the group.

Denise Surphin, assistant dean of students and director of Student Activities, received a telegram in celebration of her upcoming wedding.

"It was quite a gift. They are very creative and energetic, and they even come in costume," she said.

"They created an atmosphere of happiness. It was a great gift for my husband and me." She added, "It’s great. It’s the best buy for your dollar!"

And they are certainly willing to do what it takes, even if it means looking silly.

For Surphin’s telegram, two of her roommates dressed up as bride and groom. Sophomore Brittany O’Neill’s sister sneaked the group wearing sombreros and singing to the tune of "Hey Mickey." Sometimes we get embarrassed doing them, but it’s worth it to see someone really enjoying it," said McGovern.

So far the singing telegrams have raise a fair amount of money for the class.

"They don’t get used as much as we’d like," stated Macauley. Their service is available un

For more information, contact Amy Ham at 365-7615.
Get lost in ‘The Matrix’
New thriller more than just appealing to the eye

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

What is the Matrix?
That’s the question plaguing Keanu Reeves in “The Matrix,” a fast-paced cyberthriller, also starring Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss.

Reeves plays Neo, a hacker who is one of the key players in a war he knows nothing about. Eventually, with the help of Morpheus (Fishburne) and Trinity (Moss), Neo learns about the reality no one sees and his role in it.

Neo is made a member of a makeshift army, the members of which shed their worldly identities, adopting instead their computer screen names. They fight an almost faceless enemy in a world controlled by technology and scientific illusion.

It’s hard to describe the plot of “The Matrix” without giving too much away. The story relies heavily on the viewer’s confusion and surprise. The viewer travels with Neo backward figuring out what the Matrix is, who can be trusted and just what the heck is going on.

According to Morpheus, “The Matrix is the world that’s been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.”

“The Matrix” is heavy on special effects, but has a plot solid enough to match the visual effects. The story is fresh and original. Although Reeves doesn’t exactly have a wide acting range, this part works for him. The other actors are fun to watch as well, especially Fishburne, who plays the group’s leader meticulously — every word, step and gesture seem precisely chosen.

The plot, of course, is helped by the dazzling special effects. Reality is twisted into a surreal landscape in which the characters exist. Surround sound helps, too, especially during the movie’s climax, where you can hear bullets ricochet on all sides.

“The Matrix” is a movie that asks you to think, but it’s well worth it. The action, effects and story combine to make “The Matrix” one of this year’s best.

A&E Briefs

Break out your dancing shoes!
Tap your toes tonight or really bust-a-move. Frances Collazo will be teaching Ballroom Dancing in the Old Gym. Bring a partner or come alone. All are invited to join Collazo as she twirls and teaches the lost art of ballroom dancing. The fun begins at 7:30, and will last two hours. For more information, contact Collazo at 365-7324.

SET out for a “Great Adventure”
Join the Student Events Team as they make the annual trip to Six Flag’s Great Adventure. Enjoy a day of roller coasters and rides this Saturday. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. from Public Safety. There is limited seating, so reserve your tickets as soon as possible. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 365-7675.

Book Discussion Group Meeting
The Book Discussion Group, sponsored by Student Life and Residential Life, will host its fourth book discussion meeting next Tuesday. The featured book is Brett Lott’s “Jewel.” Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For more information contact Denise Sutphin in the Student Life office at x7846.

Dick Dale performing at Toad’s Place
Dick Dale will be performing at Toad’s in New Haven next Tuesday. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call Toad’s at 624-8623.

—Compiled by Frances Moore
Men’s tennis team volleys into fourth place

SHU sends four singles players to the semi-finals but no champs emerge

By Jason Havelka & Matt Duda

The 4-7 men’s tennis team finished fourth out of five teams last weekend at the New England Collegiate Conference championships held at Sacred Heart.

Stony Brook captured its third consecutive NECC championship as the Seawolves won titles at first, second and sixth singles to finish five points ahead of conference newcomer Binghamton.

Sacred Heart coach Mike Guastelle said that his team finished in the proper place.

“The fourth spot is realistically where I thought we were going to finish,” Guastelle said. “The competition throughout was very, very tough as expected.”

Senior captain Jason Havelka is a Staff Writer. Matt Duda is Sports Editor.

SHU Scoreboard

TEAM OPPONENT SCORE

(M) Lacrosse Dartmouth 6-11
5-5 Albany 19-11

(W) Lacrosse Wagner 13-10
6-5 Marist 16-4
Siena 16-3

Softball New Haven 3-2
9-20 New Hampshire 10-2
New Hampshire 9-1

SHU score listed first

Track: SHU teams finish strong at meet

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Sakowich placed fourth in the 400 meter run and freshman John Morash came in a close third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:02.35.

Other distance-running scorers were sophomore Greg Kyrytschenko (1500 meter race), junior Brian Williams (1500 meters and 5000 meters), junior Edward Mahoney and freshman from UMass-Lowell 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the semi-finals of the third singles flight where he lost to the eventual champion from Binghamton 6-0, 6-3.

Havelka also teamed up with sophomore Jeff Bricker of Guilford to make the semi-final round of the second doubles flight before losing to a duo from Franklin Pierce 8-5.

Havelka said that the team was well prepared for the competition at the tournament, but that the talent there was overwhelming.

“The team came ready to play last weekend,” Havelka said. “There were just too many difficult matches in the first rounds which hindered the team’s performance.”

Freshman Eric Rosenberger of Rahway, N.J., also contributed.

SHU Spectrum—April 22, 1999
Brady brings edge to SHU lax

By Danielle DeName
Staff Writer

Here’s the story about a guy named Brady, who’s making an impact on Sacred Heart’s lacrosse team in his first semester as a Pioneer.

Mariano, Brady’s fellow senior from Bohemia, N.Y., began playing lacrosse at age 14. He played his high school ball on Long Island, with some of the best talent in the lacrosse hotbed.

But Brady didn’t have an easy path, as he was in the middle of a tough transition. It was hard for him to establish friendships, which can be intimidating, and in turn impair abilities.

Brady agrees that the transition was tough in the beginning. "I would walk out into the field in the beginning and all the guys were stretching and I told myself that I was part of the team, but I sure as hell didn’t feel like it," Brady said.

"I felt like an outsider," Brady added. "Trying to be friendly with my teammates off the field seemed nearly impossible, so I figured I would go out every night and try to meet people that way. How wrong I was."

When Brady first enrolled at SHU, he maintained just over a 2.0 grade point average. After studying for one semester he pulled his G.P.A. up to a 3.0.

After practicing with the lacrosse team in the fall, Brady proved himself as one of the team’s top defenders.

"He is one of the cornerstones of our defense," Mariano said. "He is a tough kid. He is only six foot and 160 lbs., and will hit someone twice his size. This is what we need on our team.

Brady said his philosophy is to take on whoever he’s assigned to defend, regardless of that player’s talent.

I don’t want my opponent’s stats," Brady said. "All I want to know is if he is right handed or lefty. Don’t tell me his scoring percentage because I will not let him beat me. I won’t let anyone beat me. No way," he added.

Mariano said that Brady excels at defense out of determination and tenacity.

"He might not have the best stick skills or make the prettiest plays, but he has good feet and makes plays," Mariano said.

"He likes to play ball," Mariano added. "He is the only one who on his only two days of practice, will go home and work. He not only works, he does manual labor. He digs pools even with partial concussions. That is one tough kid."

When he’s not scooping up ground balls and throwing check, Brady works on building his art portfolio. He currently has a piece on display as part of the student art exhibit in Sacred Heart’s Gallery of Contemporary Art.

"Brady, an art major who wants to go into graphic design, said that SHU’s art program played an important role in his decision to leave St. Andrew’s.

"One of the reasons I wanted to transfer was because of an art teacher here," Brady said. "I was being graded unfairly and I wanted to find a graphic design program better suited for me."

According to both Brady and Mariano, the transfer has worked out perfectly.

Brady has become a mature young adult with his priorities in the correct order. He has made himself a home here, raised his grades and become a successful lacrosse player and an asset to the team.

"If anyone were to ask me about Mike Brady, I would tell them this story," said Mariano. "He is a tough kid, a good kid, a smart kid, a talented kid and most of all, a successful kid.

CBOA lauds SHU hoops for sportsmanship: recruits sign

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

The College Basketball Officials Association honored Sacred Heart’s men’s basketball team as the recipient of its highest award last week.

Coach Dave Bike’s team won the Schoenfeld Sportsmanship award. The CBOA names a recipient each year who best exemplifies "the highest degree of sportsmanship, character, and ethics among its players, coaches, and spectators in the conduct of its basketball games."

SHU athletic Director Don Cook said that the award was a positive reflection of Sacred Heart. "I think this speaks very well for our institution and for our athletic program," Cook said. "I’m pleased with this."

Bike said that the award was bestowed on the team because the athletes play the game and don’t fret about the official’s calls. Bike, along with assistants Mitch Olliver, Kevin Phillips and Keith Bike will travel to Atlantic City this Saturday with team captains John Randazzo and Dave Fesuto to receive the award.

Sacred Heart also announced last week that two junior college students have signed binding letters of intent to play for SHU’s men’s basketball team next season.

Deveren Johnson, a 6-6 forward who played at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., will join guard Dante Lloyd as the newest additions to the team.

Johnson averaged 10.8 points and 7.4 rebounds last season while helping Champlain, a Division 1 junior college, to a 22-8 record.

Lloyd sat out last season to concentrate on his academics, but averaged 24.4 points in the previous year at Newbury College in Brooklynline, Mass.

Intramural All-Stars

Name: Neil Paparazzo
Class: Senior
Hometown: Bristol, C.T.
Sport: Floor hockey

Sponsored by Coca-Cola
Pioneer softball improves with sweep of NHC

By Adam P. Lagunes
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart women's softball team went 4-2 this past week on their way to achieving win number 250 for head coach Elizabeth "Bippy" Luckie. The Lady Pioneers split games with New Haven and Quinnipiac, and swept New Hampshire.

Against New Haven, in the second game of the doubleheader, the Lady Pioneers won 3-2 to ensure Luckie's 250th win.

"It was a big win for the coach," said junior centerfielder Nicole Dorsa, out of Manasville, N.Y. "The team was very excited to play hard and win the game. It's a great milestone to reach.

Some members of the team felt that splitting with New Haven and Quinnipiac were two important wins.

"The two splits were big wins," said Dorsa. "Both of those teams are rivals of ours. It was good for us to beat them." Although the Lady Pioneers are 9-20 overall (6-6 NEC), they have won 4 of their last five, and exploded with two of their biggest offensive outputs this season when they beat New Hampshire 10-2 and 9-1. Both games ended in the fifth inning because of run rules.

The highest total this season was an 11-0 shutout of Bridgeport on April 6.

"Dorsa, "The whole lineup hit well. They came up big for us the entire week."

The offensive production of Chris Vigliotti, a senior from Staten Island, N.Y., has been huge for the Lady Pioneers. Vigliotti, leads the team in batting (.396), hits (35), doubles (11), RBIs (18), slugging percentage (.568), and has the team low in strikeouts with four.

Others contributing are sophomore pitcher Ann Snellinger and Dorsa, who are third and fourth on the team in batting average with .356 and .304, respectively. They are second and third on the team in hits (31, 28). Dorsa also leads the team in runs (20) and stolen bases (7). Snellinger is second on the team in RBIs (10).

But it hasn't been just the offense coming on strong, it has also been the pitching and defense as well.

"Coach used the revenge factor to motivate us before the game," said Gogarty.

Although Albany scored first, the Pioneers raced out to a 7-3 lead after the first quarter.

By halftime, SHU increased the lead to 10-5. After the break, SHU didn't falter like they had in previous second halves.

Other offensive leaders for the Pioneers were Ray Gogarty (1 goal/3 assists), Chris Spatarella (2G/3A), Cliff Lorenzo (2G/0A), Mark Andrews (2G/0A) and Mike Robel (1D).

Mike Kelly made 10 saves in the net while Mike DiPietro turned away three shots.

The Pioneers travel to Hamden today to face the Quinnipiac Braves at 3 p.m.