SHU prepping computers for Y2K bug

By Brian Carusani
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Since laptop and desktop computers at Sacred Heart University are not compliant with the Y2K bug, SHU is holding upgrading sessions in the old gym through Dec. 10 for all SHU students.

Upgrades for faculty laptops will also be held at the same time. All faculty and staff desktop PCs will be updated between the week of Dec. 13 until Christmas break, according to Susan Pelletier, project coordinator for the desktop and laptop Y2K computer upgrade.

Pelletier said the upgrade will take approximately 20 or 30 minutes and that all students with laptops, even those not purchased through the school, should come.

SHU is hoping to service the 2,700 students and faculty laptops and the 400 desktops by the end of the semester.

Upgrade sessions for freshmen with IBM 390-E laptops were held on Monday and Tuesday. Sophomores with IBM 380's and the last name starting in A-I were upgraded Wednesday.

Sophomores with last names J-Q will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow.

Juniors with Texas Instrument 660's with last names A-Z will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Laptop technicians help out some SHU freshmen get their computers upgraded for Y2K.

Statewide bodybuilding champ a SHU student

By Brenda Menozzi
Contributing Writer

Among Sacred Heart University's very own is this year's Mr. Connecticut, sophomore Gordon Falcetti.

The 19-year-old was honored on June 12 as the overall junior winner by the American Natural Bodybuilding Conference.

"Most people don't think of bodybuilding as a sport," said Falcetti. "People don't give it as much attention because there's a lot of action involved."

The Litchfield native began lifting weights for fun. After five years of training, Falcetti decided to compete.

"Bodybuilding is very personal," he said. "Now it has turned into more of a lifestyle for me because I'm constantly thinking about it."

According to Falcetti, bodybuilders cannot prepare for competitions like teams; it is an individual sport.

"I know what kind of diet works for me," he said. "What works for me might not work for anyone else."

Falcetti said that research helped him acquire knowledge.

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State of University exposed Tuesday

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Students hoping to grab the ear of key Sacred Heart administrators will have their wishes granted next week.

The second annual State of the University address will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. this Tuesday in the theater.

"This will give the university community a chance to see what the status of the university is and where it's going," said Student Government President Jason Slattery. "It's basically to see where we're at."

The event, coordinated by Student Government, will begin with speeches by Slattery and Sacred Heart President Anthony Cerrina.

After that, students will be able to fire questions at a panel of SHU administrators. The forum will be moderated by Dr. Gary Rose, professor of political science.

Scheduled to be on the panel are Mike Trindle (Vice President for Technology), Douglas Bohn (Registrar), Julie Savino (Financial Aid), Mike Giaquinto (Facilities Management), Bill O'Connell (Public Safety), Elinor Biggs (University Relations), Michael Bozzzo (Dean of Freshman), Larry Wielk (Dean of Students) and Elizabeth Laucke (Athletics).

Slattery said that the forum allows students to find out how SHU plans to improve and to get questions answered directly from the administration.

"Everybody has concerns," Slattery said. "Nobody is having a perfect existence at SHU; it's just a matter of getting people to voice their concerns."

Slattery hopes that the State of the University address helps the institution identify areas it needs to improve.

There's been so much growth but do we really develop," asked Slattery. "We have a just good enough phone system, we have a just good enough this, a just good enough that."

Tom Wuestkamp, junior class president, said that students with questions or problems should come to the forum.

"This is a way for students to get their questions answered," Wuestkamp said. "They can ask administrators questions and there's no place for them to go hide."

Last year's inaugural State of the University address attracted some 150 students. Slattery hopes to double that number.
Colleges are not ready for Y2K bug, government says

By Tiffany Black
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For the last two years, universities across the country have scrambled to ensure their computer systems work well into the new millennium. Now, with only one month to go before the Y2K bug is expected to strike, the U.S. Department of Education has released a report indicating that all that work may not pay off for many schools.

The report, based on a survey completed by 1,352 universities nationwide, indicates that many institutions may not be prepared to combat the technological troubles Y2K is expected to cause. Researchers estimated that 210 universities wouldn't be ready to fight the glitch — which started years ago when scientists programmed the first computers to record years using only two digits, not four. According to the survey, only 61 percent of universities reported that their most critical computer systems were Y2K-ready in October. However, by Jan. 1, 97 percent of schools reported they would be.

President Clinton's top Y2K officials aren't as confident. After viewing the report, they declared that institutions of higher education are among the least prepared for 2000.

"I see a big problem here, even though we've finally seen progress in this area," John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, told the Chronicle of Higher Education.

To help school's determine just how Y2K compliant they are, the Department of Education has come up with checklists and questions for school administrators.

Falcetti: SHU student also state champ

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"During off season, I train four or five days a week for an hour and a half," he said. When approaching competition, Falcetti trains, "six or seven days for two to three hours.

Competitions consist of two rounds. The first is pre-judging round, competitors are "lined up on stage in mandatory poses," said Falcetti. "The top five placers in pre-judging make it to the night intake.

Laptops: Sacred Heart getting ready for Y2K

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Juniors with last names J-Q will be held on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and juniors with last name R-Z will be held on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Seniors with last names A-I will also be held on Wednesday from 4 to 10 p.m.
Religion strong at colleges

TMS Campus

Religion is thriving on college campuses, but it doesn't look much like the high-church services students' parents may have attended years ago.

Students these days are more into spiritual exploration than formal worship, researchers behind a new study funded by the Lilly Endowment report. They presented their findings this week at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion.

The study focused on four campuses that were not identified but chosen for their distinct character.

They were a state university enrolling more than 30,000 students; a Lutheran liberal-arts college with about 3,500 students; a private, historically black university with fewer than 5,000 students; and a Roman Catholic university with more than 8,000 students.

Researchers studied each campus for two years. They talked with hundreds of students; a private, historically black university with fewer than 5,000 students; and a Roman Catholic university with more than 8,000 students.

Researchers said the study revealed some tensions. Evangelical Christian groups were perceived by many to be anti-intellectual and superfluous. Some professors also reported that they had a hard time persuading evangelical Christians of the importance of understanding non-Western religions.

Researchers said they also found discord among religion professors, some of whom viewed themselves as teachers of religious history, and others of who felt they should contribute to a student's spiritual growth.

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Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Nov. 18 to Nov. 23

Nov. 18: 1:06 p.m. - Staff member reported the theft of her pocketbook from her unsecured office in Curtis Hall. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

7:28 p.m. - Staff member reported there were two students in the dining hall arguing. Public Safety responded; the argument ended.

Nov. 19: 1:01 a.m. - East Hall, fourth floor fire alarm caused by prank. Simplex monitoring system called the Bridgeport Fire Department and they responded.

5:24 a.m. - Officer observed a suspicious vehicle driving around in the North Parking Lot with its lights off. Officers observed the vehicle cruise the ICC lot and then the North Lot. When the vehicle operator observed the officers, he left the campus at a high rate of speed.

11:51 a.m. - Officer observed someone had vandalized an elevator in East Hall. Buildings and Grounds notified of the vandalism.

9:29 a.m. - Fairfield Police Officer crossing at East Hall reported there was a motor vehicle accident on Park Ave and Eckart Street. A construction flagman was hit by a motor vehicle; 911 was called and responded.

12:41 p.m. - South Hall resident reported he received several harassing telephone calls. Public Safety investigated.

2:01 p.m. - Officer observed empty alcohol containers in an East Hall room. Res. Life was notified; alcohol was confiscated.

2:30 p.m. - Student reported there was a vandalized vehicle parked in the North Parking Lot. Public Safety contacted the owner of the vehicle. Fairfield Police were notified and responded.

2:42 p.m. - Jefferson Hill resident reported someone vandalized his vehicle, while parked in the North Parking Lot. Public Safety investigated.

4:15 p.m. - Parkridge resident reported there was a motor vehicle accident on Geduldig Street; no injuries. Bridgeport Police were called and responded.

6:43 p.m. - Neighbor called and reported the same vehicle as previously reported was still parked in front of his house. He was informed the vehicle owner is not a Sacred Heart student. However, there may be a different driver than the owner. Public Safety investigating.

10:49 p.m. - Officer observed a vehicle parked in the North Parking Lot with a broken window. Public Safety went to locate the vehicle owner. It is undetermined if the damage occurred on campus.

10:59 p.m. - Jefferson Hill resident reported her toaster caught on fire due to a burnt pastry. The resident threw the toaster out of her window. The fire was extinguished. Public Safety responded and disposed of the toaster.

Nov. 20: 3:03 a.m. - Residential Life staff member reported someone vandalized an exit sign in West on the fifth floor. Public Safety responded and investigated.

4:18 a.m. - South Hall, first floor fire alarm caused by someone maliciously activating a pull station. 911 was called and responded.

11:28 a.m. - Officer notified and reported someone wedged a Snickers Candy Bar under her front awning. She also reported Parkridge students were parking across the street from her driver way creating difficulty for her to back out of her driveway. Public Safety responded; notes were left on the vehicles not to park across the street from her driveway.

Nov. 21: 6:00 a.m. - Jefferson Hill resident reported she received harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investigated.

9:55 a.m. - East Hall resident reported he was unable to wake up his roommate. Public Safety responded and was able to get the roommate conscious. The resident stated he was involved in a motor vehicle accident off campus and hit his head on his windshield. 911 was called and the resident was transported to the hospital.

2:08 p.m. - South Hall, second floor fire alarm; no problem found.

3:07 p.m. - Bookstore alarm activated; no problem found.

7:00 p.m. - Student reported the theft of his laptop computer from the Library. He left his laptop computer in an unsecured study room. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

Nov. 22: 5:02 a.m. - Officer reported someone discharged a fire extinguisher at Parkridge Apartments. Fire extinguisher was replaced. 5:17 p.m. - West Hall, sixth floor fire alarm; no problem found.

9:53 p.m. - South Hall resident reported she was harassed by another South Hall resident. Public Safety responded and investigated.

10:30 p.m. - South Hall resident reported the theft of her sweatshirt. The theft occurred sometime in October. Public Safety responded and investigated.

Nov. 23: 1:22 a.m. - West Hall, fifth floor fire alarm caused by dust when the residents were blowing up an air mattress.

11:24 a.m. - Two Jefferson Hill residents were involved in an altercation at Parkridge with two visitors of a Parkridge resident. Bridgeport Police were called and responded. No arrests were made; visitors were told to leave campus and they complied.

1:41 a.m. - West Hall, sixth floor fire alarm caused by an aerosol spray.
Matt Flood calls for expulsion of Brian Merwin

I agree with Mr. Merwin’s position on calling for the expulsion of Brian Merwin (see page 5), and I invite him to join my crusade to have him punished.

To write an editorial in the Spectrum about killing children is atrocious. The murder of any living thing is immoral, and the killing of innocent children is the thanksgiving massacre of birds and bunnies over at Pondridge. If the Christian right wasn’t so busy trying to pass the Dole GEMA, they’d be knocking down your door, Brian. To even suggest that abortion laws should be expanded to cover parents murdering their children is one of the most vile things I’ve experienced this side of Flik pizza.

Personal views aside, Roe vs. Wade is a very central issue to women today. But should we extend the right to choose to killing your 15-year-old because he taped over last week’s X-Files that you hadn’t gotten to watch yet? No, that’s ridiculous.

In a country where children suffer in silence from parental abuse already, he would impose a law making legal for parents to have their children executed for any reason they see fit. Phrases like ‘Belly, clean up your room now or tomorrow, or you’ll be aborted!’ and ‘Sorry you’ve got the room now or whatever you’ve terminated,’ would become commonplace.

Abortion clinic lines would become more reminiscent of Nazi death camps than women’s health clinics. The value of human life would become nil as any child under the age of 18 would live in fear of being one bad grade away from a lethal injection.

After living with Brian for two years I have witnessed firsthand how evil (Republican) he is, and his first hand disregard of the Christian values of this school as well as the norms of our society.

To turn a superior vehicle of student news like the Spectrum into a tabloid full of radical idiotic notions like full term abortion is a horrible wrongdoing to the entire student community. An outraged student who wished to remain nameless is quoted as saying, "A college newspaper shouldn’t contain anything that makes students have to think, we do enough of that in class."

During his supposed "outreach" trips to El Salvador, Mr. Merwin purchased several local children on the black market, and put them to work in sweat shops. How this exploitation of third world nation children that we are supposed to be helping can get by chaperones and administration is ludicrous. I will go a step further than calling for expulsion of Brian Peter Merwin. I would like to summon up the political power granted to me by our forefathers to have a public execution of Mr. Merwin in the courtyard of J-Hill, where Mr. Merwin will be crushed to death under the weight of 14 cases of GAP of El Salvadorian children. This will be a SET sponsored event, $3 dollars general admission, free with a SHU ID. All proceeds will go to the families of the unlucky children working their little hands to the bone making trendy clothes that so our editor Brian "Newsboy" Corsantini can have his new Tech Vests at a discount price. How this exploitation of third world nation children that we are supposed to be helping can get by chaperones and administration is ludicrous.

When Y2K hits and everything goes haywire, what store at the Trumbull Mall will you loot first and why?

Marc Gregory
Sophomore
Cromwell

“The pet store because I feel bad for all the animals.”

Mike Kelly
Sophomore
Levittown, N.Y.

“Abercrombie because it’s free.”

Mike DiPietro
Sophomore
Seaford, N.Y.

“Victoria’s Secret. You got a problem with that?”

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Brian Merwin calls for expulsion of Brian Merwin
Dear Editor,

During my reading of the Nov. 11 issue of this newspaper I found myself thoroughly enjoying the stories on "National Chemistry Week" and "Office Relocation." However, my appreciation for SHU's weekly paper came to a halt when I turned to the Editorial section.

My blood ran cold as I started to read "Extend Democracy...Extend Roe v. Wade." I have never been so appalled and disgusted as I read this Declaration of Infanticide. In the article the case was made for the "full - birth abortion," this was defined as killing a baby after birth if the mother deems it necessary. The fundamental rights of a woman would be sickened at the sight of thisispiel. The leaders of the suffrage movement would be sickened at the thought of this Declaration of Infanticide.

Brian Peter Merwin
Senior

Prayer reflects Sacred Heart's positives
Dear Editor,

I have heard recently that there is to be a change in the way that Mass is set up here at Sacred Heart.

There will be two services, and they won't take place in the old gym, but rather in the Mahogany Room.

Now, I don't think it matters where you pray or conduct serv­ice, but I do think it greatly mat­ters how and with whom you pray.

From the first service that I attended at Sacred Heart, there was an emphasis on creating a sense of community and family. It was presented as more than just a time to come together in faith, but as a time to come together with one another.

Even as a first year student, even at Mass, it was one of the few places that I felt totally comfortable. I guess I just don't want to see Sacred Heart lose that appeal.

One senior I know said something that pretty much wraps it up: "A family that prays together, stays together." Maybe the leaders of the university should worry about our major's potential.

More help needed when trying to select a major
Dear Editor,

We are first year freshmen students in this university. I imagine our biggest fear, at least my biggest fear, to be whether or not we will make the right choices when trying to decide on a major or course of study. It is hard enough to have to deal with family pressure and personal pressure!

I think it would be very useful for all students, incoming fresh­men as well as upperclassmen, to have a stronger system to guide us and help us see what our possible majors could be—what could help our potentials.

Maybe there is already such a system that I am not aware of. Being a freshman I am not aware of all the facilities. But I believe that if it did exists, I should have already heard of it. I have a great advisor, but she is not always available. When we are able to meet it sometimes feels like we are pressed for time. I am worried about not choosing the right major. I am not that well informed about my possibilities, and I wish I were.

Paola Baldino
Freshman

Have respect for others' property and hard work
Dear Editor,

I would like to bring about the subject of disrespect for property. I live on the fifth floor of West Hall and every time that my RA puts up new decorations someone decides to rip them down.

The money for the floor decorations come straight out of her pocket and every time they are ripped down, it's more money wasted.

I just don't understand why someone would want to rip down a great deal of things that took time and dedication to put up.

Believe it or not, to decorate the entire floor can take up an hour and a half. It's very disturbing and upsetting to see the colorful display of the holidays shredded or missing from the floor. In October, many doors were decorated with their occupants' decorations. On one single night most of their belongings were either missing or ripped apart. It was then that the van­dalism has turned personal.

This was not only our Resident Advisor's money that was wasted, but the residents too. If whoever is doing this to our floor is reading this, please think twice about what you are doing and ask yourself how you would feel if someone did that to your belongings. We should all be able to live here without the fear of having something stolen or ruined. Granted, one of the above things will occur but it's not necessary every time a new poster is put up. Thank you.

Noreen Posa
Freshman

Weather Corner

THURSDAY

High 45 Low 34
Partly Cloudy

FRIDAY

High 54 Low 35
Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY

High 54 Low 38
Partly Cloudy

The Spectrum wants to hear you!!!
Send your stories, letters, suggestions, criticism, whatever to corasanb@sacredheart.edu or dudam@sacredheart.edu
Sacred Heart is a University that prides itself on its athletes. There are over 30 men’s and women’s varsity sports. This is arguably the biggest year of the school’s athletic program.

Every sport is inaugurating into Division I athletics, and national recognition is right around the corner. Sacred Heart’s student-athletes are finally getting the respect they truly deserve.

Perhaps one of the university’s best athletes is not slaming a basketball at the Pitt Center or running for a touchdown at Campus Field. Instead, she is a faculty member, one that could be teaching your class and you wouldn’t even know it.

Well, until now.

Hiroko Shimada, a first year professor in the Chemistry Department, just finished competing in her third Duathlon, an event that combines running and cycling, and placed in the top ten in the entire United States. As if that is not remarkable enough, Shimada is just starting out, and her potential is endless.

“This was my first time doing all this,” said an ecstatic Shimada. “It’s a wonderful life, I found myself through this.”

Hiroko Shimada grew up in Northern Japan. Although she admits she wasn’t into athletics, she kept herself in shape by being an avid skier. In college, Shimada was an exchange student at St. Joe’s University in Indiana. From there, she made the decision to stay in America by pursuing her graduate studies in Pharmaceutical Science at Purdue University.

After graduating and moving to Maryland to join the Duathlon group, Shimada found herself spending more and more time out on the track and in the weight room cross training to develop her skills.

Her hard work helped her to perform splendidly in her first Duathlon in Maryland, thus qualifying her to compete nationally in North Carolina last October. A transition that Shimada says was a very challenging one.

“Not many people could both run and cycle,” said Shimada. “At this level you have to be able to excel at both.”

Shimada’s weekend in the North Carolina sun proved to be a memorable one, something that she will carry with her for the rest of her life.

“Man, it was a blast, it motivated me so that next year I will be a lot better,” said Shimada. “That’s the winning attitude you have to have.”

She has even credited her achievements on the track as a reason to why she is so energetic when she teaches. “Now I get excited when I teach, I am good at encouraging students,” said Shimada.

As for now, when Shimada is not in the classroom she is spending most of her time training for her upcoming meet, the World Triathlon Championship in Australia in April. A 28-year-old Shimada is confident that she could compete with the best in the World.

“Now at least, I know what I’m up against,” said Shimada. “It’s not too late to be on top of the world.”

Literally speaking, being on top of the world doesn’t seem that far out of reach. All she needs to do is beat out 16 other women.

Snowboarding fever hits the Connecticut resorts

Snowboarding, one of winter’s newest fads, will be in full swing throughout Connecticut during the next couple of months. Connecticut ski resorts are expecting to have a big winter season with the hopes that plenty of snow will hit the area.

Ski resorts throughout Connecticut are reported to open this weekend. Some of the more prominent ski and snowboarding resorts in this area include Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall, Mt. Southington in Southington, Powder Ridge in Middlefield, Ski Sundown in New Hartford and Woodbury Ski Area in South Litchfield Hills.

“Snowboarding has taken over America as one of the most popular winter sports,” said Chris Barker, a team member of Forum Snowboards.

According to Troy Green, president of Morrow Snowboards, the sport has grown and improved a lot since the early days. In the early 1980’s, the few snowboarders that existed had a hard time finding ski resorts that would allow them to ride on their boards.

“The sport of snowboarding increased in the ’80’s because ski resorts started to allow snowboarders to ride alongside skiers on the slopes,” said Green.

Snowboarding got its “extreme” tag mostly because of the risks that snowboarders took. They were known to be crazy and attempt several tricks that could cause serious injury. Many snowboarders have experienced some pain or injury on the slopes. “I used to snowboard all the time because of the rush that you get from it,” said John Arndt, a student at Montclair State University in N.J. “Then I hurt my leg, and I haven’t done it since.”

The sport has also become a major industry among clothing companies. Snowboarders will be heading to the ski areas of Connecticut this winter wearing the latest snowboarding apparel from companies such as Burton, Forum, and K2. Some of this merchandise can go for about See Snow, Page 7
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$500 from actual snowboards to protective goggles.

"I just bought a new snowboard and I want to be able to use it this winter," said Bill Hanley, a junior from Shelton. "I just hope that the area gets plenty of snow."

"I have been waiting all year to finally get out there and start snowboarding," said Ardito. "Now, I can try to do it all over again."

Lift ticket prices vary on the Connecticut slopes range anywhere from $20 to $35 depending on the day and time.

Many ski resorts offer special deals throughout the winter. They also offer insurance because of the risk of injury involved in snowboarding.

Advanced ski resorts, such as Mohawk Mountain, which first allowed snowboarding in 1985, have a snowboard park and half pipe in addition to their 23 trails. Most of the Connecticut resorts stay open until 10 p.m.

So pray for some snow, get yourself a snowboard and head out to one of your local ski resorts to enjoy a day of extreme sport.

**Feeling Lucky? Check this week's horoscope**

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**
You're charming and entertaining this week, but on Monday and Tuesday, you may also be a tad nervous. Once you achieve perfection, you'll be fine. A partner loves you, so no matter what, on Wednesday and Thursday. Make a big decision together on Friday. Saturday and Sunday are good for shopping, especially for household items.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**
This week you're obsessed about planning for your future — and with good reason. Don't see love as a distraction on Monday and Tuesday; it's your motivation, instead. From Wednesday through Friday, it's plenty of work, but it's more like paying dues. Over the weekend, strike a deal you can live with.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**
Pay attention to your partner this week, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Big changes are going on, and you want to make sure they're good ones. From Wednesday through Friday, love triumphs, quite noticeably. Travel looks good those days, too. You may have to get back to work over the weekend. Let your actions speak louder than your words.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**
You have an awesome task this week, but that's OK. On Monday and Tuesday, find time to learn what you'll need to know from an old friend. Stick close to home as much as you can, from Wednesday through Friday. Rest up, so you're ready for a romantic weekend.

**Leo (July 3-Aug. 22)**
Your relationship's direct and honest this week. Talk about money on Monday and Tuesday and work out a budget you both like. From Wednesday through Friday, learn to accomplish your goals with your creativity. Dig into a big project over the weekend. You can have what you want at a price you can afford.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
This is a great week for revisions, revamping and redecorating. Sketch out your plans on Monday and Tuesday. Gather your resources during the week so you can rip and tear over the weekend. By then, you'll be ready to toss out a bunch of old stuff and to replace it with new.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
You're learning all sorts of new skills. On Monday and Tuesday, tune up your act with an eye toward perfection. From Wednesday through Friday, figure out how to make your future more secure and do it. Count up your resources over the weekend. You may be wealthier than you thought.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
If you dig for buried treasure this week, you just might find it. A friend today; try to plot your course on Monday and Tuesday. You're pushed by circumstances. Wednesday can be tough, but also be by your own vision. One goal is achieved this weekend, and another challenge emerges. Oh goodie!

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
You're transforming into something magnificent this week, but what? That's the interesting question. Need help? Call a pal on Monday and Tuesday. From Wednesday through Friday, you'll have more fun and make more friends. Get serious again over the weekend, but long enough to finish an important task.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
Travel's complicated on Monday and Tuesday. Best to postpone a long trip. From Wednesday through Friday, take orders. The better you comply, the more money you'll make. You can save this weekend for yourself and some special friends. Share love and secrets in a favorite place.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
You and your friends can accomplish great things. Pool your resources on Monday and Tuesday and set up your budget. Stretch as far as you can from Wednesday through Friday. Don't be held back by the past. You'll be expected to report on your progress during the weekend. You get extra points for taking new ground.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**
Your career goals are changing this week. You're visualizing yourself reaching higher heights than ever before. A partner helps you put in corrections on Monday and Tuesday. From Wednesday through Thursday, pay off old debts so you can incur new ones. Over the weekend, travel looks good once mechanical difficulties are fixed.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week... Nov. 29: The schedule's tough this year, but a nice promotion could be your reward. Nov. 30: Be all that you can be "cause you say so this year. Make up your mind and go public with your intentions. Dec. 1: Finding the perfect career leads to the perfect team. Stop doing what you hate and start doing what you love. Dec. 2: You and a few good friends can accomplish great things. Decide who you'll be from now on. Dec. 3: A collaboration could lead to love, or at least good friendship. A change in how you see yourself is a start. Dec. 4: Let your curiosity be your guide and gain the security you seek.

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**African Coffeehouse being held tonight**

Enjoy an evening with a full percussion performance and a hands-on demonstration. African beats highlighted with a dash of Brazilian and Caribbean influence showcase this week's coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Free for all SHU students with ID and $8 general admission. As always, refreshments will be served.

**Any plans for Spring Break?**

Traveland, a travel agency in Bridgeport, is sponsoring a package deal to Cancun, Mexico. Stay for 7 nights at the Solymar Resort for $619 a person. Price includes roundtrip airfare, accommodations for 7 nights, and discount admission to all the local Night Clubs. An additional meal plan is also available for $49 a person. Cancellation insurance costs $35. Call Traveland for more information about their Spring Break rates at 371-1114.

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-Compiled by Mike Kochar
The existential questions

By Greg Golda
Contributing Writer

"Fight Club" Four stars, a nihilistic classic of the '90s.

If you are looking for a truly belief-upsetting movie, "Fight Club" is the last word of the millennium.

Your may have seen the commercials for "Fight Club," which may have indicated that this latest Brad Pitt film is nothing more than a chance to see America's most enduring heart-throb in blood, bruises and not much else.

Well, that may be true, but "Fight Club" is no star vehicle. What is lurks in the seamy underbelly of this movie is a reality-bending question of a lifetime.

A question touched on in both "The Truman Show" and "The Matrix" but taken to new depths by "Seven" director David Fincher.

The film draws us into a realm of psychotic paranoia not seen since "Jacobs's Ladder," and handles the literal histeric script in technically stunning ways.

"Fight Club" stands as a high-tech manifesto of what is wrong with high-tech, including aUbomber approved ending.

In the process of quashing his insomnia, Edward Norton's character gets himself stuck in Nietzsche's proverbial abyss. The film ponders the source of the dehumanization of mankind at the hands of the modernist city planners and the capitalist creditors.

Like Jesus throwing the moneychangers from the temple, Fincher's vision takes on dimensions proportional to the suffering whole of the westernized man.

The film itself strives to give a possible reason to see the Columbine tragedy as a blue print for action and not the dehumanizing immoral affair it really is.

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The audience laughs, too. But one must question exactly why one is laughing.

As the plot takes its last major twist the audience laughs, not because the proposition of the movie is ridiculous but because of its own insecurity.

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Renowned jazz artist comes to New Haven

By Elena Rosero
Contributing Writer

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Guzn tries to work at least once every weekend for local parties. Usually when someone from Sacred Heart is looking for a DJ, the name DJ Peter Gunz is brought to mind. This is a great business to get involved in," said Gunz. "I work the weekends, but I get paid to do what I love, and still get to hang out with people that are around my age."

Guzn is a full-time student, majoring in finance. He maintains an A-minus average, and even has experience working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange for a specialist firm over the past few summers.

His ultimate goal is to work on Wall Street, and possibly produce his own material.

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Darkness, danger, and Depp in Burton’s latest

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

A new version of “Sleepy Hollow” hits theaters this fall, and continues to entertain audiences with its darkness and eerie nature.

Director Tim Burton, best known for the films “Batman” and “Beetlejuice,” updates Washington Irving’s 19th Century classic in a hauntingly beautiful, and original way.

A series of violent murders take place in the quiet, yet spooky, New York village of Sleepy Hollow.

The village people are convinced that the beheadings are the work of the mythical “Headless Horseman.”

Johnny Depp, who has worked with Burton in both “Ed Wood” and “Edward Scissorhands,” plays Ichabod Crane, the investigator of the strange beheadings.

Crane is baffled by the murders, and has a difficult time buying into the idea of supernatural involvement.

Depp is known as one of the finest actors of Generation X. He adds an element of femininity to his role, which excellently complements with its darkness and eerie nature.

Before Christmas.”

Johnny Depp (left), and Christina Ricci (right), in Tim Burton’s latest tale from the dark side.

Qualities impressed Burton enough that he cast her in his film.

Ricci, too, was impressed by Burton, and was surprised to be cast in the $80 million film.

“He cast me in the part of a completely angelic, sweet naive young thing. And I thought, Wow, he must have not seen any of my other movies,” said Ricci in a recent interview.

Following his last box office flop, “Mars Attacks,” Burton seems comfortable in returning to his darker roots, like those evident in “The Nightmare Before Christmas.”

His script was developed by Andrew Kevin Walker, who worked on “Seven,” and touched up by Oscar-winning screenwriter Tom Stoppard of “Shakespeare in Love.”

The violent nature of the film, particularly the beheadings, worries parents, but Burton offers a humorous angle to the sequences.

Burton has become the king of dark tales. Seeing pictures of his desolate forests, and the pale expressions of his characters, it is apparent that Burton has an imagination for bizarre storytelling that outranks his opponents.

Whether or not the revamped version of this popular story will devour the box office remains to be seen.

But if moviegoers yearn for eccentric way of storytelling, “Sleepy Hollow” provides just that.

With so many predictable movies in Hollywood today, it is nice to see a visionary who is not afraid of giving moviegoers his perspective.

A& E Briefs

’Tis the season...

The Sacred Heart University Chamber Orchestra Concert will hold a concert at 3 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the University theater. Featured will be works by Corelli, J.S. Bach, Vaughan Williams and various Christmas Carols. Admission is free.

Later that night, Connecticut’s 55-voice Good News Gospel Choir will present their annual year-end benefit concert. The event will mark the release of the choir’s second album, “Light a Candle.” The choir will perform a series of original compositions from their album, as well as selections from their debut album, “Joy Unspeaking Joy.” Advance tickets are $10 for adults, and $5 for students, children and seniors. Door tickets are $5 more. For more information, contact Karen Coogan at (203) 454-4695.

Faculty Art Gallery opens next week

Sacred Heart’s art faculty will present their annual exhibit in The Gallery of Contemporary Art, beginning on Dec. 6, and running through Jan. 20. The opening reception will take place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7.

In conjunction with the exhibit, sculptor Carey E. McDougall will give an Artist’s Talk, “Domestic Forms: Houses, Dresses and the Sewing Needle,” on at 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 in the gallery. The public is invited to attend the exhibit and lecture; admission is free. For more information contact Sophia Gevas or Jeffrey Smith at 365-7650.

Senior Pub Night

Next Wednesday, the Class of 2000 will sponsor “Who Wants to be a SHUperson,” their version of television’s “Who Wants to be a Millionaire.” The format will be similar to that of the television show, and winning contestants will be awarded cash prizes. The event begins at 10:30 p.m. in the Outpost.

-Compiled by Frances Moore
SHU Athlete of the Week

Donte Lloyd, a junior from Baltimore, M.D., earned Player of the Week honors from the Northeast Conference.

Lloyd, who shares the team lead averaging 13 points per game, hit for 21 points in SHU's loss to Rider last week.

The junior guard also averages three rebounds per game. He's second on the team in assists with eight and tied for first with four steals.

At Newbury College in Brookline, Mass., Lloyd averaged 21.9 points per game. He once scorched Mitchell College for 46 points, including nine 3's.

Lloyd is the first SHU basketball player to earn honors in Division I.

Swim team splashing for recognition on campus

By Julie Tarpinian
Contributing Writer

Some students at Sacred Heart may not be aware of all the sports we have in our program. In fact, many may not know that our women's swim team is in its second season after some recent changes.

The team has a new coach this year in Ken Pierson. Pierson has experience with coaching several high school swim teams, but this is his first D-I coaching experience.

"He is a welcomed new edition to the team," said Danielle Vitoli, a sophomore member of the team.

The number of members of the team has grown since its first year. There are a total of 20 swimmers on this year's team. Eight were recruited for this season.

To increase depth of the team, two girls are being recruited for next year's team as divers.

As of now, the team has amassed a total record of 2-4 after opening its season in its only home meet against Stonybrook. The team's home meets are at the pool at the University of Bridgeport, where the team also practices.

Practices consist of water work and also a dry-land practice in the afternoon with weights for strengthening.

This Christmas break will see some improvements for the team. The facilities at the University of Bridgeport will be renovated, not to mention the changes in the coaching staff.

There are plans for recruiting a separate coach that would be devoted to the divers on the squad.

The girls are also interested in helping to promote and start a men's swim team.

"What the swim team really needs is more home meets and a facility on campus so that students can go and support the girls," said Colleen Demirgian, a graduate student who swam for the team last year.

In general, the swimmers believe that because there is no campus facility, and there are not many home meets, no knows the team exists.

Some also believe that the team is not advertised enough in the school and others think they are not known because they are a brand new team.

The team's next two meets are at St. Peter's on December 9th, with a follow-up at Siena on Dec. 11.
The men’s ice hockey team defeated Holy Cross last Saturday by a score of 4-2. With the victory, the Pioneers remain in a tie for third place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) with Canisius College.

The win also keeps Sacred Heart within striking distance of first place Quinnipiac. The Braves are ahead by nine points. The team came out strong after a disappointing loss to Bentley and a tie to Fairfield. Both teams are behind SHU in the standings.

"It was a total team effort," said coach Shaun Hannah. "Coming off a lack-luster effort last weekend, the team bounced back and played with focus against Holy Cross." The Pioneer came out firing against the Crusaders as freshman Bryan Reilly scored the first goal of the game, and of his collegiate career, from the blue line.

"I’m really not surprised with Reilly’s performance," said Dan Bogia. "I know he’s capable of playing that well." Martin Paquet scored another goal to give his team the 4-1 edge before the end of the period.

Defensively, goaltender Alexis-Jutras Binet continues to play well for SHU, turning aside 14 shots for the night. After this break this weekend, the team will travel to Iona December 10. The Pioneers don’t return to the Milford Ice Pavilion until January.

The men’s hockey team defeated Holy Cross for the first time.

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Exciting beginning for SHU

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

A lot could be said about Sacred Heart's men's basketball team, but one thing nobody could claim is that coach Dave Bike's squad is boring.

The Pioneer's opened season Nov. 19 with a thrilling if not gut wrenching, 96-93 double-overtime loss to Hartford. Down three points with 4 seconds remaining in the second overtime period, junior point guard Kurt Reis stepped to the foul line and made his first shot. Reis intentionally missed the second, allowing junior Tim Welch to tap in a rebound that appeared to secure a third overtime.

"It's disappointing because we can win individually, but we'll never win a meet," said Nate Gonyer, a sophomore from Canton, N.Y. Other team members echo the sentiment.

"It's frustrating. The people we have now are dedicated. We've won the majority of our bouts," said men's captain Erik Hansen, a junior from Freehold, N.Y.

However, sophomore Jenny Herb feels a little differently.

"I don't find it that hard. I don't find it that hard. You're fencing for a team, but you're also fencing for yourself," said Herb.

Hansen feels that the reason for a low turnout is simple.

"The reason that most people don't get into fencing is because they don't understand it," said Hansen. "They don't realize it's a modern sport, with electronic scoring. They think it's very traditional, like classical fencing, but it's evolved way beyond that."

Ciccarone has nothing but high praise when it comes to the team he does have.

"The team that has stuck around is the group that has stuck around. They've applied or will apply with three years minimum of experience," said Ciccarone. "I have 14 students applying, have a swim team, but because we are a small school, we're poorly recognized."

Ciccarone is optimistic about the team's second year.

"I expect a full team next year," said Ciccarone. "I have 14 students applying, have applied or will apply with three years minimum of experience and eight years maximum of fencing, so impressed," said Ciccarone.

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"The kids have found that the more training they do, the better they do," said Ciccarone. "The less training they do, the worse they do."

"I'll do anything to train everybody who is serious."

Juniors Marijus Kovaliukas and Donte Lloyd share the team scoring lead, averaging 13 points per contest.

Junior Collin Watson averages 12 points while Welch and Mike Sandy contribute 10 each.

Sandy hit three free throws in the final 30 seconds to hold off Cornell.

One key player missing from the Pioneer lineup is junior forward Andrew Hunter.

Bike decided to redshirt Hunter so that the Ontario, Canada native can develop a better feel for the game.

The Pioneers, several of whom are fighting off sickness and injury, take on Maine at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Pitt Center.

SHU's women take on Yale immediately after.

Problem with athletic department? Not enough recognition given

By Kelly-Ann Franklin

Sacred Heart University has found a new team to call its own this year.

Putting aside the fact that this is our inaugural season in Division I competition as a school, it is also the fencing team's inaugural season as a competitive varsity sport.

The team began as a developmental club last year and has yet to post a win in any of its meets.

"We can't win matches because we don't have a full roster. The incoming freshmen failed to come out," said Ciccarone. "Also, the recruitment material went out late, in February."

SHU fields both men's and women's teams in foil, epee and sabre. Three competitors in each weapon are required for a full team. There are currently four men's and six women's fencers. This ensures that even though SHU's fencers win their bouts, they still lose the meet because they must forfeit any bouts they don't have competitors for.

"Putting aside the fact that I rarely ever hear about the good that is coming out of the department with its athletes."

What is significant is that the men actually won the title, while the women placed third.

Also, the women's team has won the CTC's relay carnival for the past three years, while the men managed to win it the previous two.

Thank you Brian for letting me know, now I have an idea of how good our track teams really are. However, because there was no big to-do about it, nor is there any possibility for us to go see the cross country or outdoor track teams (because of a lack of facilities) I had to wait until this week of my senior year to find this out.

Plus, there aren't enough members on the roster for the fencing teams. Therefore, they are incapable of winning meets because of a lack of personnel.

However, according to the head coach, Tom Ciccarone, they have about a 90 percent winning average when they compete. Just to compare with other teams, that is better than any other sport right now, save for track and cross country. We have a swim team, but because they must travel to compete, no student in their right mind would travel so far to watch the competition, making support nearly nonexistent or impossible.

Our money goes to a poorly developed football program, which it should seeing as how it brings in the most money of all programs except for possibly basketball. But all our programs should be supported equally, and recognized equally for their hard work, dedication, and talent despite how "insignificant" the sport may seem to administrators.