Forum erupts with deluge of student concerns

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Student complaints and gripes have gradually accumulated this semester much like a large balloon slowly becomes inflated. Last Tuesday at the second annual State of the University Address, the balloon finally burst.

The SOTUA, which allowed about 350 students to attend, was directed at fire questions directly at over a dozen administrators, began with addresses by Student Government President Jason Slattery and SHU President Anthony Cermena. "We cannot guarantee every issue we are faced with," Slattery said. "However, we guarantee that we will work for a positive outcome."

In his remarks, Cermena pointed out some of the positive that Sacred Heart offers as an institution. He said that the faculty strives to instruct students at a level that meets their expectations. "When I assess how we're doing on that, we're doing ok," Cermena said. "But we've got a lot more to do."

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SHU e-mail now available on Internet

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart's Information Technology Department recently implemented the Microsoft Outlook Web Access program which will allow any Sacred Heart student to check his or her e-mail from any computer through the worldwide web.

The program comes on the heels of SHU's switchover to the Outlook's Exchange program for e-mail on new and repaired computers, replacing Microsoft Exchange. Exchange still works as an e-mail client for older model SHU computers, but it is no longer being used on any new systems.

To use the program, students should go to http://mail2.sacredheart.edu/exchange or they can go to http://mail3.sacredheart.edu/exchange depending on which mail server the student is on.

To determine which server the student is on, they should go to Start, Settings, Control Panel and then double click on Mail. On the properties section of the Mail window, it lists whether the student is on Mail 1 or Mail 2 or Mail 3. Faculty and staff are all on Mail 1.

The ones who benefit most from this are commuters who aren't on the SHU LAN. Adjunct Instructors or students who use the labs," said Mike Trimble, vice president for Information. Once students have gotten to the website, they will be prompted to put in their username.

After that, another window will open prompting the student to enter another username and password. From there, the student should enter their domain, backslash and then the username.

For the password, they should again enter the password used for their standard login process.

Service program targets students new to volunteering

By Brenda Monsiez
Contributing Writer

Campus Ministry and Service Learning will put together a week of reflection and service for students who did not have the opportunity to be involved in El Salvador or Community Connections.

CURTIS Week (Community Understanding and Reflection through Inner City Service) will center on the topic of diversity in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

The week will provide students with the opportunity to experience community life at St. Charles Urban Center in Bridgeport, where they will be living. The student fee is $35.

"It's a week where you're part of a group," said Phyllis Macholdt, director of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs.

Space is limited to 15 students and five leaders. Participants will be chosen by interest and experience. CURTIS Week does not require previous construction or service experience.

"The price is kept low so that anyone can afford it," said Macholdt. "Students only have to bring with them a willing heart, willing hands and a sense of humor."

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Perhaps the most heated argument occurred when several members of Omega Phi Kappa questioned the university's efforts in recruiting minorities.

"I expected a lot of frustration with the transition," said freshman Matthew Remesa from Golden Hill Methodist Church. "If you want to learn and meet people who are interesting, you have to ask ourselves why we are here."

"I'm surprised he's still there," said the younger Bush. "I think a lot of people are."
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Study abroad going strong

By Elena Rosero Contributing Writer

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Editorials

Early Christmas for SHU network users

Perhaps the greatest Christmas present to Sacred Heart students was delivered last week in the form of an upgraded computer network.

For years, we’ve been plagued by a sluggish and unreliable system. Thanks to new blood in the telecommunications department, these troubles appear to be a thing of the past.

Hopefully, we won’t have to cross our fingers and pray every time we try to access our e-mail or search for information on the internet from now on. Some of us couldn’t bear the thought of not being able to get the latest on the Giants from ESPN’s web site, or incur ridiculous long distance charges because the AOL Instant Messenger is not functioning.

The only downfall of the upgrade is that it took so long to happen. Although improvements had been promised for years, no noticeable changes took place until recently.

Hopefully administrators will cease to make idle promises and not follow up on them.

The season of giving is upon us, so give!!!!!!

OK, it’s the holidays. That means it’s time to gather with your family and friends, but for many of our fellow citizens, it’s not a reason for celebration. While we have the luxury of receiving a $20,000 a year education, many out there do not.

The next time you’re crying to your friends about how broke you are, keep in mind that there are people out there worse off than you. Many may never have the joy of shelling out $30 dollars for a pre-worn t-shirt at Abercrombie or spend three to four nights a week having a great old time bouncing from club to club like a good portion of our student body.

Let’s face it, we have it pretty sweet. We don’t live in a cardboard box on a street corner, we don’t have to worry about where our next meal is coming from (insert lame Flik joke here) and we don’t have the burden of no support systems to help us in times of need.

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The SHU Voices

Do you think winter intersession classes are a viable option for students who want to get ahead or catch up?

Brandi Blevins
Owings, Maryland

"Yes, because hours are extended and you give up your winter break."

Scott Tears
Red Hook, N.Y.

"I do because I was faced with the situation to take summer intersession to complete my core requirements."

Peter Hahn
Staten Island, N.Y.

"I think it’s a very viable option. I’ve known many people who have used these classes to get credits."

SHU pastor sounds off on relationships

Editor’s Note:
The following are excerpts taken from a speech given to a News Writing and Reporting class at Sacred Heart.

The thing that concerns me and worries me is that I see the students who are at a developmental point in their lives when they are beginning to investigate and look for the person they want to spend the rest of their lives with.

That’s the developmental task of the undergraduate—that is to really begin to put some energy into, some time into, something into, what kind of person do I want to spend the rest of my life with. What kind of person do I want to build a community with so that I can be part of that community?

We’ve gone from, let’s look at what marriage is, to let’s pretend we’re married, and I think that’s the danger. It’s a disaster. Because relationships that are supposed to be transient and temporary and somewhat superficial as people begin to investigate where they belong with one another, go from being that, and I don’t even have a chance to be that.

They jump right into bed, and the sexual part of that relationship is so compelling that every other part of that relationship gets underdeveloped.

Couples counseling in college and I’ve been in Campus Ministry since 1972) used to be learning how to dance around one another. Dating ought to be this wonderfully elaborate dance that’s going to end up with one another, go from being that, and I don’t even have a chance to be that.

The parents pretend it is not happening. You have no idea the number of parents who come here for orientation and they say to me, ‘Oh Father I feel so. . .You know what I mean Father...You are going to keep them safe...Right Father?’

Their kids stand there with a look on their faces like, ‘Oh you poor dope. You don’t know what I’m doing yet, do you?’

We have freshmen and sophomore couples pretending they are married. If they are going to end up having a good, solid, relationship with someone later in life, unfortunately they’re going to have to have to do a lot of repair work before they can begin.

Some people say the problem with men is that I take it too seriously. Spending the weekend with somebody and having sexual relations all weekend is nothing. You walk away from it and it means nothing. Wow. That’s even worse.

I think it’s an issue here. I think it’s an issue on every campus. I think it’s an issue that comes out of the society. I feel really sorry for kids being born because unless we turn the thing around and stop pretending that there isn’t anything really worthwhile in life...and that these poor people are swimming around not knowing where they came from, it’s the worst thing that can happen to us as human beings.

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Letters/Op-Ed

Student upset with placement in easy math class

Dear Editor,

I remember when our freshman class was inducted into this University, we were told that our class was academically the most talented in the University’s history. If our school knew we were so “academically talented,” how come it did not prepare for us?

So far, I have realized that high school was more difficult than college. In my senior year in high school, I took a full year of calculus. I expected to be challenged in college and I was restricted more than when living with my parents, the teaching at this university is the same, or maybe even lower than my high school.

I am not trying to give anyone the impression that all the teachers here are horrible. I have some teachers here that are exactly how I thought college professors should be. I have a professor who I think is the best decision making.

I was not offered a placement test and I was simply placed in this math class because that was a requirement for a business major.

After three or four weeks of being completely bored in class and not learning a thing, I finally started to get irritated. I don’t understand why I couldn’t at least place out of this class instead of wasting my time and money in a class that compares to my high school sophomore year math class.

Karen Kingsbury
Freshman

Mass offers friendly environment that should stay in Old Gym and not be moved to Mahogany Room

Dear Editor,

When I came to visit, I was told of the family atmosphere that Sacred Heart University had to offer me. The place where I have really felt this is at Mass on Sunday evening. After recently hearing that they are moving mass into the Mahogany Room to make room for offices in the old gym, I was upset.

I have gone to Mass almost every Sunday and every time it has been a good experience. I really like the atmosphere of Mass in the gym and I think that it would lose a lot of meaning if we had to split up the Masses and be in a more closed place.

I know that offices are important but I think at a Catholic college Mass is important too. I felt that Sacred Heart is lucky to have enough people that go to mass that they should not mess with a good thing.

Katie Schelle
Freshman

SHU no different than high school

Dear Editor,

I believe that Sacred Heart University is mostly the same as high school. Besides being restricted more than when living with your parents, the teaching at this university is the same, or maybe even lower than my high school.

I am not trying to give anyone the impression that all the teachers here are terrible. I have some teachers here that are exactly how I thought college professors should be. I have a professor who I think is the best teacher that I have ever had. He is demanding, but he is loose enough that he lets us students speak our minds in our work. He shows us that we are only wrong when we hide what we are feeling.

The other teachers that I have this semester are mostly lecturers. This is college, so I understand that the teachers just teach in their most comfortable way.

I feel that if this university wants the students to do their best and learn, they should have professors that are more about the students instead of the job.

In high school, the teachers had lecture classes, but they always made sure that there was an interactive class for each test topic.

The more that the professors here show that they care about their student, the more the students will care about the class.

Amy Boss
Freshman

Pledging sorority leads to lifelong friendships and great experiences

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to Greek Life on campus. I am one of the many students who decided to pledge this fall. In the beginning, I was wary about doing it, I was worried about what I would have to do and why. I also questioned my motives. Why did I pledge in the first place? What will I really get out of this experience?

Now I can answer these questions. I know exactly why I did it and I know how much I have gotten out of this experience. I have made the best friends and met some wonderful people. My pledge class grew so strong together. I am grateful for the experiences that I have gone through and I would do it all over again.

Samantha Beaudoin
Freshman

SHU freshman happy with Classroom Learning Assistants

Dear Editor,

As a freshman, I still have a lot to learn about the school. However, there is one main advantage at Sacred Heart that I would like to address you. The Classroom Learning Assistants are a big help. They provide students with their knowledge, time and commitment. They also do this at no cost.

Honestly, in some of my classes I think that I would be lost without their help. The CLA’s really get on a one to one basis with you. They give you the personal attention that some teachers may not provide. They deserve a lot more credit and attention than they get.

Lindsay Hughes
Freshman

Happy Holidays from the Spectrum!!!

That’s it for this year. Look for us to return on Jan. 27 for the Spring 2000 semester. Have a safe and festive holiday season (and all you underage kids, lay off the eggnog)!!

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UMOJA gives special meaning to holiday season
Thanksgiving fund-raiser donates $2400 into homes of needy families

By Keysha Whitaker
Contributing Writer

This Thanksgiving, Sacred Heart students decided to show a little heart and give to those less fortunate than themselves. Advised by Cam Farrar, assistant director of the William H. Pitt Center, UMOJA, an African-American Organization of SHU students, sponsored the Meals for the Hungry Program. Meals for the Hungry allowed caring Sacred Heart students to donate money directly off their meal card for needy families.

Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the Sacred Heart community, the UMOJA Meals for the Hungry Drive raised close to $2400. The money was split between St. Luke’s Food Pantry in the East End of Bridgeport, and Golden Hill Methodist Church of Bridgeport.

Junior Marvin Royal of UMOJA was responsible for the organization of the drive. Royal worked closely with Flik management in order to make the drive a success.

"First I would like to thank the students for participation and helping out. The program was a complete success. I would also like to say thank you to Flik. Everyone was very helpful. There were no problems," said Royal.

The Meals for the Hungry Drive took place on November 9 to 19. Meals for the Hungry required a minimum of a $4 donation. Fortunately, some students decided to give just a little bit more. Some students contributed as much as $50 on a single donation.

"I think the food drive is a really good cause. I know that there are people out there that could use the money more," said Jennifer Jackson, a junior from Rhode Island. "I know that they are being prayed for and helped out by the students and faculty here at SHU."

Royal is extremely pleased with the success of the drive and is positive about the future.

"We plan to do this again next semester. Hopefully, the drive will raise twice the amount of money next year," said Royal.

After the food drive, the Class of 2003 and UMOJA sponsored an after-party for the SHU men’s basketball home opener on Nov. 19 against the University of Hartford.

"Everyone who came saw what a success it was and they’ll want to come to other things we want to sponsor. It was a better turnout than we expected," said Pesce.

In October, UMOJA took first place for best banner at the Midnight Madness competition. They also participated in a walk for sickle cell anemia in September.

"So, what’s next for UMOJA?"

In the near future Changing Faces of Sacred Heart, a SHU calendar produced by UMOJA and the Spectrum will be released. The calendar will be available in April for the 2000-2001 year.

There will be a photogra­phy contest for those individu­als who wish to submit an action photo of SHU students showing the essence of Sacred Heart, its changing face. Winning photos will be published in the calendar.

UMOJA is open to all SHU students. UMOJA meets weekly, Monday nights at 8 p.m. in the Pitt Center.

Final’s Week nearing; causing stress among students
Recent study shows stress could be factor in causing various illnesses

By Julie Tarpinian
Contributing Writer

Well, it’s that time of year once again. Finals are upon us for the first time this year. For many students, all night cram sessions and binge studying will be in order for the entire week. For some of us, the stress that results from Finals Week could result in an illness.

A recent study in the New York Times has shown that stress can in fact cause sickness.

"Chronic stress lasting a month or more affects the risk of catching a cold," said Jane Brody in a recent article. "Stress based on being unemployed or underemployed or having problems with family or friends has the greatest influence in determining which people catch colds."

According to researchers at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, people under severe stress are more likely to catch a cold when exposed to a virus than people under milder stress.

Psychologist Dr. Sheldon Cohen found that the higher a persons’ stress score on a standard test, the more likely the person was to develop a cold virus.

According to Cohen, stress is an important risk factor even when smoking, lack of exercise, poor diet, disturbed sleep and alcohol consumption was taken into account. Some of these characteristics can be experienced when studying excessively.

"Severe stress for more than a month but less than six months doubled a person’s risk of a cold," said Cohen.

Stress is not an unfamiliar trait among Sacred Heart University students, especially around this time of year.

Brook Myers, a sophomore from Stamford, attributes most of her stress-related symptoms to academic presentations.

"I feel drawn out and tired when I feel stress," said Myers. "I learn to cope by taking one thing at a time."

Vinny Mallozzi, a junior from Fairfield, says that the exam period stresses him out the most.

"I just try to study until I feel confident," said Mallozzi.

"I like to take a test knowing that I studied as hard as I could," said According to Karen Scannell of the Counseling Center on campus, there are many warning signs to stress. Muscle tension, headaches, changes in appetite and sleep patterns, upset stomach, and high irritabil­ity are all signs.

"The most stressful times of the year for students is probably the first week of school and finals week," said Scannell. She also stated that there are factors other than academics that can cause stress.

Relationships, family prob­lems, illness, living conditions and getting adjusted to the envi­ronment all have been known to cause stress.

Scannell offered many tips to cope with stress.

According to Scannell, stu­dents should identify why they are feeling stressed, participate in physical exercise, talk to someone, know your limits, take care of yourself and make relax­ation a priority.

"Read a book, listen to music, go to the movies or try mediation," said Scannell.
By Gabriel Bonanni  
Staff Writer

On November 18 in the Mahogany Room, Sacred Heart students and faculty enjoyed the sounds of Tibet at the Tibetan Coffeehouse. Flautist Lakedhen Shingsur brought the echoes of the once inhabitants of this mountainous Asian land to the audience through ancient Tibetan and Nepalese folk music. Dressed in a traditional gray Tupa robe with a Kyara belt and black leather boots, Shingsur told the students about the persecution of ethnic Tibetans by the Chinese. Shingsur, who studied the flute in his homeland India, learned from the elder exiled Tibetans and passed on the art to younger generations.

The exit provided many schools in India for the preservation of their culture. They hand down ancient stories from one generation to the next and Shingsur relayed them to the audience.

Shingsur was joined by Marie-Claude Moriarity, who played percussion from guitar to drum through most of the songs. The audience was very receptive and the setting was great. It’s unusual for a coffeehouse. I feel really welcome here,” Moriarity shared.

One of the more memorable songs that the duo had played was a Nepalese love song, a tambourine-filled tune that resembled a round dance.

“I recognized the Nepalese ballads. It brought me back to my school days when we used to sing them,” said Jitendra Shrestha, a junior originally from Nepal. “It was a catchy tune and it made me think of my friends back home.”

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An ancient piece sang the praises of a horse with the rapid rolling of Shingsur’s fingers along the flute in the beat of a majestic gallop. His songs were filled with the trials and tribulations of the Tibetan people as they traveled from their homeland. A melancholy ballad pleaded for the support of the Tibetan cause, as the smooth sound spread through the crowd.

“They were very soothing tunes, I liked them,” said first year student Sheetal Mundra, originally from India. Shingsur concluded the night by informing students about Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), an organization where students could be active in helping the native Tibetans presently in the land.

Shingsur encouraged students to start their own SFT chapters by calling 1-888-SFT-Tibet.

“I am very pleased to play at Sacred Heart University,” said Shingsur. “I hope for support from the students of our cause.”

Last Thursday, the Coffeehouse series concluded with the percussion of the African Coffeehouse in the Faculty Lounge.

Tonight, the fifth annual International Holiday Cafe and Pub will be held at 8:30 in the Mahogany Room. Circulo Italiano and Dr. Anthony Cernera are promoting the Italian theme, "La Cantata di Natale".

Tonight, the fifth annual International Holiday Cafe and Pub

By Gabriel Bonanni

Lakedhen Shingsur and Marie-Claude Moriarity play ancient Tibetan and Nepalese music at the Tibetan Coffeehouse.

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Campus Happenings

International Holiday Cafe and Pub Tonight

"La Cantata di Natale," an annual holiday tradition with an Italian twist will be held at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Mahogany Room. Indulge in homemade holiday treats and fine beverages from around the world. A spectacular theatrical and vocal performance will be given by I Giullari di Piazza, the renowned Italian-American renaissance performance troupe from N.Y. Admission is free for all SHU students with ID and $8 general admission.

The event is sponsored by the International Multicultural Center, Circulo Italiano, the President’s Office, and the International Club.

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 and accommodations for 7 nights, and discount admission to all the local night clubs. An additional meal plan is available for $49 per person. Cancellation insurance costs $35. Call Traveland for more information about their Spring Break rates at 371-1114.

Prize for anonymous survey given

All SHU black female students who filled out a questionnaire last month on “The Socio-political issues and feelings about the physical self in black women,” should stop by Dr. Cauvin’s office in HC 219 this week with your raffle ticket stub to find out if you are the winner. A $100 prize will be rewarded.

Compiled by Mike Kuchar
Works exhibit variety of styles, ideas
By Frances Moore A&E Editor

The Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart held a reception Tuesday, marking the opening of their annual Faculty Art Exhibit. By 5:00 p.m. that day, the Gallery was crowded with students, faculty and various people from outside the University. Every year, the faculty from Sacred Heart's Art Department is invited to share artwork with the community. Each faculty member is allowed to submit two works of any variety. Jackie DeGoff, assistant professor of art, explained, "Some of the pieces are displayed for professional reasons." On top of that, he said, many are displayed purely for personal gratification.

This year he submitted two works: a watercolor, and one color pencil.

Many of the students in attendance were very impressed with their professors' works. Dena Murray, a senior art student, said, "It's great because we get to see their work."

Junior Carlin Guarnieri, from West Haven, Conn., said, "We get to see a lot of different styles and mediums."

She added, "I was actually looking forward to this exhibit.

DMB arrives in time for the holidays
By Justin Liberman and Brian McGrath Contributing Writers

The temperature is falling, and mall hours are increasing. That can only mean one thing: the holidays are coming.

One gift that is sure to put smiles on people's faces is the latest Dave Matthews Band album.

"Listener Supported" contains 20 tracks, all of which were recorded live at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J.

The new CD features special guest Butch Taylor on keyboards. Taylor's exquisite keyboard skills blend in with and contribute to the band's combination of rock, funk, jazz and world rhythms.

In addition to Taylor are three backup vocalists that contribute their talents to such songs as "Stay" and "Granny.

Once again, Boyd Tinsley's violin mixes with Leroi Moore's songs, "#40," "True Melodies."

But some enjoy "Listener Supported," for its more nostalgic reason.

Denise Farina, a sophomore from Holbrook, N.Y., said, "The songs on the album are the same songs he played this summer on his tour. Listening to the album reminds me of the concert I went to in Hartford and brings back a lot of memories."

DMB's previous album, "Live at Red Rocks," which came out in 1997, debuted at number three on Billboard's 200 chart, and Dave Matthew's solo album with Tim Reynolds debuted at number two.

The band has a large college following, with a type of fanaticism that is similar to "Deadheads.

"I've been a fan of the Dave Matthews Band for five years now, and I still think they are great," said John Sokowich, a sophomore from Woburn, Mass.

The band recorded the show for a PBS concert special that was aired on Sept. 11. The full-length video is also in stores.

Since the release of their first album some six years ago, DMB has sold over 15 million albums, and has become the most successful touring band in America.

"Listener Supported" reinforces two things that DMB fans already know: the band truly appreciates their fan base, and they are bees when they are on stage.

Both the CD and video are available in stores now.

Wizardry wins out: Do craze and Christianity coincide?
By Sandy Goldbeck Contributing Writer

Purple lightening bolts temporarily tattooed on foreheads have become a trademark for kids. Why? Just read the latest "Harry Potter" book, and you'll discover the latest craze in children's books. Whiz-kid Harry Potter is an unsung, scruffy 11-year-old, marked by baggy clothes and broken eyeglasses.

But Harry is not a normal kid. He is a wizard-in-training, marked by a purple lightening bolt on his forehead. In stories, written by J.K. Rowling, Harry is taken through mystical and magical adventures.

The stories are filled with imaginative, original characters. Throughout the stories are flying wizards, and strange happenings.

They appeal to many different types of children because they emphasize the universal desire for fun.

And Rowling is able to take readers through magical adventures without frightening children.

Harry-mania has enchanted and captivated adult readers as well. Elaine Halstead, mother of a college student, is mesmerized by the books.

"I bought the book for my 19-year-old daughter for fun," Halstead said.

She added, "I started to read it, and it held my interest immediately. It was imaginative, clever, exciting and suspenseful. I couldn't put it down," she added.

Rowling is a 34-year-old English writer. Just nine years ago, she was facing life as an unemployed mother.

During a dreary train ride across England, she fabricated Harry and his world. Now her world has become "Harry.

Her books have sold more than 7 million copies, and hit the number one slot and stayed there on The New York Times' Bestseller List, all in the same week.

So far, three magical books have delighted readers. The latest sensation is called "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

A fourth book is scheduled for release next summer.

A movie will be coming out in the summer of 2001. Warner Brothers is currently seeking a suitable director, "making it the hottest contest for a movie job since MGM put out a open casting call for Scarlet O'Hara," according to John Lippman, writer for the Wall Street Journal.

Despite all this, though, the books have come under scrutiny lately.

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Other faculty members who have displayed their artwork are Stefan Buda (sculpture), Steven R. DiGiovanni (oil on canvas), Camille Eskell (mixed media), Ted Gustwa (mixed media), Daniel Haydics (acrylic on canvas) and Ginny Rogers (drawings and watercolors).

The exhibit will be in the Gallery until Thursday, Jan. 20. The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. It will be closed during the holidays from Dec. 20 to Jan. 10, and again on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 17. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Sophia Gevas or Jeffery Smith at 365-7650.

Open-mic night at Aldrich Museum
Special to the Spectrum

The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art invites you to attend their third open-mic series.

Mark your calendars, call a friend, and bring the pages of your most recent work to the Aldrich Museum and enjoy and evening of open-mic talent.

This is a great opportunity to create a collaboration: poetry accompanied by cello, words with dance and original song, as well as text, can all be part of making this informal space.

The event is from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 17, is sponsored by Rhyme and Reisen.

Seating is limited, so call ahead. For more information, or to reserve your seat, call 438-519. The Aldrich Museum is located in Ridgefield, Conn.
Much more than music: Black 47 is more than just rock and roll

By Erin Wilbur
Celebrating Singer/Songwriter

The SHU Spectrum 9
December 9, 1999

By Erin Wilbur
Chicago Tribune

Black 47 is a NYC-based band that has gone where no Irish band has gone before. They have fused elements of rap, rock, big band and jazz with uileann pipes, reels and slides. This blend has created quite a following. The year 1985 found Larry Kirwan denouncing rock and roll forever.

However, one music concert changed his life forever. Being the Scorsese, he was illegally run and politically motivated, but it made him realize that rock and roll still meant something to people.

"It was a small victory, but it made me realize that rock and roll could represent social and political change," stated Kirwan on the band's official website. Later, while enjoying a pint at Paddy Reilly's in the City, he met Chris Byrne.

"We were a sweaty, sexy, booze-soaked rock, big band and jazz with jigs, reels and slides. We have created quite a cult following.

The most anticipated holiday movie will be released tomorrow night. The Green Mile, starring Tom Hanks, is director Frank Darabont's long-awaited follow-up to his critically acclaimed Shawshank Redemption.

Darabont's latest is also based on a Steven King novel. Like "Shawshank," The Green Mile is a study of death row, accused of the murder of two girls.

The band members bring so much to their music that it is hard to introduce just one genre. They play every Saturday in the City. They have a deep cultural heritage and promote constant change.

"If the phrase "You'll poke your eye out!" automatically makes you laugh, then you will enjoy the films that SET has in store for you. "A Christmas Story" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be shown at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Hawley Lounge.

The event is free, and refreshments will be served. Don't miss this chance to catch two great holiday movies.

A& E Briefs

At the Outpost this week

SHU students are invited to The Outpost Pub tonight for good music and a good time. Acoustic guitarist Dave Binder will be performing at 10 p.m. in the Pub tonight. Binder is known for his covers of James Taylor, Jimmy Buffet and Dave Matthews Band. As always, the event is free for SHU students.

Tomorrow night, SET is sponsoring a mystery event. Details are obviously a secret, but the event begins at 8 p.m. in the Pub, and big cash prizes can be won.

The length of the film seems to be a factor that hurt its potential success of the film. Darabont's long-awaited follow-up to his critically acclaimed Shawshank Redemption.

Nope, a Black 47 concert. Some surreal Woodstock moments. As the audience was lead by a man in Birkenstocks...

A Holiday Celebration."
SHU Spectrum December 9, 1999

Sports Schedule
Dec. 9 to Dec. 16

TODAY (M) Ice hockey @ UConn, 7:30 p.m.
(W) Basketball vs. Virginia Commonwealth, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY (M) Ice hockey @ Iona, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY (W) Swimming @ Siena, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY (W) Ice Hockey vs. Conn. College, 3 p.m.*

* All men's and women's ice hockey games are played at the Milford Ice Pavilion

SHU Athlete of the Week

Heather Yablonski
Women's Basketball

The senior center on the basketball team was honored in Sunday night's game against Yale for surpassing the 1,000th point mark in the team's loss to Ohio State University. Coach Ed Swanson presented her with the game ball.

With 1,013 career points, she is only the seventh Pioneer in history to reach the mark. She is 100 points away from sixth place on SHU's all-time scoring list.

Yablonski is also the fifth leading scorer in the Northeast Conference.

Young leads improved Pioneers on the ice

By Ed Bourget
Contributing Writer

The men's ice hockey team has enjoyed early success this season. Thanks to many new faces, the Pioneers currently hold third place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with a 4-3-2 record.

One face has remained the same for the past two years. Derek Young, a 23-year-old senior from Whitby, Ontario, is the captain of this year's club and has been setting a standard of excellence on the ice.

"It's important to have a captain with strong leadership abilities, especially with a young team," said coach Shaun Hannah.

Sacred Heart currently leads the MAAC in team defense and Young has been the workhorse on the blue line. Young has proven his versatility on the ice since the coach moved him up to forward two games ago.

"He had no problems moving from defense to forward," said Hannah. "He didn't complain about the move but did it to benefit the team."

Young holds no reservations about his positioning on the ice. "I like playing wherever I can make the most impact on the team," said Young. "If coach moves me back to defense later in the season, I'll be ready for the move."

Young discovered his natural talents in hockey since he first skated onto the ice at age seven. His family is the biggest influence in his hockey career as his father and two older brothers also play.

"My dad and my two brothers played hockey so I was always at the rink watching them play," said Young.

Young will be graduating this year with hopes to play in the professional ranks next season. In his spare time, he likes to play golf and raise ostriches on his farm in Whitby.

"It's my dad's business, so I have to help him out in the summer," said Young about tending to the birds.

"I like ostriches. They are interesting creatures. They are much smarter than people give them credit for," said Young.

Young hopes to lead the Pioneers to a winning season and the next step is this weekend as the team travels to Iona and the University of Connecticut.

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Women: Lady Pioneers back on winning track with win over Bulldogs

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"Brooke Kelly got four offensive rebounds in a row," said Brady. "I mean, for a girl to land and jump and get her own rebound, that is amazing. She left everything she had on the court in her first start, gave a tough performance at the point guard position." Junior Abby Crotty, in her first start, gave a tough performance at the point guard position.

"We took ourselves out of the game by throwing the ball away," said Buck. "The two were a big reason why Yale turned the ball over 26 times. SHU came away with 14 steals in the game."

A start of the second half, the Pioneers found itself in the first time we're we've been outrebounded.

"Dvy was really good going and that's what we need," said Crotty. "We're a run and gun team. The Bulldogs were optimistic going into halftime holding a 36-31 lead.

"This is the first time we've had a lead (at halftime) all season," said Yale's Amy Buckas. "We've been a second half team all year, except for tonight."

"(Brady and Kelly) did a great job under the boards. This is the first time we've been outrebounded," added Giannini. "They are the most out of our opportunities.

"The most talent we've had in one class. It's been a decade...nee in Travel\"-

Hoops: Pioneer men drop third close game this season, fall to 1-3

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"I'm not only impressed with Coach Rice as a person, but with his ability to put together a roster full of talent like this in their first Division I year," Giannini added. "They are going to be a force to be reckoned with in the Northeast Conference.

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Part Time Help Wanted

Pioneer Junior Guard DeVeren Johnson, who led the Pioneers with 17 points on 17-of-19 shooting, felt they had the game in the bag.

"It was my job to do it, and I did it," he said. "We were just one offensive rebound away," said Crotty and Jen Rimkus (11 points) wreaked havoc on the Bulldog guards with the full court press. The Yale coach thought so too.

"We thought it was in the bag. We had this one," he said. "We were just one play away. If in the teams aren't better than us," added Watson. Watson scored 13 points and collected eight rebounds. Those two points came off a monster slam in the game's opening minutes.

The 6-7 Watson, who boasts a 46-inch vertical leap, snared an offensive rebound above the white square on the backboard and left the basket shaking. Junior center Tim Welch scored 12 points and collected a game-high 11 rebounds.

Welch is eighth among all NCAA Division I players in rebounding, averaging 11.3 per game.

This Saturday, Rollie Massimino brings Cleveland State to the Pit Center for the first game of a home and home series this season. Tip-off is at 1 p.m.

Massimino, whose club defeated Sacred Heart 87-82 last season, rose to fame in 1993 by guiding the underdog Villanova Wildcats to a 66-64 win over Georgetown in the national championship game.

The Pioneers face Harvard 7 p.m. Monday at the Pit Center. SHU hopes to avenge last year's 74-69 loss in Boston.
Young talent leads Pioneer women past Yale

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

After a slow start, the women's basketball team seems to have found its strength-youth.

"At one time today I looked out there and there was four freshmen," said coach Ed Swanson. "And I'm saying to myself, 'what am I thinking?'"

"We're going to have to learn from that and the only way to learn from that is by doing it."

Starting two freshmen, a sophomore, a junior and a senior Swanson's group managed two big runs in the second half Sunday night to scoot past Yale University 72-62.

Leading the charge were freshmen Brooke Kelly and Tara Brady.

Kelly pulled down 12 rebounds and 15 points for her first double-double off the bench. Brady scored 14 points.

According to Swanson, Brady worked hard all week in practice.

"We had four good days of practice and I thought the most evident of that was Tara Brady," said Swanson. "I told her on Thursday 'Tara you practiced hard Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday', I told you better go in the whirlpool with a bottle of champagne.' She played the way she practiced."

Coming off of two blow-out losses to Ohio State (98-66) and Harvard (83-55) last weekend, the women would go a week without facing another opponent, giving them time to figure out what was going on.

"I've worked harder this week than any other week, in however many years of playing basketball," said Brooke Kelly. "We showed a lot more effort this week in practice."

Brady felt the same way.

"We practiced so hard all week," said Brady. "Coach really got on us after last weekend, I ran more this week than I've ever run in my life."

Brady felt that the biggest part of the game was the extra effort given by the players, especially Kelly.

"We've been building tradition here over the past several years, and this group of athletes continued it with a couple of nice team wins," said Morrison.

The women broke seven school records en route to their win. The women's sprint medley relay broke the school record by over five seconds.

Junior Brandi Blevins broke the individual school record for the weight throw and the shot put.

Notable finishes for the men included a first place spot in the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State.

The men finished with 55 points, the women with 59.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the women have won this meet, and the third straight year for the men.

Senior guard Jennifer Rinkus prepares to drive on Yale defender Meghan Houlihan.

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Track teams open with pair of wins

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's men's and women's indoor track teams won the first meet they participated in this season last Sunday.

Both teams took the top spot in the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Relay Carnival at Southern Connecticut State.

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Notable finishes for the men included a first place spot for the sprint medley relay, which was composed of freshmen Dean Hanafin and Brian Koch along with sophomores John Sakowich and Tony DiCerbo.

The high jump relay and the 2 x 1 mile race walk relay also bested the competition.

School records were broken in the sprint medley relay, the 4 x 200 meter relay and the second-place 4 x 400 meter relay team.

Sophomore Gaetano Murra won the high jump with a 6'6 3/4" leap.

"We had some great relay performance in this meet," said coach Christian Morrison. "I was particularly impressed with the composure and competitiveness demonstrated by some of our athletes."

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Among other records set by the women were posted by the shuttle hurdle relay, the shot put relay and the long jump relay.

"We've been building tradition here over the past several years, and this group of athletes continued it with a couple of nice team wins," said Morrison.

"Now we'll work for success in our bigger meets later in the season."