

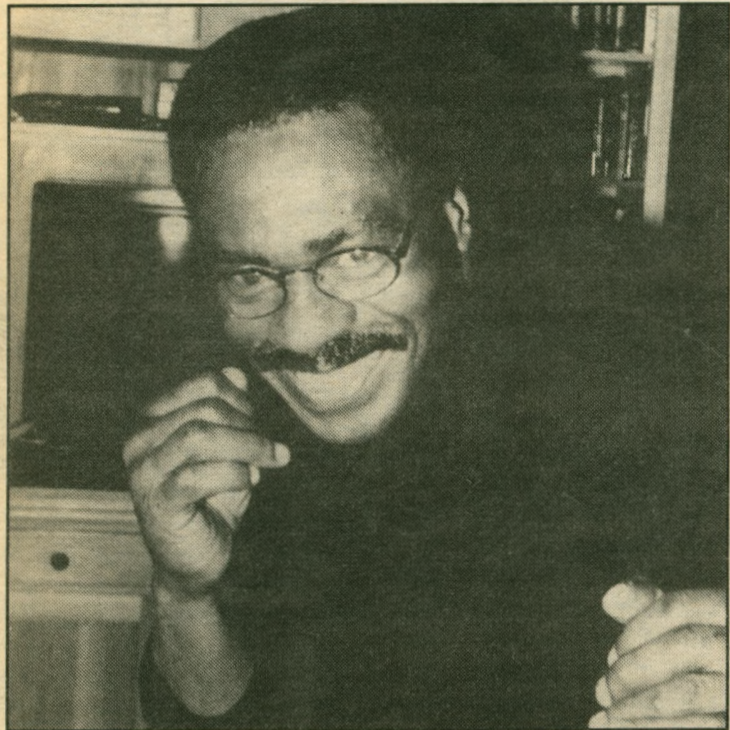


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Sacred Heart University

'Hurricane' Carter blowing onto campus



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Rubin "Hurricane" Carter will speak at SHU on March 1.

By Melissa Greenhalgh
Staff Writer

Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, former boxer and subject of the recent Denzel Washington film, will be speaking at Sacred Heart University next month. His appearance is part of Student Life's upcoming multicultural and international events known as "Beyond February."

Grace Lim, director of the International and Multicultural Center will coordinate the events. "Beyond February" will go from March to May. "We wanted to promote both Black History and multi cultural events to keep the students interested all year round instead of just once a month."

Carter was a famous boxer who beat 80 percent of his

opponents in the ring. He was labeled as the number one contender of professional boxing for the middleweight boxing crown. One the verge of becoming the champion of the world in the late 1960's his life would suddenly change forever.

Carter was charged with three counts of murder though he plead innocent of all charges.

He was put in front of a white jury who convicted him and fellow driver, John Artis, for these murder charges in June 1966.

Though there was evidence proving his innocence, it was not brought to court during his trial. Carter was sentenced to three life terms in prison.

While in jail, Carter wrote an autobiography entitled "The Sixteenth Round," which told of his life and described how dis-

crimination led him to be falsely accused.

His book brought about many famous people like Bob Dylan, who later wrote a song "The Hurricane," and boxer Muhammad Ali to fight for his freedom.

He still remained in jail and tried to appeal to a higher court several times, but again was rejected.

New evidence was found to prove Carter was not involved in the murders.

Judge H. Lee Sarokin of federal district court in Newark, N.J. overturned the second trial convictions after finding that the prosecution committed constitutional violations in his decision to grant Carter a writ of habeas

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SHU concentrating on handicap access

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

SHU's campus houses nine handicap students. Of the nine students with disabilities, four are hearing impaired, two are wheelchair bound, and two have walking handicaps.

According to Allen Machielson, Assistant Director of Resident Life, SHU has numerous safety precautions to ensure the safety of these students.

All the buildings on campus are equipped with elevators and handicap parking spaces including the dormitories.

SHU's newest building, East Hall, contains not only elevators, but it also facilitates pull cords in all restrooms, blinking lights on fire alarms in hearing impaired rooms, and area's of refuge in stairwells for fire safety.

"As an added addition to our fire plan, the fire boxes map out the rooms occupied by disabled students whom would

need assistance in evacuation so the firemen could locate them easily," said Machielson.

Along with safety precautions SHU also offers educational support to handicap students. SHU complies with Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This act defines a disability, states who is considered disabled, and mandates institutions to offer accessibility for the disabled.

Jill Angotta, Director of Special Services, explains SHU offers both mandated services

and additional services.

"These services are used to get handicap students at a level playing field with the other students," said Angotta.

Students are offered free mandated services such as interpreters, extended time, alternative courses, in class note takers, and alternate testing.

The additional services SHU offers to students for a small fee include content area tutoring, one on one learning, scribes, typists, and academic coaches.

Budget, scheduling woes may doom concert

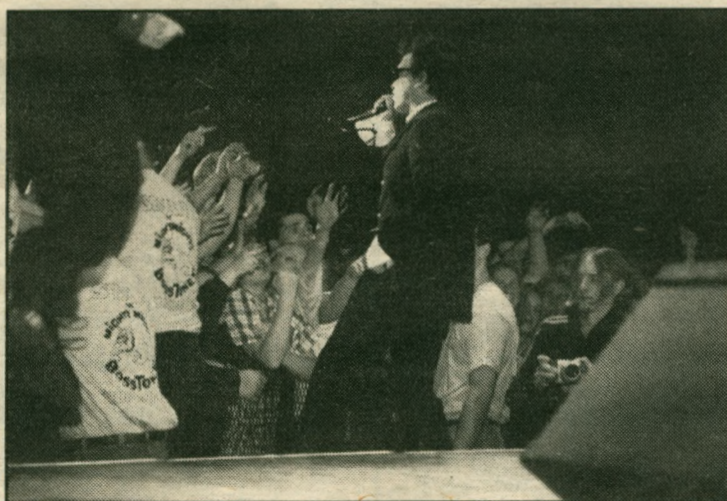
By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

If Marcos Rios had his way, Motley Crue would set up stage in the Pitt Center for this year's annual spring concert. "I'd love to see them live," he said.

But the senior from Southbridge, Mass., may not see the hard rock band, or any other groups, come to the Fairfield campus this semester. Funding and scheduling problems may keep the Pitt Center silent.

"There's a chance that there may not be a concert this year," said Student Events Team President Brandi Blevins.

Part of the problem stems from a lack of funding. SET lost money when only 700 people purchased tickets to see the comedian Carrot Top at the Pitt Center last fall. The SET Spring Concert Committee has about \$6,000 to use towards signing a band for the spring instead of the



Contributed Photo

Dicky Barret of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones at last year's spring concert. Budget troubles might hinder it this year.

usual \$10,000.

When it comes to scheduling a popular performer, size matters. "Uconn has about \$150,000 set aside just for concerts," Blevins said. "Why would a band come here when they could go to a bigger school for three times as much money? "We have less of a chance

of getting a big band that costs over \$50,000 but we could still get somebody good," Blevins added.

The Mighty Mighty Bosstones attracted 2,400 fans to last year's event, which earned SET a \$5,000 profit. "That was probably the best one," Rios said of the three

spring concerts he's attended.

The fear of losing money is not the biggest obstacle to scheduling a band, according to Blevins. Sporting events and other functions have also limited the availability of the Pitt Center. "Money is not a factor for us," Blevins said.

SET has already put in bids to about a dozen bands. Each group rejected the offer. Those bands included popular acts like the Goo Goo Dolls, Smash Mouth, Third Eye Blind and Bush.

The search for a performer to entertain at Sacred Heart continues for the SET Spring Concert Committee. "We've been looking at a couple bands but we haven't decided on anything yet," said Justin Lear, committee chairman. "Most likely we could have somebody in March or April."

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News Briefs

Graduate pub nights starting next week

The Council of Graduate Studies will be starting a series of pub nights running every week through February and into March. These events are designed to meet other graduate students, network and enjoy free food.

The first night will be held on Feb. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. with subsequent nights on Feb. 7, 15, 23 and Mar. 2.

For more information, e-mail Mary-Ellen Johnson at Johnson@juno.com.

OT info session coming up next Wednesday

Sacred Heart University's new Occupational Therapy program will hold an information session for prospective students on Feb. 9 in the Pitt Center Board Room on campus.

The session, from 6-7:30 p.m., will provide an opportunity to learn about this entry-level master's degree program from director Judy Bortone and OT faculty.

The two-year program is unique in curriculum design, in its approach to learning, and in its responsiveness to market and demographic trends.

A bachelor's degree is required for admission, but no prior experience in occupational therapy is necessary.

For more information, call Kim McCullion, assistant director of Graduate Admissions, PT & OT at 365-4740 or 365-7619.

SHRM informational meeting next Tuesday

The Society for Human Resource Management will be holding an informational meeting at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday in HC 102.

SHRM rewards achievement through scholarship and awards sets up internships, equips students with information through publications, on-line services and interactions with professionals.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti and Kelly Smith

East Hall living conditions unsanitary, say residents

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

Male students living on the fourth floor of East Hall are unhappy with the penthouse's accommodations. Unclean bathrooms and living conditions have caused uproar among students and maintenance alike.

Only six employees are staffed to keep East Hall's 10 stories prim and proper. This includes the duties of cleaning, vacuuming and sweeping of two lounges, two study rooms, and four bathrooms per floor.

The fourth floor male residents became angered when their bathrooms were not being properly maintained. The initial result was a backlash from the RA staff and other students on the extremely unclean natures of the males.

Ben Miller, a sophomore from Glastonbury, met with the East Hall maintenance staff and discovered, "the cleaning ladies ran out of time, and put off our floor. This resulted in the conditions getting progressively worse."

After meeting with the

entire fourth floor and respective RA, students have decided to unite in helping improve the conditions.

Brian Eacobacci, sophomore from Weymouth, Mass., said, "we have to be responsible and respectful in cleaning up after ourselves. However, we fund this school with plenty of money to enable them to hire enough people to clean our bathrooms."

Miller agreed, "Building and Grounds should hire at least one person for each floor. Six cleaning ladies for 10 stories is just not logical."

The blame for the unsanitary conditions can not be placed solely on the students or cleaning staff. A lot of the problems stem from East Hall's building mistakes. The floors in the bathrooms were constructed improperly. In placing the drains on the highest point of the floor causes drainage problems.

"The drains being in the wrong place cause huge puddles from the showers. These constant puddles cause the dirt on our shoes to become mud and creates an even larger mess," said Miller.

College freshmen admit coasting through school

By Christine Tatum
TMS Campus

This year's college freshmen said they spent their last year of high school strolling in late for class and dodging homework — and still managed to maintain an A average.

Don't be too impressed, say researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles, whose annual survey of college first-years is designed to show how students' attitudes and goals change over time.

The resulting study, released this week and now in its 34th year, is conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Institute and based on responses from 261,217 students at 462 two and four-year institutions. Students' answers reflect their last year of high school and their expectations of college.

The rigors of college study must have been a shocker to many first-years, who reported what researchers called more "disengagement" from academics than ever.

A record 40 percent of students reported frequently feeling bored in class, up from 38 percent last year and from a low of

26 percent in 1985.

A whopping 63 percent of students, the most ever, also said they showed up late for class frequently or occasionally, compared with 49 percent in 1966.

A record 40 percent of students reported frequently feeling bored in class, up from 38 percent last year and from a low of 26 percent in 1985.

Signs of the students' disinterest in academics showed in their study habits, too.

Thirty-two percent of freshmen said they spent six or more hours a week studying or doing homework during their last year of high school — down from 44 percent of students when the question first was asked.

Forty percent of students said they studied less than three hours a week, and 17 percent said they studied less than one hour a week.

Despite their aversion to studying, many students reported they managed to hold on to an A average in high school. A

record 34 percent of students said they scored the top grade, compared with an all-time low of 13 percent in 1969.

Conversely, only 12 percent of last year's high school seniors said they earned a C, down from a record high of 33 percent in 1969.

So, what's up with the good grades? Two words, researchers said: "grade inflation." In other words, giving students higher grades for average work.

And for many students, schoolwork is focused very much on the basics. Researchers found that more students are taking remedial courses than ever — particularly in mathematics and foreign languages (13 percent and 5 percent respectively).

Overall, 18 percent of first-year college students took a remedial course in high school, up from a low of 12 percent in 1982.

"Although these percentages are relatively small, they represent hundreds of thousands of students nationwide, thus emphasizing the need for colleges and universities to accommodate growing numbers of students who may be academically under-prepared," the report said.

UMOJA and the Spectrum Present...

Changing Faces Calendar Photography Contest

- * Contest dates: January 27 to February 18.
- * Students may submit an action photo with negatives that shows the essence of Sacred Heart which the student feels truly depicts SHU.
- * Clubs may submit photos with negatives they feel exhibit the essence of SHU.
- * Photos may be color or black and white. All photos will be returned.
- * Please include a brief description of the photo Submitted photos must be accompanied with name of photographer, name of submitter, names of individuals in photo (where applicable), student ID number, grade, address and phone number.
- * There is no limit to the number to submissions per individual or club, but any individual or club may only win once.
- * Winning photos will be published in the 2000-2001 Changing Faces Calendar. Winners will also receive a free copy of the calendar
- * Photos may not be discriminatory against race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
- * Judging panel will consist of selected UMOJA members, Spectrum staff, SHU faculty/staff and professional photographers.
- * Submit all photos to:

Changing Faces Calendar Contest
 Sacred Heart University
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 Fairfield, CT 06432
- * Photos must be received by February 18.

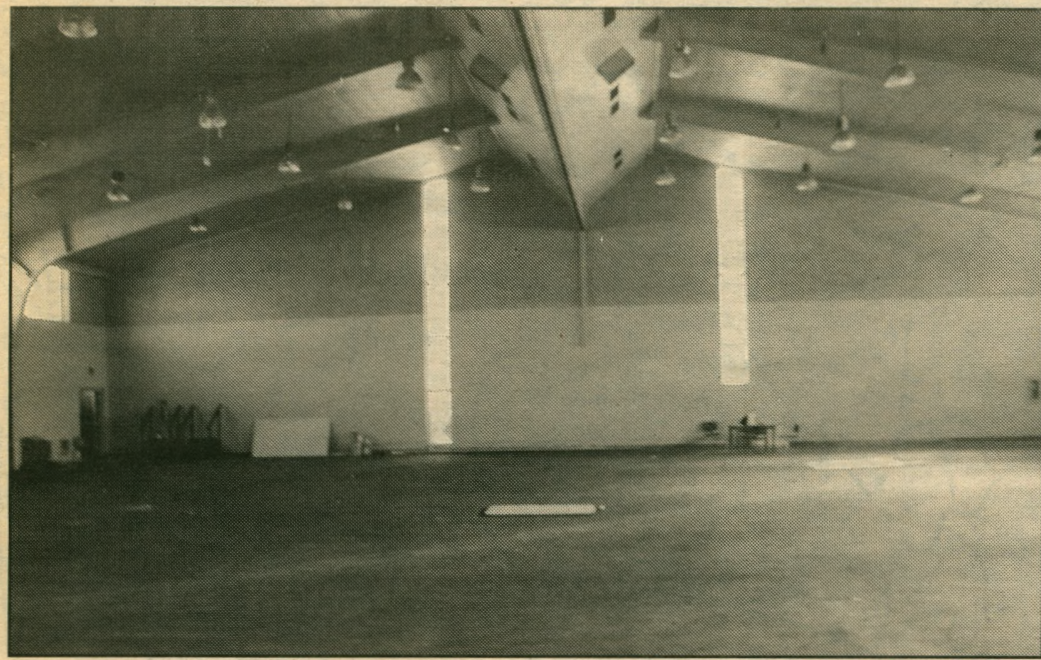


Photo by Brian Corasaniti

The old gym renovation has begun with expected completion in August. After renovation, the offices of the University College, Registrar, Student Accounts, a section of Financial Aid, Public Safety, Buildings and Grounds and the Laptop Repair Center, which recently moved to the old Marketplace location, will move there. A quiet study lounge will also be built. According to Mike Giaquinto, director of Buildings and Grounds, the area is designed to be a "One stop shop" place for student services.

Rude behavior in class; not just for high school anymore

By Christine Tatum
TMS Campus

Someone answers a cell phone while someone else, knife and fork in hand, dives into a blue-plate special. Just down the way, three more people are passing the day's newspaper around, eager to complete the crossword puzzle, and a woman is painting her fingernails.

Hubbub in the student union? The dining hall?

Nope. Try the classroom.

Many of today's professors — and their students — say students' rudeness and lack of consideration is so commonplace it's scarcely worth a mention in the campus newspaper.

These days, actions once considered worthy of suspension, such as napping in the back of a room or whispering throughout a class, are mild affronts that happen every day. Professors say they're now dealing with students who hurl profane insults in class and even threaten violence.

So, when and how did the decorous world of academe disintegrate into this?

It seems everyone has the answer for that: poor parenting, grade schools and religious groups falling down on the job, substance abuse and a myriad of

media images.

"We shout first and think later," said Donna Halper, a journalism instructor at Emerson College.

"And on TV, we pull out a gun and blow the other person away. No wonder kids are confused. Civility and courtesy are not valued the way they once were."

Agreed, said Christopher Martin, a student at Truman College of Chicago.

"Let's blame it on the 60s and its bra-burning and candid freedom of expression," he said. "Then toss on top of that the 90s and its lack of discipline in the home, parental fear of adolescents and the rebellious behavior that is often given a thumbs up by media."

The money students are paying for their education may also figure into the lack of incivility many instructors sense, said Alan Deardorff, an economics professor at the University of Michigan.

"... They (students) are paying so much more, in real terms, for their education than students did years ago," he said.

"Therefore they feel more like customers and less like students who ought to look up to us. That doesn't bother me too much. But when they are rude to their fellow students and make it

harder for others to get their money's worth, that does bother me."

Many instructors say they can overlook incessant student chatter, but find other instances of rudeness and inconsiderate behavior more difficult to ignore.

"Some students come to my office outside of office hours and just start talking without asking first if I have time to see them," Deardorff said. "I do invite them to interrupt if my door is ajar, but to me, politeness still requires that you ask if a person, any person, has time to talk to you."

Jane Piliavin, a sociology professor at the University of Wisconsin, said she didn't take too kindly to undergraduate students who last year called her by her first name without her suggesting or encouraging them to do so.

"It was rather startling considering my age," she said. Halper said she's not fond of ringing cell phones.

"If one goes off and interrupts us, I confiscate it," she said. "In most cases, students don't do it on purpose; they just forgot to turn the bell off. But all it takes is one incident usually, and it seldom if ever happens again because I make a big deal out of it."

Carter: Famous boxer coming to SHU in March as part of new diversity program

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corpus.

He said that the record cleanly demonstrated that the convictions were made upon an appeal of racism rather than reason.

Sarokin found no evidence

of dangerousness in Carter and ordered him free of all charges on Nov. 8, 1985 after he had spent 19 years in jail.

Recently "The Hurricane," a film starring Denzel Washington was released in theaters. "Denzel Washington is a great actor, so I decided to see the movie and thought it was

one of the best I have seen so far," said Thomas Nails, a junior from Westbury, N.Y.

Carter's lecture will be at 7 p.m. on March 1 in the SHU Theater.

A book signing of Carter's autobiography will also take place after the speech outside the bookstore.

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Dec. 27 to Jan. 10

Dec. 27: 10:48 a.m.- Officer reported during a routine check of Parkridge he noticed two propane tanks in a townhouse apartment. The propane tanks were confiscated.

Dec. 29: 4:12 p.m.- Main Academic Building; Hawley Lounge fire alarm; no problem found.

Jan. 1: 8:13 p.m.- Officer reported he noticed a Parkridge resident entering his apartment via his window. He was told to leave and not to return until his scheduled date.

10:00 p.m.- Officer reported a student drove his vehicle on the football field and was found parked on the side of the track near the wooded area. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

10:55 p.m.- Staff member reported a resident drove an athletic van on the softball field causing damage. Public Safety responded and confiscated the athletic van keys.

Jan. 2: 3:10 p.m.- Resident reported someone damage his vehicle's door. Public Safety responded and investigated.

12:21 p.m.- West Hall, first floor fire alarm caused by the cleaners using chemicals; fumes caused activation.

1:16 p.m.- Buildings and Grounds garage office area fire alarm caused by Simplex working in the area.

Jan. 4: 2:29 p.m.- Officer reported there was an off campus motor vehicle accident on Jefferson Street and Park Avenue. The driver of one of the vehicles became ill; 911 was called and responded.

Jan. 7: 6:03 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported there was a suspicious male that knocked at her door at 7:00 a.m. Public Safety responded and investigated.

Jan. 9:12:20 a.m.- Park Avenue House burglary alarm activated. Land and Sea monitoring system called and notified Public Safety of the activation. Public Safety responded and investigated; no problem found.

7:38 p.m.- Officer reported a suspicious odor of marijuana in a West Hall room. Residential Life staff was notified and responded. A room search was conducted; no evidence was found.

11:25 p.m.- Officer reported West Hall residents were cited by Res. Life staff member for an alcohol violation; form completed and sent to the Dean and Residential Life.

11:35 p.m.- Officer reported reported several residents who were in West Hall were cited by Residential Life staff member for an alcohol violation; form completed and sent to the Dean and Residential Life.

Concert: SET low on funds

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It's a difficult time for the committee of seven students and five administrators. "We make a list of bands and see who's available," Lear said. "It's a long process."

For the most part, the general student population is kept out of the process. "We talk to some students, but we don't

want word getting out that we're getting this band and then we don't and people get disappointed," Lear said.

Many students would like to see Dave Matthews in the Pitt Center, but others are hoping that a concert of some kind takes place.

"I'd go no matter who it was, basically," added sophomore Lauren McCorry of Fairfield.

Editorials

Explore new ways to schedule spring concert

Many of us look forward to the annual spring concert as it is usually the premier entertainment event to hit campus each year.

Unfortunately, there may not be a concert this year because of funding and scheduling dilemmas. Perhaps a new way could be found to bring top entertainers to campus.

Maybe a cooperative could be formed between Sacred Heart and Fairfield University that would pool finances together and increase the likelihood of landing popular acts.

Both schools could invest the same amount of money and each would host the event on alternating years. The number of students at both schools combined should pretty much guarantee a sellout, ensuring that the cooperative is successful and profitable.

On the athletic field, Sacred Heart and Fairfield should be competitive rivals. But a friendship should be formed to benefit the student populations of both universities.

Dorm life need not be one of filth

Dorm living is an interesting bridge between life at home and the real world. While there is no parental supervision around, there are rules and regulations that should be followed. Some are written, some are understood.

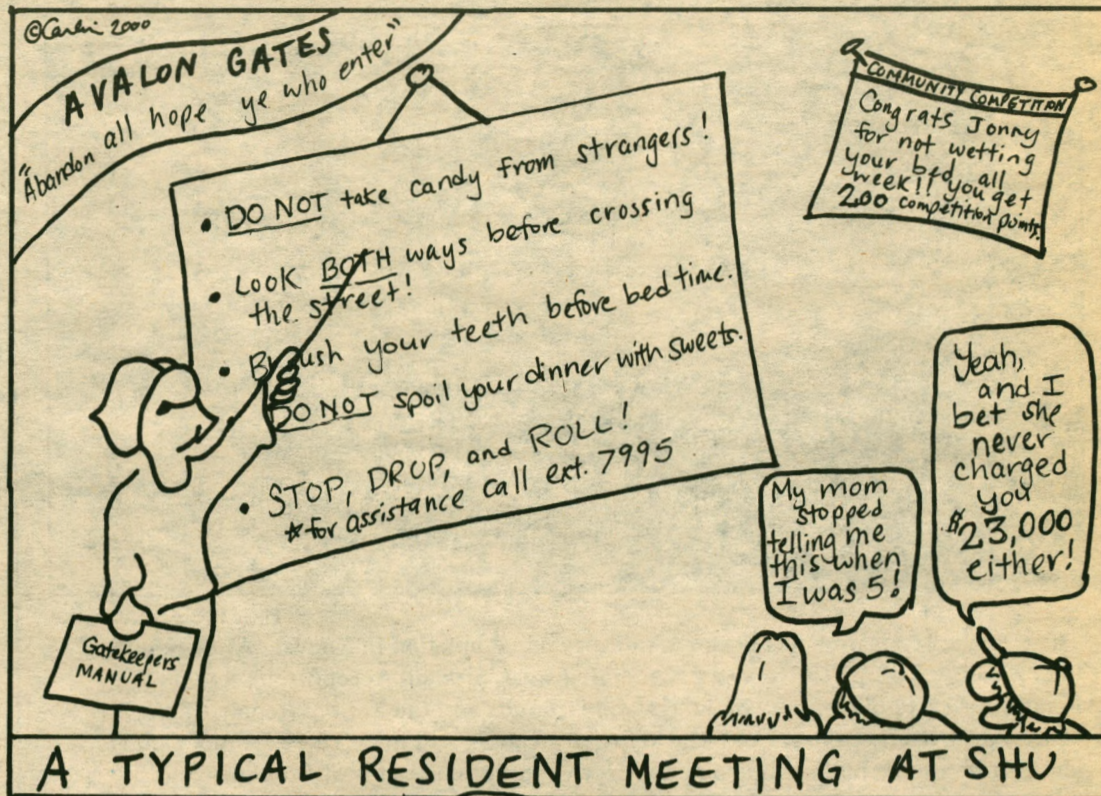
The recent events in East Hall lead us to believe that the unwritten rule of good hygiene in public facilities is not being abided.

Complaints have been lodged recently about the upkeep of the fourth floor. While the maintenance and construction situation has a lot to do with the less than tidy upkeep of that floor, we still believe the residents should shoulder a little of the blame.

Certainly if they pitched in and made sure they were properly using the facilities in a proper and hygienic manner, the problem would be less severe.

Look, it's the 21st century people. Good hygiene shouldn't be an option, it should be a requirement. This isn't some hippie Vermont community college where showering is a the thing of legends, we're in the civilized world and should be mature enough to jump aboard the (at least) once a day plan for bathing.

Dorm life should be a model for clean living, not the showcase of the newest bacteria strains.



The SHU Voices

What would you do with \$6,000 to spend on a campus event?



Robby Konover
Sophomore
Boston, Mass.

"I'd roll in kegs so everybody could get wrecked, including the faculty."



Carmine Perri
Sophomore
Byram, N.J.

"Call my uncle Vince McMahon and host WWF Smackdown in the Pitt Center."



Mike Green
Sophomore
Freehold, N.J.

"Get two strippers for each guy on campus."

Ignorance isn't bliss, it's annoying

Let's discuss the anti-intellectual multiplicity on campus. In the dictionary, ignorance is defined as "the condition of being uneducated, unaware, or unformed."



By **Kelly Smith**

I have encountered people in my day to day life here on campus that are, literally, the walking definition of ignorance. Where, may I ask, do all these immature people come from?

These people sit in class snapping gum, talking under their breath, or simply make themselves sound stupid. I have the privilege of dealing with all three of these cases in one class.

The lovely gentleman who sits behind me feels the need to chomp on his gum like it was his job! Not only that but he feels

the necessity to repeat everything the professor says under his breath, only rephrased in his own caveman terms.

In the same class at least the first three people who walked into the room asked if we had homework. That statement just kills me. Were they not paying attention in the last class when we were told we would have a quiz every class?

When they finally came to this realization they seemed shocked, like they were really upset by this new information. I think they make homework pads for just that reason.

Then there are my favorite people, the kind that skip classes on the first day. They do this because everyone knows the first day of classes is usually a joke. We do the name thing, and the syllabus business, etc.

Sure I understand why these folks think it is just a waste of their time. Hey it's their money! The killer is when they come to

the second class. Big surprise, they do not have the homework completed and have no idea what the rest of the class is talking about.

The responsible people in the rest of the class have to now sit there and wait while the teacher updates all the "newcomers."

My question is "who invited the cool kids?" Is my caveman friend unaware how annoying it is to try and concentrate over the loud sound of his lips smacking together as he pops those obnoxious bubbles?

Furthermore, he makes himself sound uneducated and uninformed when he is so busy regurgitating all the professors' statements. He acts like it is a crime we are actually expected to do work.

Nevermind the fact that I would rather hear the teacher and learn. Instead of listening to him for an hour and becoming just a little bit dumber myself for

doing so.

Or the three people, who did not know about the homework, they sound like winners to me. I'll be sure to ask them to be my study partners!

As for those people whose time is just way too precious to waste on going to the first day of classes, do me a favor. Do not come at all. Then I do not have to worry about you wasting my time.

I do not mean to offend anyone, but why did these people come to Sacred Heart. If their reasons were to waste their parent's money they're doing a fine job.

College is meant to be fun. But it is not a place for constant partying and childishness.

They need to grow-up and realize there is a real world out there waiting for them. As the academic standards for entrance to this school are raised, these kinds of students will hopefully begin to disappear.

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Special Jubilee message to university community

At the beginning of the Eucharist on Christmas Eve, John Paul II, bishop of Rome and universal pastor of the Catholic church, opened the doors of St. Peter's Basilica.



By **Dr. Anthony Cernera**

hold us together as a University community, to forgive one another any past hurts and injuries that keep us separated from one another, and to make peace with those from whom we may be alienated or estranged.

In addition, I would encourage us to find ways to be involved in fostering reconciliation in the wider community. In this regard, participation in projects like Operation Bridgeport, the El Salvador program, and our community service programs are very helpful. I urge you to consider participation in one or more of them.

Third, let this year be one in which we widen the circle of inclusion within the University community so that all of our members may experience this community in like manner.

I invite us to make this a place where each of us is respected and valued for who we are and for the richly varied contributions we make to the growth and development of our students and of one another.

I urge the individual colleges, administrative units and the various departments and organizations within the University to respond to this invitation in ways that they deem appropriate. In addition to such initiatives, I shall also ask the Cabinet to take the lead in developing these themes on the University-wide basis.

I invite you to participate in a prayer service on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 8:30am to begin officially this Jubilee Year here at the University.

I look forward to your participation in this Jubilee Year and am confident that the efforts associated with it will enrich our life as a University community.

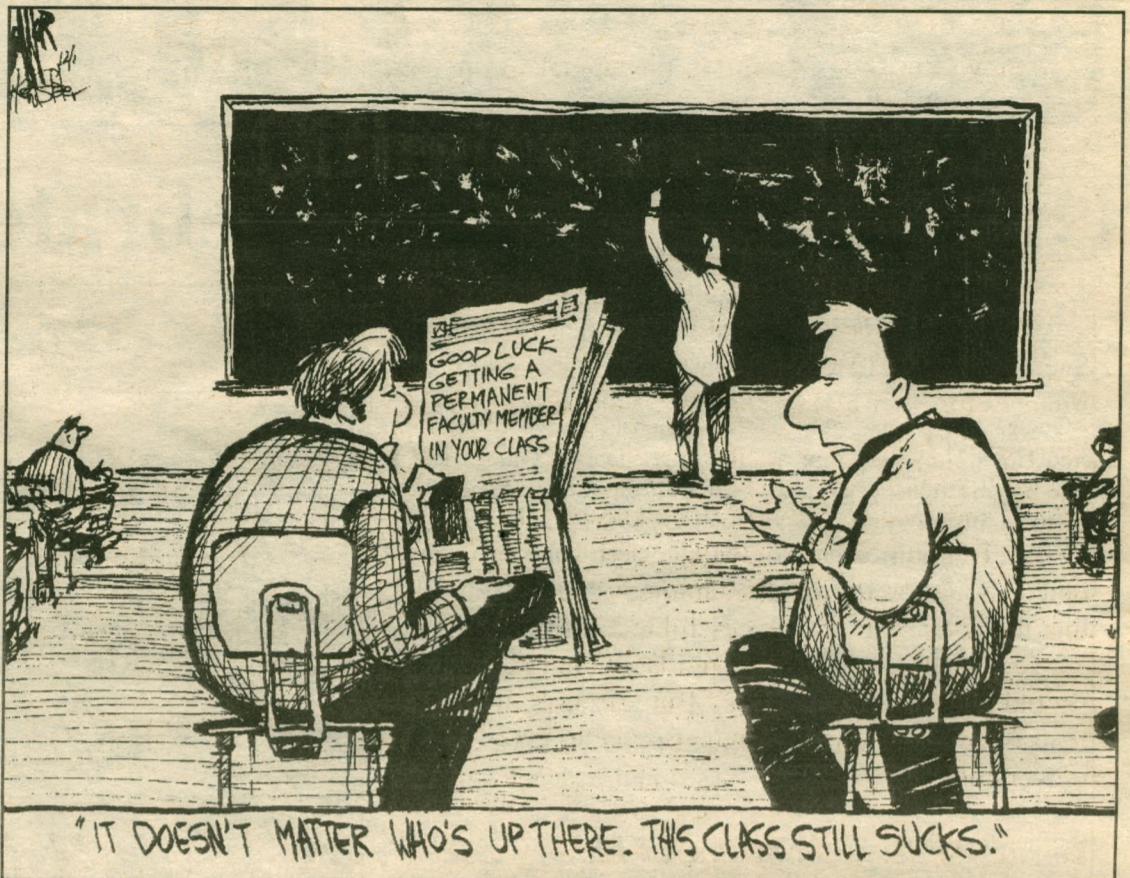
This symbolic gesture inaugurated the beginning of a Jubilee Year of renewal and rededication for the Catholic community around the world. I would like to invite the Sacred Heart University community to participate in this Jubilee Year. Let me suggest three themes around which our participation might be developed.

First, let this year be one in which we work to foster greater understanding about and between people of various religious, cultural and racial backgrounds.

I invite us to find opportunities that broaden our understanding of the diverse traditions within the University community that enrich our life together.

In addition, I strongly encourage us to find occasions for listening, dialogue and reflection so that we might understand better the experiences of those who have felt excluded or marginalized because of racial, sexual or religious discrimination.

Second, let this year be one in which we foster reconciliation within our own community and with the wider world. I invite us to find ways to renew the bonds and commitments that



Student votes influence election outcome

By **Jason Slattery**
Student Government President

The campaign for Voter Registration at Sacred Heart has officially begun, this project offered by Student Government has its significant interest for the students of Sacred Heart.

In November two candidates will be in contention for President of the United States. Who it will be is yet to be determined. However, the events leading up to that first Tuesday in November can change the outcome entirely.

Primary season has begun

already and this time around it seems to be of more importance than ever before. For those students who register to vote, Connecticut

Primaries are on March 7th. This means that Connecticut residents can decide who they prefer to nominate from the respective parties. Will it be Bush or McCain, Gore or Bradley? Who knows!

The important part is who was it that decided. We must not forget that in the 1992 elections Bill Clinton took extreme efforts to identify with the "younger generation" of America. Several appearances on MTV and other

youthful television programming gave him an edge over George H. W. Bush. Ultimately, Bill Clinton became President.

Why did I mention this? Simply because a lot of college students are not aware of the influence they have on the Presidential Elections.

Most even feel that their vote doesn't count. Which is simply not true. Votes are what win elections, or lack of votes loses them. If everyone on campus decided to take this opportunity to register, and vote we would have almost 3000 votes. Which is a significant difference for a state like Connecticut.

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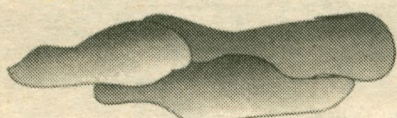
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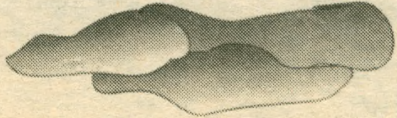
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Features

Omega Phi Kappa celebrates its fifth birthday

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Omega Phi Kappa, one of Sacred Heart University's most visible organizations, celebrated their fifth anniversary on Feb. 1. The fraternity has been one of the most active groups on campus thanks in part to their various community activities on and off campus over the past five years.

Omega Phi Kappa was established in honor of Black History Month and was the first Greek letter-wearing organization for men of color on Sacred Heart's campus.

Their display in front of the CompUSA Help Desk read in part, "The founders sought to increase the exposure to awareness of diversity at SHU and shape a group personality unique among the Universities' Greek-lettered organizations around the ideals of unity, diversity, and true brotherhood."

Diversity is a hallmark of Omega. Michael Acevedo, president of Omega, said the group was, "Founded by 16 diverse

individuals who were either Puerto Rican, Caucasian, Black," and other diverse ethnicities.

Michael Acevedo, the current president of Omega and a senior from Long Island, N.Y. said the goal of the fraternity is, "To promote higher education." He added that they have expanded that goal beyond the walls of SHU to various elementary and high schools in the area. They have worked with many after school programs and also participated in the adopt a class program.

Over the years, Omega has participated in community service for Habitat for Humanity, the Cardinal Sheehan Community Center, The Jewish Center for Community Services and the Annual Trumbull Haunted House.

"They have the spirit of what they were founded for. There was a tremendous amount of energy," said Fr. Michael McLernon, Omega Phi Kappa's advisor.

Omega also sponsors several on-campus activities. Last Spring, they threw the largest



File photo

Omega Phi Kappa celebrated its fifth anniversary earlier this week.

party on campus with their DJ show.

In previous years, they've had such high profile DJs as DJ Scribble, DJ White Flash and DJ Clue. They also began a Unity Vigil for people on campus of different ethnic backgrounds,

according to Acevedo.

Last year, Omega also co-sponsored "Stepping into Unity," a national step competition held on campus.

"We're active on campus and keep the image of distinguished gentlemen on campus...

We're not just a flat character, we're mobile rounded," said Acevedo.

Omega will sponsor the Reggae band performing as part of Black History Month on Feb. 9 and will plan the second DJ Party for later in the semester.

SHU hoops goes global; games live over Internet



Photo by Matt Duda

Tim Welch going up for two of his 12 points last Saturday against Saint Francis College. The men's and women's double header marked the first time SHU's basketball games were broadcasted over the Internet. SHU split the series.

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

Sacred Heart University took another monumental step in establishing itself as a Division 1 institution by announcing that six men's and four women's basketball games will be broadcast live over the Internet.

An agreement was made with BroadcastSports.com, a division of BroadcastMusic.com, that enables the SHU hoops games through the month of February to be aired live. The first official broadcast aired this past Saturday when the men and women's teams squared off against Saint Francis College (NY) at the Pitt Center on Alumni Day 2000.

"It worked out fine," said Mark Adzigan, director of marketing for athletics and student affairs. "We had some minor technical difficulties at first, but overall it went well."

BroadcastSports.com is in affiliation with the Northeast Conference and covers the MAAC conference by airing a "game of the week" in men's ice hockey.

Calling the action for Sacred Heart basketball games will be Terry O'Conner, the former voice of both Yale University and University of

Hartford basketball along with Glenn Conticello, who was selected by the Connecticut Associated Press Broadcasters Association as its 1994 SportsCaster of the Year.

According to Adzigan, the idea was brought about by O'Conner, who is on the Board of Regents at SHU and did most of the legwork with getting funds from sponsors.

"BroadcastSports.com does not charge a fee, the only fee is for the actual broadcasters, and they contacted us," said Adzigan.

Adzigan said that the broadcasts, which were played by taking an existing radio feed or phone line and then uploading it to the web, are used mainly as a recruiting tool to get publicity.

"By us having our basketball games live over the Internet, it puts SHU in the same category with big time schools like UConn," said Adzigan. "So recruits coming out of high school can see that SHU's games are on the web."

This, according to Adzigan, is just the start of Sacred Heart's athletic teams getting the publicity that is essential in the University's transition to Division 1.

"In the future, I'd like to have a professional radio station cover our games," said Adzigan. "As soon as we get the sponsorship and the finances

together, this will be done."

Adzigan says that he would also like to have WHRT, Sacred Heart's student run campus radio station, broadcast some of the games live over their frequency, 91.5 F.M.

WHRT was able to broadcast a couple of SHU's basketball games live through a phone line and a remote console that was provided by WSHU last season.

But, according to Lisa Pio, WHRT's station manager, there hasn't been enough students this year willing to announce the games.

"The games that we did worked out pretty well and I was hoping to continue that this year," said Pio. "We just had a hard time getting the people to be involved."

Pio is currently looking for students who wish to announce SHU's men's and women's games for the month of February.

Sacred Heart fans can access the website by either linking to www.BroadcastSports.com from the SHU Athletics homepage or from the Northeast Conference homepage at www.northeastconference.org.

Pioneer faithful can catch tonight's action on the web as the men take on Long Island University at 7 p.m. at the Pitt Center.

Researchers find way to reduce computer memory

Replacing traditional method of silicon can cut cost and add productivity

By James F. Paulson
Contributing Writer

So, you thought the Y2K bug would come and wipe out every piece of civilization on earth. You were afraid that you would lose all of that crucial information that you have preciously stored on your floppy disk. Well, you could sleep a little easier tonight because Sacred Heart may be moving in the right direction of minimizing the University's possible computer difficulties.

A team of computer researchers from Yale and Rice Universities has discovered a way to minimize computer memory drastically. This could turn out to be a find that would be able to help Sacred Heart's network problems.

The solution was established by Mark Reed, a professor of Engineering and Applied Science at Yale, who along with a team of researchers developed a molecular chip that can reduce memory size by replacing the traditional method of silicon memory with more innovative procedures.

Reed, who is also chair of electrical engineering at Yale, says the discovery will decrease both the space memory takes up on a computer as well as the cost of adding new memory to the computer's hard drive.

"We've demonstrated a memory element the size of a single molecule," said Reed, in a press release. "This is the ultimate in size that one can achieve in microminaturization."

"The fabrication of the molecular memory was done

using a method called 'self-assembly', which has the potential to dramatically reduce cost," Reed added.

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The research team consisted of Reed, James Tour, a chemistry professor from Rice University's Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology, and two other graduate students.

"This should scare the pants off anyone working in silicon," Reed told the New York Times. "It will be dirt cheap and it will create a discontinuity."

According to James Ellenbogen, a molecular electronics researcher at Mitre Corporation, this process of "molecular electronics" is the start of something tremendous in the computer field.

"In two to five years, you will begin to see functioning circuits which are of recognizable utility," Ellenbogen told the New York Times.

This change could affect Sacred Heart in the near future if the Computer Science Department decides to do away with silicon methods.

Damian DiGennaro, a computer science major from Hamden, believes this break-

through could be a positive change for the University.

"This breakthrough will allow our school to move away from the slower and smaller storage capacity of silicon, and once it is perfected, we can expect dynamic results," said DiGennaro.

However, some experts in the field remain skeptics because, as with anything new to the market, these methods have not been proven to be totally effective.

"It feels like we're a year before the invention of the transistor," said Paul Saffo, a researcher at the Institute for the Future.

According to Reed, the new change will address important issues about where electronics technology will be in three to five years from now.

Search for your stars in this week's horoscope section

By Linda Black
TMS Campus

Aries (March 21-April 19). Watch what's behind you on Monday and Tuesday. Push yourself forward on Wednesday and Thursday. You're the leader of the pack then, for sure. You're inspired on Friday and Saturday, but constrained by finances. If you travel on Sunday, take care. Get home early to learn the latest news.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Your friends inspire you on Monday and Tuesday. Your own worries could push you on Wednesday and Thursday. Your common sense takes over on Friday and Saturday. A whim could prove expensive on Sunday, but it's fun.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). On Monday and Tuesday, listen to your elders and let them know you appreciate their insights, or they'll say the same thing over and over again. On Wednesday and Thursday, your team can win with your help and another's leadership. Take it slow on Friday and Saturday, or you could make a silly mistake. You're smart and confident on Sunday, but accept coaching, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Get a clear scan of the big picture on Monday and Tuesday. Accept coaching from a strong leader on Wednesday and Thursday. Friends help you stick to your schedule on Friday and Saturday. Don't let your inner voice drive you crazy on Sunday. Have faith in your best side, not fears about your worst. It'll make a difference in how you choose.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Spend wisely, not impetuously, on Monday and Tuesday. Use your mate or an expert to help make the final decision. Travel with a partner should go well on

Wednesday and Thursday, but business requires your careful consideration on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's good for meeting with in-laws, children or friends of your mate. Have a great time while you're at it!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be busy with work on Monday and Tuesday. For domestic matters, go along with what your partner or an expert wants. There's plenty of money on Wednesday and Thursday. Keep it in your account. Travel and work clash on Friday and Saturday, but get the work done and go anyway. It'll be good for you. Don't let the others outvote you on Sunday. Stand up for your ideas, and you might convince them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Follow a hunch and act quickly at work on Monday and Tuesday, especially. Go along with a partner's requests on Wednesday and Thursday. Count pennies and pay bills on Friday and Saturday. Sunday's your best this week for travel. Get out of town with a good conversationalist.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). True love will triumph on Monday and Tuesday. Don't worry about a lack of funds. Work your extra weight off on Wednesday and Thursday, just to stay in the same position. By Friday, the facts should all be in, and on Saturday, you can make your decision. Figure out how you'll pay for what you want on Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). On Monday and Tuesday, you can learn something important by listening in the privacy of your home. There's more than enough love to go around on Wednesday and Thursday. Catch up on the work you postponed on Friday and Saturday and let your partner take the lead on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On Monday and Tuesday, speak up and take action to show you've learned new material. Your house is overflowing with excitement on Wednesday and Thursday. Settle in with loved ones on Friday and Saturday and take care of old paperwork on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). You may think you have more money than you really have on Monday and Tuesday. Take care. Catch up on your reading quickly on Wednesday and Thursday. Expect to deal with reality at home on Friday and Saturday. Reserve most of Sunday for love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). On Monday and Tuesday, work well under pressure by thinking before taking action. The money flows to you on Wednesday and Thursday, so hold onto as much as you can. Learn from a wise neighbor on Friday and Saturday. Fix up your place on Sunday. You might get company then, too.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... Feb. 7: Use what you already know to improve your status. A change may be required. Feb. 8: You could come up with a moneymaking idea this year. Don't spend it as fast as you get it, though! Feb. 9: You're even smarter than usual this year. You already have all the answers, but new questions require quick thinking. Feb. 10: You may know a lot, but you won't know it all until you can listen even better than you can speak. Feb. 11: This is your year to put down roots. Sort through your money and spend some on educational materials. This year you're tied down with responsibilities and inspired by them to new levels of creativity. Feb. 13: Love starts with a conversation and could lead to a commitment. Seek out someone to play with.

Campus Happenings

Service Weekend slated for next week

Circle K is sponsoring a campus wide event on Feb. 11, 12 and 13. Various community service projects ranging from playing sports with children, guest speakers, working with the elderly, to building Habitat for Humanity are offered.

The weekend will be wrapped up with a multi-cultural dinner on Sunday afternoon. Spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis. For a schedule of events, visit Phylliss Machledt across from the Registrar, or contact Lucie at 365-4128.

African American Coffeeshouse tonight

"Historic Soul," a rollicking musical adventure of African American music through the years, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. It combines jazz, blues, rock and roll, Motown, and the Disco era. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Student Events Team and is part of Black History Month 2000. Free for all SHU students with ID, and \$8 general admission.

Race Relations conference on Sunday

A conference to cultivate positive relations across the divisions of race, religious affiliation and municipality. Meet students from other universities and high schools to discuss the issues and solutions. Refreshments will be served. Contact Sr. Margaret Palliser at 365-7545 if you would like to participate. All are welcome.

Step Show for Tuesday

A skit will be presented and will be followed with a step performance by Delta Phi Kappa at noon in the Dining Hall. The event is sponsored by Delta Phi Kappa and is a free event. All students are welcome to attend.

Faculty conversation on race

Faculty are invited to discuss the practical issues involved in teaching in diverse and non-diverse classrooms at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday in the Student Affairs conference room. Participants will be provided handouts, tip sheets, and further reading materials. Sponsored by the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics.

-Compiled by Mike Kuchar



Spring theater begins with "Tale of Two Cities"

By Emily M. Houlihan
Staff Writer

The spring production by the Sacred Heart University community will be Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities." The production will be directed by Richard McKinnon, assistant professor in the Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies.

He chose "A Tale of Two Cities" because it is a renowned work in literature, it can be used co-curricularly, and since the play has a number of character parts, many students could get involved. He also explained that "A Tale of Two Cities" would captivate the general public.

"The students acting and viewing this play will gain appreciation of the situation of people fighting oppression. It is a universal theme that is still happening all over the world as we speak," said McKinnon.

The tale of love, retribution, and redemption is set during the time of the French Revolution. Actors and actresses of the Sacred Heart community will be challenged by this

play, said McKinnon. "By far it is the most difficult play we have done."

"I am very excited and looking forward to performing," said Lisa Scheider, a freshman from White Plains, NY. She continued to say that she sees the challenge of acting with a French accent, but she is ready.

Thirty-four SHU students have been cast.

"This is my first play here at SHU. I want to get a feel for theater and this is a great opportunity," said Dana Firrincili, a freshman from Montevale, N.J.

"It's a creative outlet. It's a lot of work, but in the end it is more fun than anything," said junior Janna Short, president of SHU Players from White Plains, N.Y.

Short joins fellow returning actors Tom Wuestkamp, Jeff House and Peter Hahn in this production.

"I gain a lot of confidence through acting," said Hahn, a junior from Staten Island, N.Y. He is very eager to begin practicing for this performance.

"An actor organically makes the character happen," said McKinnon.



The Wine-shop

Contributed Photo

Charles Dicken's "A Tale of Two Cities" will hit the SHU Theater this spring.



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The hugely popular band Phish recently released a six CD live album.

Phish releases 40 track mega album

By Elena Rosero
Contributing Writer

For the first time in its history, Phish has put their total concert experience on CD. Their new six CD box set does all that and more.

"Hampton Comes Alive" is a complete set of Phish music recorded live at two shows from Nov. 20 and 21 in 1998 at the Hampton Coliseum in Hampton, Va.

"This album captures the whole vibe," said Trey Anastasio, lead vocals and guitarist of Phish. "Two-night

stands take on the personality of one bigger, hip event that evolves over the course of both nights, so it adds a whole other level of character to the shows," he added.

Phish always had a good time doing cover songs, offering a diverse selection on this album as well

The box opens up with Gary Glitter's "Rock 'n Roll Part 2," Stevie Wonder's "Boogie on Reggae Woman," The Beastie Boys' "Sabotage," Ween's "Roses are Free," Chumbawamba's "Tubthumping" and a hilarious take on Will Smith's "Getting

Jiggy Wit It."

"When I first heard 'Getting' Jiggy Wit It' I cracked up laughing. I never thought I'd enjoy the song as much as I did until Phish covered it," said Rob Loud, a junior from Floral Park, N.Y.

This album proves that you don't have to be a full out Phish fan to enjoy "Hampton Comes Alive." The album can appeal to everyone.

"I don't listen to Phish all the time, but I really like their sound because of the creative touch they add to music," said Todd Gerkey, a sophomore from East Hampton.

Pilfers make their return to Connecticut this week with Greenwich show

New York's newest kings of the underground music scene, The Pilfers return to Connecticut this Friday at Arch St. in Greenwich.



By Matt Flood

Consisting of a lineup of seasoned veterans in the underground scenes in New York and Boston, The Pilfers have rocketed up the CMJ charts (that's College Music Journal to the musically impaired) and have been selling out clubs across the country.

After touring with the Legendary Specials, the re-united Bad Brains, and playing shows with local favorites Spring Heeled Jack, and the 2 Skinnee J's, the band has gained a huge following from coast to coast.

After a hugely successful self released demo, and first full length, The Pilfers were signed to indie-powerhouse MOJO Records, a label whose recent successes include Reel Big Fish, The Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and Goldfinger. This

signing has given the band the national distribution needed to become a mainstream success.

The Pilfers have an extremely original sound to them, combining elements of reggae, punk, ska, metal, and even dabbling into the realms of drum and bass style techno. Highly recommended for fans of bands like Sublime, Long Beach Dub All-stars, Bad Brains, and Buju Banton

Although the new album is absolutely wonderful, it pales in comparison to their live performance. The energy the band gives off live can simply not be reproduced in a studio, and truly has to be seen to be believed.

So come on out to the show this Friday, 7 pm @ Arch St in Greenwich. The show is for all ages and is a measly five bucks at the door. Directions and further info can be found at www.Pilfers.com or call (203) 629-5744 for more info.

The Pilfers will also be playing at The Maxx in New Milford CT, on the 25th of February if you can't make the show Friday.

And then in March, The Pilfers will be back out on tour with The Suicide Machines in support of their new album.

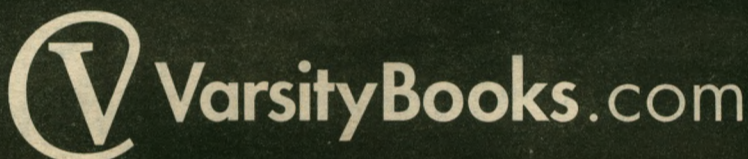
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Friday Women's ice hockey @ Bates College Men's ice hockey vs. Fairfield @ 7:30 p.m.	Monday Women's basketball vs. LIU 7:00 p.m.
Saturday Women's swimming @ Dartmouth College Women's Basketball @ St. Francis College (NY) Men's ice hockey vs.	Wednesday Women's basketball vs. Lehigh 7:00 p.m. *all ice hockey home games played at Milford Ice Pavilion

Downward spiral continues

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

If it weren't for bad luck, Dave Bike's men's basketball team would have no luck at all.

Not only are the 2-17 Pioneers enduring a losing season, but only half of the team that began the year currently dons a Pioneer uniform.

In addition to the midseason loss of Will Hampton, Anthony Barrett and Donte Lloyd, three starters are now sidelined with injuries.

Junior point guard Kurt Reis suffered a sprained ankle one minute into the Pioneers' 86-78 loss to S. Francis (N.Y.) last Saturday.

Forward Collin Watson

slowly sunk to the Pitt Center hardwood with 20 seconds left in that game after banging his knee.

An MRI taken Monday showed no torn ligaments, just a sprain.

Marijus Kovaliukas, the Pioneer's leading scorer with 13.3 points per game, twisted his ankle five minutes into Monday's 78-74 overtime loss to Long Island University. Director of Athletic Communications Matt Bucci said that all three players should be back on the court in 2-3 weeks.

Walk-on Jannik Tuffel, a 6-4 guard from Luxembourg has seen a drastic increase in playing time because of the dwin-

dling numbers. Anthony Simao, a 6-5 junior from Lebanon, has also stepped in.

It's been a record-breaking year for SHU futility. The Pioneers committed 35 turnovers against LIU, possibly a school record.

Previously, SHU set the school mark for consecutive losses during their 10-game losing streak this season, eclipsing the 1992 record by two. One more loss will also tie the team for the most number of losses in a season, shared by the 1991 and 1992 squads.

SHU hopes to extract revenge against LIU tonight at 7 p.m. in the Pitt Center.

The Pioneers then embark on a three-game road trip.

SHU: Pioneer women on two-game winning streak, blow out St. Francis

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They also held the Terriers best shooter, Jazmine Rhodes (16.1 PPG) to only four points. None of St. Francis' players hit double figures.

"Our defense has been strong in the games that we've lost so far, I thought our defense and execution and intensity have been good," Swanson said. "So I've been pretty happy with the ways we've been making plays on the defensive side."

That defense was key in the

opening of each half. St. Francis (2-15, 1-7 NEC) struggled just to get a shot off in the first ten minutes, and when they did, they couldn't sink a shot.

To start the game, the Terriers didn't get a basket until 11:42, when Friederike Stenzel stole the ball up at the top of the three-point arc and drove the floor for an easy uncontested lay up.

Until that point, SHU had gone on a 12-point run to start the game, finishing the half up

by 20.

Brooke Kelly showed Swanson once again what she could do out there. Scoring all ten of her points in the first half, Kelly was instrumental in getting the offense started.

"We've been talking to her from day one that she's got to look at the basket more," Swanson said. "And she's got to look to shoot more. She's got to look to be more aggressive with the basketball. I think she's been doing it as the year goes

on."

Despite the face mask she's now forced to wear while she plays, Kelly took shots from all over the floor and was also able to pick up three steals on defense.

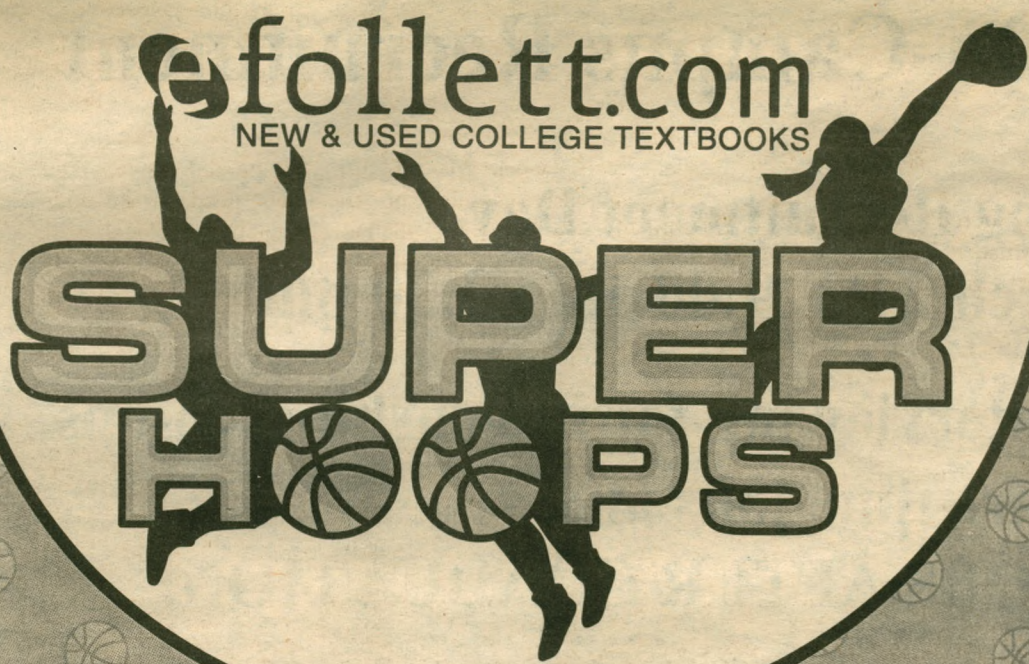
"She's playing great," Swanson said. "The mask is really bothering her, she's having problems in some of the other games she's having problems seeing down, whether she's just getting more used to it now. But she's been pretty consis-

tent."

Kelly wasn't the only one to have a solid game.

Leading the way for the Pioneers from the floor was sophomore Leslie Newhard. Newhard had 11 points, seven rebounds in 22 minutes. Ashley Durmer had only three points, but she ran the floor with five assists and was perfect from the free-throw line (3-for-3).

Heather Coonradt and Dawn Werner each added seven points.



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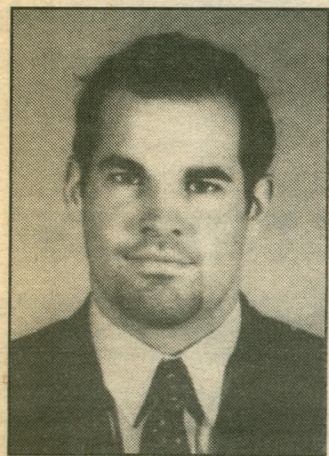
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SHU Athlete of the Week



Lloyd Marks
Men's ice hockey

Sacred Heart is currently on a five-game winning streak and the sophomore from Syndenham, Ontario is a huge reason why. He led the icemen in both their games against Holy Cross and Iona College.

Last Friday in the

team's first win over Holy Cross 6-2, Marks tallied the opening goal to get things started for the Pioneers.

Against the Gaels of Iona, he recorded five points in a 7-4 victory, including three goals for the hat trick.

Track: Records fall as Hanafin qualifies for New England Championships

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In the 500 meter run, Hanafin's time of 1:06.34 qualifies him for the New England Championships.

Hanafin also helped the men's 4x400 meter relay team break the school record for the fourth meet in a row with a time of 3:29.01. The rest of the team consisted of freshman Dan

Kennedy, sophomore Tony DiCerbo, and Sakowich.

The women's 4x400 relay team also did well. The team, consisting of sophomore Heidi Cheever, freshman Kendalle Brown, Beaulieu, and Shawah, broke the school record with a time of 4:16.02.

Sophomore Gaetano Marra placed second in the high jump with a leap of 6'5 1/2", while junior Mike Benedetto just missed his own record in the

long jump with a length of 21'8 1/4".

Junior Brandi Blevins held her own in the weigh throw and the shot put by placing in both events, fourth and sixth respectively.

"We're still missing some key people due to injury," Morrison said. "But with seven school records in one weekend, I'd say things are starting to come together for the championship meets."

Hockey: Leads team to win over Cross, cross-town rival Fairfield next for SHU

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lead on a power-play score.

The Pioneers scored three more times as Chris Mokos, Martin Paquet, and Richard Naumann dented the twine.

Holy Cross didn't score until late in the game to make the final score 6-2.

The men looked to complete the season sweep on Saturday as they traveled to Worcester.

In that game, Derek Young opened the scoring on a power-play goal in the first period.

Holy Cross tied the game at one.

Martin Paquet added to his

team lead in points (25) as Sacred Heart regained the one goal advantage.

Lloyd Tennant scored in the second period to give his team the 3-1 lead.

"I felt that it was a total team effort in the win on Friday night," Shaun Hannah, head men's ice hockey coach

Richard Naumann and Matt Skinner scored in the final frame to close out the scoring for the Pioneers.

It was Skinner's first collegiate career goal. Eddie Fehri also recorded his first collegiate win in the net for Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart is in third place in the MAAC. The top four teams at season's end host a first-round conference playoff game.

Sacred Heart faces off against cross-town rival Fairfield University this Friday and Saturday.

Friday's contest begins at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, the puck drops at 7 p.m. Shuttle transportation will be provided by Student Life.

The Pioneers will play both games at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

Violence invades sports everywhere

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

Okay, so maybe "violence" is a little too harsh in the headlines. I'll use the term "aggressiveness" instead, though it hardly works to grab your attention that well.

I was fiddling around on the computer the other day (after doing my homework assignment of course) and noticed a tiny little Associated Press story from off the wire on the Internet.

It was about Chicago Bulls player Dickey Simpkins who was recently fined \$5,000 by the National Basketball Association (NBA) for committing a flagrant foul against Sacramento's Vlade Divac. The penalty also carried with it an automatic ejection from the game.

Now, I'm all for punishment when stuff like this happens. But did he get enough?

I mean, you've got to figure that he makes well over a million dollars, plus there are more than a hundred games on the schedule so it's not like he's missing out on anything. Forget a slap on the wrist, that's a gentle tap if I ever saw one.

In sports today, being "aggressive" is the ideal way to go. In fact, cheerleading squads often have that wonderful toe-tapping cheer "Be aggressive" in the air every few minutes of a game. Whether it be basketball or football, male or female.

In every sport we are told as athletes to be aggressive. Be aggressive under the hoop, be aggressive when you rebound, be aggressive coming off the line, be aggressive after the ball, be aggressive up at the plate.

Maybe Dickey was just doing what he was told.

But have you noticed that in almost every athletic event you watch on television, there is some pushing and shoving (totally unnecessary of course) but we jeer and cheer at the same time. We applaud, yet we denounce violent nature.

Where is the line drawn when one is just "being aggressive?"

Football is by nature a rough sport. Basketball can be a little rough and tumble down in the paint, and soccer has its moments as well.

Thankfully, we haven't discovered full-contact golf, track and field, or swimming. Could you imagine Tiger Woods going after Jack Nicklaus on the fairway with a pitching wedge?

On the other hand, we do manage to fight in the national pastime.

It's not uncommon to see a batter charge the mound because of a pitch that was a little too inside. Now, I'm not totally ignorant. I understand that sometimes a pitcher will intentionally throw at a batter for a variety of reasons. Pushing a batter back from crowding the plate, scaring a rookie, or maybe he just doesn't like the person. Could be anything. It's not a reason to chase after someone with a bat in your hand. Grow up.

Hockey is another sport where we will actually go to see a fight break out. I have friends that go just for that reason...that and some of the players are really cute.

Being aggressive is okay. In fact, I'd tell my kids to be the same way. But I'd have them look at real role models that can play their respective sport without fighting, pushing, or shoving. Someone that respects all the players around them.

The difference between being aggressive, and being violent needs to be addressed by coaches and dealt with accordingly. Someone could get hurt. Simpkins not only should have been ejected from the game, but forced to sit the next three or four without getting paid for them. Plus, the leagues should implement a higher fine.

If players continue to get light sentences for offenses, what does that teach the kids that watch?

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Women's basketball blows out St. Francis

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

When things are going right, they're going right. And women's basketball coach Ed Swanson has got to be pleased with the way things are going with his team right now.

Not only was his team able to pull off two victories in a row last week, but they've done it with some style.

Division I opponent St. Francis College of New York came to town for an afternoon it won't ever forget, not only losing to a high-powered offense, but losing badly, 68-28.

Against Long Island University (LIU) last Thursday, the team was rewarded with a 76-64 victory, the scoring coming from its youth.

Freshman Brooke Rutnik hit four of her six points during an 8-0 run by the Pioneers that sparked the win.

What was different from other games for the team was the line up.

Swanson decided to change things up a bit to give some other people a chance to get more time in the game.

"I thought Abby Crotty and Brooke Kelly, we took them out of the starting line up that I didn't think their game was going

to change at all if I took them out of the lineup," Swanson said. "Where some other people I thought it might affect their game if they didn't so called start."

"Brady's been practicing good, and so has Ashley. Brady wasn't playing enough, so I figured I'd force my hand a little bit if I started her."

Swanson decided to slide freshman Ashley Durmer into the starting line up for her only second time and gave fellow freshman Tara Brady her first collegiate start.

Not being affected negatively by the change, Crotty came off the bench to score a career-high 10 points in that game. Brady also had a career-high with 16 in response to the change.

"We just had it going today I think it was just one of those days when we had everything going," Swanson said. "Plus being at home, and a little more comfortable. Seemed things went our way."

Sure did.
The team (7-10, 5-4 Nec) shot just under 50 percent from the floor, holding St. Francis to a measly 22 percent.

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Freshman Ashley Durmer looks to pass through the St. Francis defense.

Photo by Matt Duda



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Men's ice hockey continues to climb up in the rankings.

Ice hockey keeps winning

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

The men's ice hockey team completed the sweep of Holy Cross this weekend.

The Pioneers defeated the Crusaders handily each game with scores of 6-2 and 5-2. The two wins move the team into a tie for third place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with Canisius.

Sacred Heart is currently on

a five game winning streak, the longest in the past two seasons for the team. Continuing its hot streak, the team took on the Crusaders and heated the ice up once again.

The team beat Holy Cross Friday night 6-2. Coach Shaun Hannah was pleased with his team's performance in the games.

"I felt that it was a total team effort in the win on Friday night," Hannah said.

For the Pioneers, Lloyd Marks continued to shine in the first win.

Scoring the opening goal in the second period gave SHU the lead while Ed Bourget followed up with the second goal to double the Pioneers' advantage.

Holy Cross cut the lead in half later in the period, but Les Hrapchak regained the two-goal

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Track teams break seven school records in meets

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Participating in two separate meets this past weekend, the men's and women's track teams managed to destroy seven school records at the Wesleyan Invitational at Wesleyan University on Friday, and the Jasper Relays hosted by Manhattan College on Saturday. Beginning with the Invitational, sophomore John Sakowich ran the 200 meter dash, placing third with a time of 23:34. Senior Nick Dmytrow placed fourth in the 600 meter run and broke the school record with a time of 23:34.

There were other superior performances on Friday. Senior co-captain Shawn Keenan won his first track event ever in the triple jump, leaping 42'2 3/4, and placing second in the long jump with a distance of 20'7".

For the women, freshman Diane Aiksnoras placed third in the 3000 meter race with a time of 3:23:37, while sophomore Sara Doyle gained a third place position in the 800 meter race in 2:34:96. Freshmen Jackie Beaulieu and Sarah Williams both placed in the high jump.

Beaulieu was third while Williams followed right behind in fourth, both jumped over five feet.

As for the Jasper Relays, junior co-captain Michele Shawah broke her own school record of 35' 6 1/2" from last week in the triple jump by more than a foot. Shawah cleared 36' this week in five consecutive jumps and her record is now 36'6 3/4".

Junior Heather Stockton also managed to break the school record in the 3000 meter run, set by former runner Carrie Demirgian in 1997. Stockton beat Demirgian's record by almost 13 seconds with a time of 10:26.6.

"It's gratifying to see athletes who have worked hard over the course of three years continually improving and setting records," coach Christian Morrison said. "Heather and Michele both prove that hard work produces awesome performances."

Freshman Dean Hanafin also broke the school record for the third weekend in a row.

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