Parenti speaks

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Although raised for having a liberal bias by some, the mass media is actually conservative, said a noted lecturer and author at SHU Sunday night.

Michael Parenti, lecturer and author of 14 books, spoke at 7:30 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium to a packed house including many student and faculty from the Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies.

The majority of Parenti’s speech had to do with a conservative bias that it seems to dominate the media. He feels that the mainstream media, due to its ties to major corporations, is influenced by their interests.

More wanting to live off campus

By Samantha Fiedler
Staff Writer

Once again it is time to find five more people to squeeze into your J-Hill apartment. Wherever your favorite RA is living your J-Hill apartment, decide if you want to live off campus because the off-campus house would be a better alternative.

More and more students seem to be doing that as the years go by.

Residencies, like Avalon Gates, are popular among students, but many are looking for an alternative to SHU housing.

The only places right now to live off campus as an upperclassmen are Avalon Gates and Parkridge. Although many students feel they do have more freedom, they added that they are still not in the clear of getting written up.

“We were thinking about living off campus because the only place we would want to

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Some of the SHU Players who participate in student-oriented productions, feel that as students, they should be given more priority.

SHU Players also expressed that they would like to see more focus on students and student involvement rather than theater politics.

“There is all of this tension about who has keys to the theater and who has time in there.

What really upsets me is it’s become a fight for power between two groups and in the process people are forgetting that there is a lot of students who want to have more of a say in what goes on,” said SHU Player Christina Vargo, a senior from Lynn, MA.

The SHU Players have no keys to get into the theater and Richard McKinnon, the SHU Players advisor and an assistant professor in the Department of Languages, Literature and Media Studies, who teaches art, the theater courses at SHU, has no key either.

Sailer and his technicians have keys.

The Center for the Performing Arts, established in 1986 and run by Sacred Heart University as a whole.

According to Rogers, money and lack of space cause obstacles for the final decision on the future conditions of the library. It’s all being discussed at this point, but a balance has to be met between the needs of the library as well as the needs of every other entity on campus,” said Mary Rogers, interim university library.

“It’s a hard decision to make, and I’m sure that the cabinet and the president will make the right thing that they feel is best for the university as a whole.

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**Mr. SHU competition this Wednesday**

The Second Annual Mr. SHU competition will be held at 10 p.m. the Wednesday in the Outpost. Twelve contestants will be competing in three rounds for cash prizes of $125 for first, $75 for second and $50 for third.

The first round will consist of a swimswear competition, the second will be a talent show. For the third round, the participants will come out in tuxedos and the field will be narrowed down to five finalists who will have a question and answer round before the winners will be announced.

**Battle of the Sexes at SHU this Tuesday**

The Battle of the Sexes competition will be held at 10 p.m. on Tuesday night in the Outpost. The pageant will consist of three to five person teams of all men or women in three-round competition.

The first round will be a lip-synch followed by the trashiest dresser competition and finally a question and answer jeopardy. Four judges, two men and two women, will decide the winners.

**Humorist coming to campus Friday night**

Humorist and nun Anne Brylan Smollin will perform, “The joy and laughter, gifts to ourselves and others,” at SHU at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in the Mahogany Room. The event is being sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students.

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**Spring Break worldwide**

**March vacation not for Florida anymore**

By Derek Catron
The Orlando Sentinel

Spring break used to be so simple. A Florida beach. Bare-chested guys. Girls in bikinis. It was all so 20th century.

In an era when 200 television channels aren’t enough, a single spring break hot spot just won’t do. Spring break in 2000 can take you anywhere: back-packing across Europe, skiing in Colorado, exploring a Mayan ruin, drinking until you spew. Well, maybe some things don’t change.

What has changed is the preparation that goes into planning a spring-break trip. Some students will book break plans before they register for classes in the fall. Those who procrastinate into March risk missing out and winding up in Florida.

Despite whatever spin Sunshine State tourism officials might try to put on it, a Florida spring break is like day-old, leftover pizza to most college students. They might partake, but only if they’re too cheap or lazy to find something fresher.

Cancun, Mexico, is fresh. For the third year running, it’s the spring-break destination of choice among college — and even high school — students whose dads pay off their credit-card bills, no questions asked. MTV announced Friday that it will be back there again this year, splitting its coverage between Cancun and Las Vegas.

Students who have been to Cancun tend to romanticize about the experience. “The beaches are amazing and the nightlife is awesome,” a 20-year-old University of Notre Dame student posted on a spring-break Internet site. “The girls (who outnumber the guys) are all gorgeous. I have never seen anything like it.”

Jamaica and the Bahamas are among the most popular alternatives. What do the foreign sites offer a spring breaker that Florida doesn’t? If you answered tranquil beaches and a horizon-expanding introduction to a foreign culture, you’re probably able to name all the Rolling Stones and think Snoop Dogg is a Peanuts character.

No, what makes a foreign port-of-call so irresistible to young spring breakers are the liberal drinking laws. Under 21? No problem! Those who sustained themselves on macaroni-and-cheese dinners through college may find the idea of flying off to an island spring-break getaway harder to swallow. Remember, this is an economic boom time, and it’s only a loan against mom’s 401(k), so why not splurge?

Besides, tour packages can seem amazingly affordable for students not put off by living conditions somewhat more bearable than your typical prisoner-of-war camp (most travel agents recommend the upgrade).

A student could fly to Cancun and get a hotel room (shared with at least three buddies) for about $500. Double that if you want to cover the cost for all the cover charges at the bars and the tip money to keep the free drinks coming.

With the rise in gasoline prices, it’s almost comparable to driving to Florida in an SUV.

It’s hard to pinpoint when the spring-break tradition began in Florida.

Students started visiting Fort Lauderdale in the mid-1930s for a swimming competition called the Collegiate Aquatic Forum, and the numbers increased without any organized marketing effort.

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**Think Warm!**

**The 2000 Summer Undergraduate Schedule**

175 courses offered

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  - Regular Session 2, July 17 to August 22

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Distance learning classes in Business Law, the Research Paper, International Business, Approaches to Literature, the Sporting Goods Industry, Civilizations and Introduction to Media, open to all students.

Courses also offered in Danbury, Derby, Shelton and Stamford. Stamford offerings include 1-week institutes and weekend classes.

Courses offered in the Leadership Studies Degree program

Trip to Ireland to study Celtic religious traditions.

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Summer schedule available at the Registrar’s Office in the Academic Center and at the University College Office in the Administration Building.
Library: Changes needed, say many

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The university always is on the cutting edge of finding new ways to use public funds that cause dollars to be a real issue," said Rogers. "The library itself, if we did anything with this, then it would mean going into park which is a major concern for everyone." Rogers added that to have any space here would mean that the learning center would have to be moved elsewhere to recreate some of the space that we once had," said Rogers. According to some stu­ dents, the library doesn't fulfill their needs currently.

"I usually don't come here to do my research papers," said Equality Rawson, a senior from Rochester, N.Y. "If I do, the only thing I try to use would be Proquest, but a lot of times I've been to Yale or Fairfield, so it's not as good as it could be."

"No library has every­ thing," said Rogers. "I just come here, honest­ ly, to study. I don't do much reading here. I kind of go elsewhere also," said Amanda Stuart, a sophomore from Nashua, N.H.

"We meet the needs of some students better than others," said Rogers. "Certainly if we had a bigger budget, we could do a lot more for us, but we try to do as best as we can."

According to Raspallo, the library is in desperate need of par­ ticipals, "And having them here instead of having to go somewhere to get them, either that or some type of filing sys­ tem where we can get to them."

"With the technology as it is today, you utilize our elec­ tronic resources and you figure the best possible article and I can guarantee you than nine times out of 10 we don't own it if it's not in full text already," said Rogers. "But you're going to face that situation in any library."

Core: Classes will have new look shortly

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vice president of Academic Affairs. "These questions will be examined in the core classes as well as in an individual's field of study."

The proposal began last spring with a request by SHU President Anthony Cronin to review the present core curricu­ lum, said Forget. The proposal was further developed last summer with intensive work by the CCDC. The proposal is in its middle stages and will hopefully be finalized by the end of the sum­ mer, said Kikoshi. An expected change would be the addition of courses designed for interdisciplinary classes, which would be a combina­ tion of different depart­ ments. For example, a class would be a combination of liter­ ature, religious studies and media teachings, said Domenick Pinto, associate professor and chair of computer science and chair of the AAC.

Other changes include development of competency cores in information, technolo­ gy, mathematics and English. Competency cores will reflect input from the faculty in these disciplines.

The competency core for freshman seminar would be altered to incorporate more of SHU's Mission Statement and Catholic image, said Michael Bozzone, dean of the college. Students may have course require­ ments of the competency core waived. Respective aca­ demic departments will define the assessment of these competen­ cy waivers.

The final proposal includes a natural science course require­ ment in the collegiate core. Also the inclusion of professors of the natural science as teach­ ers of the common core IV course.

"The AAC will take these concerns to the senate for reviewing," said Pinto. This new core will likely be implemented by September 2001. "The new core curriculum will have no direct effect on the students that are currently enrolled, however it will strengthen our University and in doing so the value of a SHU degree will improve," added Forget.

Housing: More students moving off campus

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life would be Avalon and there are a few others. The college life seems to interfere with family life and we would have more freedom in a house any­ way," said Rob Lend, a junior from Floral Park, N.Y.

"The only choice for upperclassmen is Avalon. You will get to know people in your room even if you're not roommates. However, if you do decide to stay off campus, you will save quite a bit of money. For the eight months during the academic year that SHU housing complexes are open, students' housing fees come out to approximately $625 a month. Six person apartments at Parkridge, for example, would cost $3,750 a month. A four person Avalon Gates apartment not through university housing costs about $1,760 a month. SHU housing fees include all utilities and furniture. Many at SHU also say having public safety, the RAs and maintenance available is also an advantage of SHU housing. They also cite the quality of SHU's housing, which many say is significantly better than many other universities. "We encourage students to live on campus because we want to build community as a school. We try and keep as many students on campus as possible," said Maria Delbonis a junior RA from Smithtown, N.Y.

"Living off campus you don't have to deal with RA's knocking on your door every once in a while even though you're 21 years old. It is a lot cheaper and you don't have to deal with paying $100 for a damaged shower curtain," said Nick Katsaris, a senior from Tarrytown, N.Y.

Theater: Space limited for Sacred Heart actors

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University, produces four to five shows a year. "We do that as an extra-curricular effort where we utilize professional actors and professional technicians working in collaboration with stu­ dents and members of the community," Sailer said.

Part of the importance of the Performing Arts Center's productions is their ability to attract the community and raise money for the SHU Theater fund," Sailer said that the productions also "expose student actors to pro­ fessionals who they can learn from."

"It is a wonderful experi­ ence for people who have taken the opportunity to do this. The students are exposed to all different levels of talent and it can't help but be a posi­ tive experience for those involved," said Sailer.

"We're open to involve students from all areas-on stage, backstage, in the box office." added Sailer.

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from March 13 to March 21

March 13: 1:42 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported another resident's hand had been slammed in a door causing injury. Public Safety responded and investigated. Resident was transported to the hospital by her roommate.

5:32 p.m.- Staff member reported another staff member in Hawley Lounge was feeling ill. 911 was called and responded. Staff member was transported to the hospital by AMR Ambulance.

8:45 p.m.- West Hall, sixth floor fire alarm; no problems found.

9:27 p.m.- South Hall resident reported the theft of his pants from a cubbyhole while he was working out at the Pint Center. Public Safety responded and investigated.

11:12 p.m.- South Hall resident reported the theft of her laptop computer cables from her room. Public Safety responded and investigated.

March 14: 9:56 a.m.- Staff member reported she injured her­ self while pouring hot coffee. Public Safety responded and inves­ tigated.

3:15 p.m.- Staff member reported the theft of a Kodak slide projecter from an unsecured office at the Stamford Campus. Public Safety will investigate.

4:56 p.m.- East Hall resident reported the theft of her room keys and identification and $20 from her unsecured room. Public Safety responded and investigated.

6:49 p.m.- East Hall resident reported the theft of his laptop computer from his secured room. The resident notified the Bridgeport Police and filed a report via telephone.

March 17: 1:02 p.m.- Staff member reported someone hit a Biddle's Inn trash truck in the student parking lot. Public Safety responded and investigated.

11:18 p.m.- Residential Life staff member reported her motorcycle was knocked over by the wind causing it to hit another motorcycle. Public Safety responded and investigated.

March 18: 1:05 a.m.- West Hall, fourth floor fire alarm acti­ vated by residents using a toaster. The toaster was confiscated.

2:00 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported an intoxicated South Hall resident became ill. AMR was called and responded. Residential Life staff member was notified.

10:50 p.m.- East Hall resident reported she injured her shoul­ der while sleeping. Public Safety responded and investigated. Further medical assistance declined.

March 19: 12:22 a.m.- Residential Life staff member request­ ed assistance from a Public Safety Officer at Jefferson Hill for a possible drug violation. Fairfield Police were called and respond­ ed. Residential Life and the Dean were notified.

12:22 a.m.- Public Safety Officer reported someone vandalized a room window in South Hall. Buildings and Grounds noti­ fied for repairs.

1:54 p.m.- South Hall, second floor fire alarm; no problems found.

March 20: 10:45 a.m.- Residential Life staff member request­ ed assistance of a Public Safety Officer for a room search at Jefferson Hill for a possible drug violation. Public Safety responded and investigated.

3:35 p.m.- Avalon Gates resident reported she has been receiv­ ing harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investig­ ated.

6:25 p.m.- Public Safety Officer reported there was a dis­ charged fire extinguisher outside a Parkridge apartment. The offi­ cer reported the extinguisher.

6:35 p.m.- Pitt Center member reported while working out, the bench he was on broke causing injury to his shoulder. Public Safety responded and investigated.

9:01 p.m.- South Hall, fourth floor fire alarm activated by a resident blow drying her hair.

9:38 p.m.- Parkridge resident reported her roommate was not feeling well and wanted the number for the hospital. Public Safety responded and investigated.

11:35 p.m.- Staff member reported the theft of a VCR from the Audio/Visual room. Public Safety responded and investigated.

March 21: 11:58 a.m.- East Hall resident reported he has been receiving harassing telephone calls and someone has been throwing tennis balls against his room door. Public Safety responded and investigated.

1:58 p.m.- Staff member reported his vehicle was struck while parked in the North Parking Lot. Public Safety responded and investigated.

3:49 p.m.- East Hall resident reported she has been receiving harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investigat­ ed.
Housing crisis hits Sacred Heart University

Yes, we’ve covered this ground in a previous editorial last semester, but since the majority of SHU students will be selecting their housing next week, we thought we’d rehash it again (so we get lazy sometimes, sue us).

Seriously, housing prices are utterly ridiculous if you break the numbers down. For those of you who missed the last editorial, here they are. Housing fees average $5,000 a month, with eight months that we’re supposed to be there for the year. That works out to $625 a month per person. Let’s say you’re living in an eight-person apartment. That means that you and your roommates are paying the equivalent of $5,000 a month for rent.

Yeah, that’s right. Residential Life is charging us $5,000 a month to live in the splendor of apartments like Jefferson Hill, which holds eight residents. It’s a wonder this whole school isn’t still a commuter college with fees like that.

Compare that to what students renting homes outside of the school pay, it’s shocking. There are three students who pay approximately $1,100 a month in rent plus $200 for utilities in an expensive month for a three bedroom and one and a half bathroom house with a backyard and two-car garage in Trumbull. If those three lived in SHU housing, they’d be paying $1,875 a month and would probably have to live in an East Hall triple at best.

Although SHU’s housing fees probably aren’t astronomical in the world of higher education, the numbers still speak for themselves. They can only get away with this highway robbery for so long.

Quick reminder to vote in SG elections

There’s not much space this week, but we’d also like to remind the student body that student government elections are just around the corner and it’s imperative that you get out and vote.

We’ll elaborate on this in another editorial, but the point is that it is essential that each and every student at SHU get out and let your voice be heard in the upcoming elections.

If you don’t vote, then your opinion doesn’t count. Bottom line. Take the time to participate in the democratic process so student government members will be true representatives of SHU.  

A war for ideas

By Brian P. Merwin

A war for ideas is being fought on our campus. Leftist beliefs are clashing with conservative beliefs. Scott Harris, member of the Political Science department, discussed this war in his speech on Saturday night.

The Left holds the belief that the media is anything but free. According to Parenti, “corporate subsidiaries of the press conspire in a room” and order their corporate subsidiaries of the press to be conservative.

The Left also states that the media is not fair. According to Parenti, “the left has its own media… it is the stream media of America.”

The Right, on the other hand, hold the belief that the media is fair. According to Parenti, “the Left is the most virile tribe in the land.”

Wouldn’t the inherent profit motive of the capitalist business man (who Parenti loathes) outweigh the “conspiracies” that the Left is always pointing out?

The speaker ridiculously says no. After graduating Yale with a Ph.D., Michael Parenti got his start commending the virtuous society of the Soviet Union. He vehemently denied the extensive human rights abuses by the communist regime. After the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviets, Parenti took time as “a perceptive political analyst” to examine other honorable nations and their political institutions.

Libya and Iraq quickly became his favorites and he gleefully championed their “reformist” regimes, while attacks America as “fascist.”

Towards the end of his dictry “The Politics of the News Media” he started to whine that his beliefs and ideology are not fairly represented in the mainstream media of America. Thankfully it was the first position that he took that had a ring of truth to it. After over 100 years of political debate in this country the Far Left has become irrelevant.

Parenti and others like him continue to parade across campuses nationwide spoiling their beliefs, but their battle is lost. The Learning curve of these individuals has continued to decline even with the failed experiments of the USSR, Latin America, Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

After ending his speech and answering a few questions, Parenti retired to a corner of the room. While most of the audience was filing out, the speaker smiled as some gushing Left – Wing groups made their way towards him hoping to further the discussion.

It is comforting to realize that these surviving Marxist-Leninists dinosaurs no matter how hard they try, will always be defeated ideologically upon the mantles of reason, rationality and reality.

The warped politics of Michael Parenti

By Jeff Murray

W hile the Left and the Right are clashing, Michael Parenti is giving us some light entertainment.

Parenti is a Left Wing media personality. He holds our American society in utter contempt. Perhaps it would have been a little more truthful than the word “Progressive.”

For those who missed the enlightening experience Sunday night, the lecturer spoke on “The Politics of the News Media.” He spent 45 minutes trying to prove that the media is anything but free and independent and actually is conservative dominated.

High-ranking conservative businessmen, according to Parenti, “conspire in a room” and order their corporate subsidiaries of the press to be conservative.

Besides his “conspiracy theory” clearly being circumstantial from the beginning his argument falls tragically on the head of reason.

A question was posed to him at the end of his speech about the business dilemma a CEO would face with if he had the opportunity to hire a highly successful Left Wing media personality.

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The SHU Voices

Do you know who the band for the Spring Concert, Vertical Horizon, is?

Gill Lefort
Junior
Harrisville, R.I.

“Yes, and I actually think I’m going to go.”

Danielle Mikula
Freshman
Trumbull

“Yes, they’re a good group and I’m glad we’re supporting a group from Conn.”

Alex Tomas
Freshman
Danbury

“Yes, I heard Vertical Horizon is coming.”

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Dear Editor,

We are writing this letter as an attempt to restore the vibrant faith community that existed prior to our Christmas Break.

Since we have returned in January, the overwhelming reaction has been a negative one to moving Sunday Mass into the Mahogany Room.

The move certainly was a loss for the morale of the community, but as Christians we have an obligation to persevere through hardships as such. Instead of pitting ourselves, we challenge the faithful members of our University to make the Christian presence on campus more visible.

Our University was founded on prayer and faith; we must not abandon these values, because the facilities are less than what we perceive to be adequate.

What good is accomplished in refusing to contribute to the faith community, because we communally have objections to the policy of the University? Individual and silent battles versus Sunday University policy are just that, silent, individual, and may I add, unproductive.

Let us focus on what we do have. We are students who have a lot in common, and that common thread is our faith. We believe in God’s presence in our lives and every where around us. Mass is a time to celebrate our belief in God, to share our profession of faith to our peers, and to offer our service to Him. It is a vital instrument to our spiritual growth.

For those who are content to worshiping in the quietness of their own heart, we challenge you to enrichen your life through public and communal sharing. Our mission as Christians is to increase and strengthen the faith of those who are bound to the Kingdom of God on this earth. By not finding time to attend Mass or by refusing to worship in a room where we dine, we are ignoring and declining in that commitment to God.

Worshipping in the Mahogany Room does not lessen the power of our prayer or lessen the consecration of the Eucharist. The setting of the Mahogany Room is mere aesthetics. A chapel is mere aesthetics. It belongs to the earth.

As Jesus said, we are to despise all things that belong to the earth and love all things that belong to God. We, as believers, belong to God. Church is within us and not contained around four walls.

Church at Sacred Heart University was weakened since the move not because of the setting, but because of the loss of faith of those who are bound to the things belonging to this earth. Let us find and build Church as a community. We are not a perfect community, and we have things we need to work on, but we must stick through the rough times.

Yes, we need to provide a more prayerful atmosphere when we enter the Mahogany Room in Sundays. And yes, we need to integrate more value and outreach in our sign of Peace, rather than just wishing our friends Peace.

These flaws are miniscule relative to the larger picture of Church. It is our hope that we may reunite our community and efforts to make Christ known at Sacred Heart University.

Gabie Goodine
Michael Kressa
Dana Fusco
Kristy Pacelli

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Future brings fear, uncertainty among seniors

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

College internships are a great way to get your foot in the door, said John Verrilli, associate news director at Fox 5 last Thursday.

While speaking at a news writing and reporting class, Verrilli spoke about essential steps one needs to take to become successful in the journalism field.

According to Verrilli, college internships serve as the best introduction.

"Internships are plentiful, and they are not hard to get," said Verrilli. "50 percent of getting a job is having your face known and getting people to trust you."

Verrilli also gave advice about the interview process and his experiences as a professional in the field.

"My interview was very interesting. When I sat down, the news director turned up all three televisions in his office at once very loudly. I think mostly because if you make the most of it.

"It was a history major in college, but I knew what I wanted to do. I started working at the college newspaper, the local newspaper in town as a reporter, and had both an independent study and an internship," said Verrilli.

After sending out a number of résumés to local corporations, Verrilli began as a production assistant at Channel 5, a local news station, and worked his way up to become associate News Director.

"It's been a great job. It's a job where everyday you wake up and you get to work on fresh things to work on," said Verrilli.

Verrilli said that to succeed in journalism "the people need to be good critical, analytical thinkers and have a general curiosity about what is going on in the world."

According to Verrilli, there are advantages and disadvantages of local news compared to network news.

"Local news is much more hands on, it works with a smaller budget and runs stories more personal and about the community. Network news is run on a larger scale and stories are broadcast on a national wide scale."

Verrilli explained that there are degrees of promotion working for news. Starting with an internship, one advances through the rising chain of positions including a training position, production assistant, writer, copy editor, producer, assignment editor, management, news director and associate news director.

"If you want to be a television journalist you have to be a journalist first," said Verrilli.

"You have to keep your cool under pressure and you have to meet your deadlines every day." Verrilli concluded by stressing that if you make the most of an internship, you could earn your way to a full-time position.

"As a manager I look for someone who is eager, who has knowledge of the news, who is a go getter, and who is a creative thinker," said Verrilli.
By Linda Black
TMS Campus

Aries (March 21-April 19). You're going to be powerful from Monday into Wednesday. Be kind and gracious, as well as cute. From Wednesday through Friday, you could find lots of ways to make money. You get more successful later in the week, but watch for a minor breakdown Thursday night. This weekend would be good for taking a class or seminar. You'll retain what you learn pretty well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Conditions this week push you to take care of business. You'll think of all the things that haven't been finished yet from Monday through Wednesday. Make lists! Around Wednesday you'll get stronger and more confident. Completing old tasks seems to do that. Count your money over the weekend. Ask for more on Saturday if you need it. Forget that on Sunday; you'll ruffle feathers. Catch up on your reading instead. Maybe you'll discover another source of revenue.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Friends and organizations are important to you the first part of the week. You may be worried about the weekend, and that's pretty neat, too. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll feel like a kid again from Monday through Wednesday. You'll make everybody around you feel like kids, too. On Thursday and Friday you'll have to get serious, however. You may have to catch up on quite a bit of work. You're still lucky in love, so things aren't too bad. You might even make a romantic commitment this weekend — of your own free will!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Home and family are important for you on Monday and Tuesday especially. Make changes to your place and get things just the way you want them. Are you in a party mood on Thursday and Friday? Travel should go smoothly this weekend, and you'll communicate well, too. Sunday could get complicated, though. Don't stay out late then.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're interested in partnerships, legal matters and maybe even marriage from Monday through Wednesday. If you do form a partnership the first part of the week, you may have more money to play with on Thursday and Friday. Travel looks good this weekend, and you'll communicate well, too. Sunday could get complicated, though. Don't stay out late then.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're interested in partnerships, legal matters and maybe even marriage from Monday through Wednesday. You'll make everybody around you feel like kids, too. On Thursday and Friday you'll have to get serious, however. You may have to catch up on quite a bit of work. You're still lucky in love, so things aren't too bad. You might even make a romantic commitment this weekend — of your own free will!

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're focusing on your career or some other project that's important to you. A problem needs to be solved the first part of the week. Do the homework, and you'll find the answer. From Wednesday through Friday, you may discover some powerful people are on your side. That's nice, but it may not keep you from having to do paperwork over the weekend. Better pay the bills to avoid the horrors of late fees!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be interested in travel and higher education from Monday through Wednesday. Watch out Wednesday evening, though. Travel could get complicated. Also, be prepared for Thursday and Friday. You may have to explain what you've been doing at work and why. This weekend get together with friends. Have fun but don't forget an obligation that must be done on Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be worried about money the first part of this week. If you blow past your fears, you may be able to get a loan or grant to alleviate those concerns. From Wednesday through Friday, travel should go pretty well. Study Thursday evening if you suspect there might be a quiz on Friday. You may get grilled by an older person on Saturday, too. Don't make elaborate plans on Sunday; there are too many problems that could creep in. Keep things simple for best results.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're interested in travel from Monday through Wednesday, so study as much as you can. On Thursday and Friday you may want to stay home and take care of personal matters. Don't plan any big outings. Romance looks good over the weekend, especially with another intellectual type.

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Campus Happenings

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Healing Retreat for women

Looking for a Lenten Healing Retreat? The Diocese of Bridgeport on April 7-9 is going to the Villa Marie Retreat Center in Stamford for "Stepping Stones to Faith and Healing," with Vi Walker of Woman-at-the-Wells Agape Fellowship Outreach. For more information call the CRS office at 372-4301, extension 358 or 359.

Diocesan Prayer Group welcomes members

The Diocesan Prayer group meets the first and third Wednesdays of every month at The Catholic Center, at 7 p.m. on 238 Jewett Avenue in Bridgeport. Come to a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Holy Wednesday and be ministered to by prayer and song by "Joyful Noise." The Music Ministry of Lynn Geyer, John Stefano and Nick Kleszczewski will be performed. All are welcome to attend.

Shuttle concern meeting today

If you are a shuttle rider and have concerns or ideas for improvement in shuttle service, you may attend a shuttle concern committee meeting today at 4 p.m. in the Student Affairs conference room, next to the ATM. If you have any questions regarding the meeting or if you cannot make it and still want to voice your opinion, contact Kerri Casella at 396-8027.
'Tale' a smashing success
By Brian Corasaniti

Sacred Heart University's talented stable of actors and actresses showed why they're so good last week with the spring production of Charles Dicken's classic, "A Tale of Two Cities."

The novel was brought to life on the stage last Wednesday through Sunday and if any SHU students didn't make the show, they missed a great night of theater.

The story of love, passion and politics set in post-revolution Paris and London combines timeless themes of desire and redemption that holds the test of time.

Sean Taylor does a great job of portraying Charles Darnay, the man sentenced to death after the fallout of the French Revolution. His performance is equally matched by the current and real performance by Mark Usgheuer as his lookalike and eventual savior, Sydney Carton.

Both play well off of each other in the several scenes they have together.

SHU Theater regulars Jeff Hoose and Chris Bowley also contributed.

Caroline Basly shows off her acting muscles during "A Tale of Two Cities" deliver memorable performances as only they can, playing Mr. Stryver and Jarvis Lorry respectively. Both show they are natural actors with their dramatic, but not over-the-top, delivery.

The play succeeds in placing the audience in the era that Dickens was trying to portray in his novel. Many of the cast had to act with a heavy British accent and all did well in making us believe they were right off the boat.

Kudos also to the fantastic set design and props, particularly the lifelike guillotine and the large French flag used during the Bastille scene, probably the most memorable and well performed scene in the play.

Those who skipped the event missed out, but we who came will remember and enjoy it for a long time to come.

Plohn Scholarship winners

Special to the Spectrum

Virginia Zie (center), senior member of the University's art faculty, is flanked by the winners of the annual Plohn Art Scholarships, Carlin Guarneri (left) and Bill Callahan (right).

Caroline Basly's untitled drawing with graphite and white pencil took a second place prize.

Both artists have works on display in Sacred Heart's Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Results of 72nd Annual Academy Awards

Best Picture-- "American Beauty"
Best Director-- Sam Mendes, "American Beauty"
Best Actor-- Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"
Best Actress-- Hillary Swank, "Boys Don't Cry"
Best Supporting Actor-- Michael Caine, "The Cider House Rules"
Best Supporting Actress-- Angelina Jolie, "Girl Interrupted"
Original Screenplay-- "American Beauty"
Adapted Screenplay-- "The Cider House Rules"
Cinematography-- "American Beauty"

Original Score-- "The Red Violin"
Film Editing-- "The Matrix"
Art Direction-- "Sleepy Hollow"
Foreign Language Film-- "All About My Mother"
Visual Effects-- "The Matrix"
Sound Effects-- "The Matrix"
Documentary Feature-- "One Day in September"
Documentary Short Subject-- "King Gimp"
Original Song-- "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins, "Tarzan"
Make-up-- "Topsy Turvy"
Costume-- "Topsy Turvy"

To be or not to be: Vertical Horizon coming to Sacred Heart this year

By Frances Moore

There has been a lot of speculation this year as to whether there would be a spring concert or not. Many students were doubtful, but as it turns out, there will be a concert after all.

Vertical Horizon, described by the Student Events Team as an up-and-coming band, will be performing at Sacred Heart at 8 p.m. April 27, with opening act Mike Errico.

The reason for the speculation was the late date at which the band was booked. It was not until last week that the band accepted Sacred Heart's bid. Until that point, the Student Events Team (SET) was unsure whether they would be able to find a band at all, compared to last year's concert, which was confirmed long in advance, and had bee scheduled for March 19.

Brandi Blevins, president of the Student Events Team (SET), expressed their frustration trying to find a band.

"Bands just want to play coliseums right now," she said.

Apparently SET put their bid in for a number of bands, and were afraid, at one point, that they would not get any takers.

"We did put in for a number of different bands ranging in talents and types of music," explained Brandi. "At one point we got a little desperate," she said.

SET got the idea for Vertical Horizon from the radio station KC101. The station was very impressed by the band's music, and mentioned that Vertical Horizon's latest album went gold.

When Vertical Horizon cancelled their European Tour that had been scheduled for this spring, they decided, instead, to play for 20 area colleges.

Sacred Heart won the bid over many schools, including Fairfield University, who wanted to book the band for that same weekend.

See Concert, page 9
By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

It is always interesting to discover the hidden talents, or dual lifestyles that our professors and students live. Just read Jenifer Religious Studies Professor Vernon Taylor (who is known professionally as “Butch”) leads an off-campus life that is not so secret, but it is doubtful that many of the students and faculty are aware of his success as a musician.

His band, Butch Taylor & the Penetrators, just released their debut CD “Don’t Tell Me Nothing.” The band claims that their CD will “bring out the dog in you.”

The compilation involves a mix of musical styles, such as funk, jazz, swing and blues, just to name a few. Or as Terri Lastersteed from “Fairfield County Weekly” wrote, “Butch Taylor and the Penetrators know how to rip it up—a talent inherent in their blues, psychedelic, funk-rock roots.”

Originally from Stamford, Taylor now lives in Trumbull. “A few years ago, we started off as a small club band,” said Taylor. “Now we need at least 10 or 11 people.”

Other members of the group include Wendy Taylor, Jeff Simon, George Pavlis, Tim Taylor, Brian Mahany, Gary Wofsey, Patty Skies, Tommy Wilson, Joe Mastro, and Ken Negro. Both individually and collectively, the band has an impressive repertoire. Nigro, saxophone lecturer and director of Saxophone Ensembles at the University of Connecticut, has played with the Penetrators, Aretha Franklin, and recently performed at the White Nights Jazz Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia and at President Clinton’s 1996 Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C.

Taylor himself has an impressive career as well. In 1999 he was hired by Giaronimo Productions to provide original music for the trailer of the new Martin Scorcese film, “Bringing Out the Dead,” which stars Nicholas Cage. In 1997 Taylor created original music for a trailer that was shown on HBO, Cinemax, Bravo and Showtime, for the film “Grind.”

In 1992 Taylor wrote, “Butch Taylor and the Penetrators” for the Fairfield County Weekly. Taylor explained, “I took one. I can’t use the word blues for any of this because it doesn’t fit into the traditional category of blues. Basically, there is more energy.”

Taylor is not confined to teaching and the Penetrators. He appears as a solo artist in various locations, and as mentioned before, has worked in a variety of media. He has done sound for concerts, including Sacred Heart’s spring concert two years ago.

“I do everything part-time, and nothing full-time,” he said. Butch Taylor will be performing on April 7 at New Haven’s Café 9. His next performance with the Penetrators is May 13 at Blues Alley, on Park Ave. in Danbury.

“If I see any of my students there, I’ll give them extra points,” joked Taylor.

For information on Taylor and the Penetrators, check out his website at www.butchtaylor.com.

Sacred Heart’s Taylor displays his not-so-hidden talents on the stage. Taylor is not confined to

Concert: Not favored by all

Blevins explained, “Right now, bands are hard to come by on the college circuit.” Even a school as big as UConn could only get the band “Live” to play at their concert this year. Many students have expressed their disapproval of this year’s band selection.

Amy Smith, a junior from Paradise, N.J., said, “They should give our parents back their money.

Other students have never even heard of the band.


Danielle Campbell, a senior from Erving, Mass., admitted, “I have no idea what they are.” Some students understand the difficulty of booking a good band, but were disappointed nonetheless.

“I was aware of the fact that it was tough to get someone to the school or hire Barbara Giuliano, a sophomore from Norwalk, Conn.

She continued, “I don’t know how many people will recognize the name. [SET] should have planned it earlier to get a bigger name.”

In response to student frustration with the selection of that band, Blevins said, “We figured that something was better than nothing.”

Tickets will go on sale some time next week, and will be $8 for Sacred Heart students, and $12 for non-Sacred Heart students.

Students are allowed to purchase an unlimited quantity of tickets, however, they will only be charged $8 for the first ticket; any more will cost $12.

The Vertical Horizon CD is available at FYE in the Westfield Mall.
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All SHU students and faculty members are welcome to enter. Be sure to sign your name, address and phone number and submit your letter to the Spectrum office, located between the dining hall and the art gallery. You can also e-mail your submission to dudam@sacredheart.edu.

All entries due by April 10. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Legal mumbo-jumbo: This contest is not endorsed by Sacred Heart University or the World Wrestling Federation. The Spectrum does not support underage or irresponsible alcohol consumption.
SHU Athlete of the Week

Bruckner records two hat tricks

Michele Bruckner, a freshman on Sacred Heart University's women's lacrosse team, played a key role in three wins last week. Bruckner tallied three goals in the Pioneers' 10-3 win over Niagara, and equaled her scoring output in SHU's 13-6 thrashing of Manhattan.

Bruckner also had an assists during her scoring outburst last week. SHU plays back-to-back home games this Saturday and Sunday at 4 and 1 p.m. respectively.

Blocked...

Photo by Luanne Cestrella

Senior co-captain Brian Cotte, left and junior Mike Ferrari leap to deflect a volley. SHU's men's volleyball team defeated Eastern Monnentone 3-2 last Saturday in the team's final contest of the season at the Pitt Center.

Lacrosse: Pioneer women embark on 3-game streak

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Capaccioha had 15 saves on the week, increasing her overall save percentage to .623.

The Pioneers are close to improving on last season's 5-8 record. The team is confident that their winning ways will continue in the games to come.

"I think the past couple of games have shown us how much we've improved since last year, offensively and defensively," coach Laura Korutz said. "We've got a good chance to win both games this weekend," said head coach Laura Korutz. "It all depends on whether we come out intense and with the desire to win. If we do, we will be successful."

Sports Briefs

Tennis teams topple Wagner

Sacred Heart's men's and women's tennis teams each defeated Northeast Conference opponent Wagner last weekend.

The men edged the Seawolves 4-3 while the women's team coasted to a 9-0 win.

SHU's men's team holds a 6-6 record this season, while the women are 4-9.

Compiled by Matt Duda

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Baseball downs Braves for first win of season

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart's men's baseball team recorded its first win of the 2000 season by defeating Northeast Conference rival Quinnipiac 5-4 last weekend.

Junior right fielder David Rosso, a sophomore from Staten Island, N.Y., pitched four scoreless innings before yielding a run in the fifth. Colin MacDonald scored on an error in the fifth to pull the Braves within a run.

Quinnipiac then exploded for three runs in the sixth when Joe Zangari blasted a three-run homer over the left field wall. Rosso was relieved after giving up two earned runs in 2 2/3 innings. Junior Jim Agostino drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly for in the 6-5 victory.

The Pioneers, picked to finish last in the Northeast Conference, outscored their opponents 37-12 over the three games.

"I think we're starting to come together really well as a team," said freshman Micelle SpatereUa, who had six goals and an assist on the day.

The offensive explosion began over a week ago when Niagara University came to Campus Field and left with a 10-3 loss.

Senior Keri Remington led the scoring for the Pioneers with three goals, while Jen Giraud, Jill Cerrigan and Julie Pandolfo added two each. Junior laura Mack tallied the 10th goal.

Tara Anttonetti opened SHU's scoring against Marist. Mack, Remington and Bruckner, who had six goals and an assist on the week, "If we keep playing the way we have been, we'll be unstoppable."

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Giraud and Terri Blum also scored.

Junior goaltender Ginny See Lacrosse, page 11

Conference opponents succumbing to Pioneers

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's men's lacrosse team, wireless in their opening three games of the year, sliced through their past three opponents.

The Pioneers defeated Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference opponents Manhattan (18-8), Canisius (14-8) and Siena (17-9).

Sacred Heart is now 3-3 overall and in conference play. The team lost to Marist, St. Joseph's and Providence.

"Today's game was a step in the right direction," said senior shortstop Vic Rinaldi. "We have to continue to play hard throughout the rest of the season."

The game was close through all nine innings with the lead changing hands three times. Sacred Heart took an early 2-1 lead in the first inning when senior captain, Shawn Stillway, drove a one out double to right-center field. Rinaldi scored from second, and a throwing error by the catcher allowed Lee Natsu to score on the play.

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The Pioneers, picked to finish third in the MACC by conference coaches, have a league game against Quinnipiac left on the schedule, along with games against Boston College, Lafayette, and Hartford.

Senior featured on internet

Senior midfielder Chris SpatereUa was the subject of a recent feature story on Street and Smith's College Lacrosse USA website (www.collegelacrosseusa.com).

SpatereUa and three teammates from his senior season on Garden City, N.Y.'s, Kellenberg Memorial High School have each been named captains of their Division I lacrosse teams this season.

Sacred Heart regained the lead for good in the home half of the seventh inning. Rinaldi poked a two-out double to drive in the winning runs.

Rinaldi finished the day with two hits and two RBIs. Sophomore relief pitcher Matt Lemancyzk picked up the save.

Sacred Heart continued its winning ways on Saturday when the team took both games in a double-header against Hartford.

The Pioneers won the first game 5-1 as Natsu earned his first win of the season.

Agostino won the second game on the mound. Rinaldi drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly for in the 6-5 victory. Junior Rich Ferraggi of North Bellmore, N.Y., went 2-3 and scored the winning run.

Yale swept SHU in a Sunday double-header by scores of 13-4 and 6-5.

SHU takes to the diamond at 3 p.m. today against Bridgeport.