SG elections wrap up tonight

By Leann Doyle
Staff Writer

At two o'clock on Wednesday in the cafeterias, students had the opportunity to meet and vote for the candidates running for Student Government. Yes, it's election time again, and as with any election, the population is divided between those who voted and those who didn't. Also on the ballot this year are Final Four picks, allowing students to vote for their favorite administrator, graduate assistant, faculty, and staff member.

"Voter turnout has increased over the past few years. Last year 414 people voted. Our goal, of course, is to exceed that number," said Assistant Dean of Students Denise Tiberio.

"There are a few more contentious in each class, which should bring more voters. This year, students can also vote for the Final Four at the student elections," Tiberio said.

Current Student Government President Jason Slattery, who is graduating this year, has mixed feelings about leaving.

"In a way it sucks to leave. I wish I ran earlier. I had a good time," said Slattery.

Slattery also cited differences in this year's campaign.

"There was less time for candidates to campaign this year, when last year I remember campaigning non-stop," said Gabe Goodine.

"As you may know, when I am not with my family, and not at work for the citizens of Stamford, I am in the classroom teaching and sharing my personal political experiences and knowledge. Whether it be college level, high school or elementary, I am thrilled to learn more about our state and local governments. I am grateful to Sacred Heart University for inviting me to participate in its exceptional educational curriculum, and look forward to a rewarding experience in return," added Malloy.

Malloy's class, American State and Local Government, will meet Mondays from 5:30 to 10 p.m., from May 22 to July 11. Tuition is charged for the course, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, or for more information, call Pam Yardis at 323-4959.

Known for its commitment...
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**TMS Campus**

*Just about every day, Nathan Marting slips out of his dorm room and into a bondi blue virtual living room he's created for himself on the Internet.*

Martiing's homepage (http://www.public.iastate.edu/~smarting/homepage.html) is one of thousands on Iowa State University's campus servers. Its centerpiece is Marting's resume, but there are also family photographs and bios and all sorts of information concerning the Chicago Bulls, the Weather Channel and Garnavillo High.

"Sure, it goes in all directions, and some guy in Italy may not care too much about my family," said Marting, a junior. "But I enjoy doing it, and I'll keep it up as long as I can."

Contrary to new views, not everyone is out to raise money or hell on the Internet. For every Amazon.com trying to solicit business, there are literally millions of personal home pages that would like just a minute or two of your time. Many — if not most — are maintained by college students.

Not interested in the life and times of Nathan Marting?

"I was expecting the same thing when I came to Columbia, or at least an e-mail address. I was shocked to find out that they offered neither."

Natalie Hamilla, whose site, "Natalie's '80s Page," (http://www.personal.psu.edu/cser/en/spe/hs154/) is one of more than 26,000 student home pages residing on Penn State University's servers, said that even the simplest home pages make for good practice - and that students need this practice.

"Everyone is looking for people who can do this stuff," says Hamilla. "I don't care what you wanna do with your life. This is the way it's going, and this is the best way to learn how to do it."

This new necessity is what most motivates schools, beyond all the risks, to include personal pages for their students.

"Just like schools want the best books and materials and the best instructors, this is just another way to get ahead," said John Zimmer, an administrator for Northwestern University's student pages directory, "Putweb," which encourages students to experiment "on a modest scale," as noted on the site's main page.

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to academics and community service, SHU has had a presence in Stamford since 1986. In September 1999, the University’s Stamford Campus began its second year in the corporate setting of River Bend Park. With more than 25,000 feet of operating space, the Stamford Campus is the largest of the University’s five branch campuses.
At its Stamford Campus, SHU offers undergraduate and graduate programs geared to the adult learner. In all, its academic programs offer 194 undergraduate degree
that lets students know what the Student Government is doing and what is going on in the school,” Pesce added.
Students running for all positions have expressed leadership, involvement, and serving as a voice for the students as some of their goals if elected.

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“This year was a foundation year. We focused on community and this year we hope to build on that,” Pesce said.
“We will start to lean toward fundraising for more events. To build better communication with students, I would also like to have a weekly show on Channel 6 program, which is offered in a seven- to eight-week format over the course of five terms a year.
In addition to the MAT program, an accelerated MBA, a traditional MBA and a master of science in computer information management program have been offered at the University’s Stamford campus.

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campaigning until 4 a.m. all week. The longer a campaign gets, the more tension there is,” he said.
There are also only two Presidential candidates this year, while last year there were three.
Juniors Gabe Goodine, from Madison, Maine, and Vimala George of Trumbull, the contenders for President, are no strangers to the Student Government.
Goodine was Student Government Vice President for three years and has seen Student Government change for three years and has seen Student Government change. Lefort said.
Dana Mohrman who served as Senator for the class of 2002 and was co-chair on the Freshman Committee, also hopes to make this step.

“My goal, if I am elected, is to help Student Government make more improvements and take one more step in a positive direction,” Lefort said.
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Editorials

Hey Ganim, why don't you teach here too

If you enter the classrooms of Sacred Heart University, you are likely to run across a professor with a remarkable life story. We have professors here who are world renown experts on the works of Alfred Hitchcock (Sid Gottlieb), publishers of books on marital arts (Ralph Corrigan) and the list goes on.

We can now add Mayor Dannel Malloy of Stamford to our impressive roster of professors. The opportunity to take a class on American State and Local Government with a mayor of a prosperous city like Stamford is, to put it bluntly, really cool.

Students, especially those interested in politics, have a wonderful chance to learn about how our local government in Fairfield County operates from a man who knows it well. A small school like SHU is very fortunate to have this opportunity and we hope that the students here take full advantage of this class if they can.

Hopefully the hiring of Malloy is only the start of new hires from high profile faculty with excellent experience in their field. Maybe in the future we can get our old buddy “Fightin’” Joe Ganim to teach a class on zoning regulations.

Science clubs should get the credit they deserve

One of the things we have been guilty of this year is our tendency to give overloads of attention to departments that we happen to major in, such as Media Studies and English. Certainly these are departments worthy of attention (and added funding may we add), but credit should be given to other academic areas that fall outside our scope as journalism people.

Several SHU students who are a part of the departments of biology, chemistry, math and psychology gave presentations at the Eastern Colleges Science Awards and there were even winners among them.

We’d like to extend a hearty congratulations to them for excellence in their respective fields and continued success in future competitions. These are departments that we don’t have a great deal of hands on contact with, except mainly through friends, but we appreciate their dedication and hard work in these challenging fields.

Although we may not know the quadratic formula from the quad on campus, we respect their academic excellence and hope they continue on a path of success their fields will undoubtedly lead them to.

Candlelight Vigil touching experience for all involved

By Kelly Smith

The atmosphere is what really touched my heart. One, which as too many know to be true, is a long hard road to travel down.

This struggle I myself have had to deal with first hand and am all too familiar with. Four years ago when this tribulation became a part of my life I never thought I would ever be able to talk about it with others.

The candle light vigil that was held last Sunday night changed my perspective. Standing in union with about 200 fellow students who were not there to judge or deem me but rather just to support and comfort really touched my heart.

I was not planning on attending the vigil until my news editor assigned me the task of covering the event for the spectrum. Sunday evening I headed down to south lot with some friends, none of who knew my background or who could possibly sense my hesitation. As the crowd of students arrived the cold temperatures and raw weather seemed to fade.

The vigil began with a prayer from the Lambda Sigma Phi fraternity. As we all gathered around the bon fire amid the crowd of students arrived the cold temperatures and raw weather seemed to fade. The vigil began with a prayer from the Lambda Sigma Phi fraternity. As we all gathered around the bon fire amid the crowd of students arrived the cold temperatures and raw weather seemed to fade.

Each body holding tight in it’s fist a single white candle symbolizing peace.

As I numbly listened to the stories, fast home all too real, I became in tune with everything around me. The crackling fire and sniffling noses greeted my ears while rising smoke, flickering candles, and crackling fire and sniffling noses greeted my ears while rising smoke, flickering candles, and crackling fire and sniffling noses greeted my ears while rising smoke, flickering candles, and sparks grabbed the attention of my eyes

Over all that the shrill of a bell that the Lambda Sigma Phi brothers rang every 60 seconds persisted representing how every 60 seconds a women is violated.

The atmosphere is what really appealed to me. I was almost disappointed that I was not able to feel the warmth and acceptance the speakers were. These stummers were sharing something very private and yet it seemed to make them feel good. To get it off their chest and receive acceptance. Walking away from the fire that night seemed difficult, it was like a parallel universe, which I fit into and did not want to leave. I understood where these people were coming from and although they did not know me I knew they would accept me.

I am a survivor, this is true, but being a part of this event touched that memory which I had buried. It helps to know others have gone through this type of tragedy but mostly it hurts.

Burying a problem does not solve it. Thanks to the Lambda Sigma Phi brothers I realize we all need a little help sometimes. It might be received through the sharing of personal stories at a vigil or simply through a hug. Way to go Lambda Sigma Phi.

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Lazy East Hall cops jeopardize students’ safety

Dear Editor,

A letter written by Danielle DeName (4/4/00) unjustly attacks Alexis Harrison’s integrity and character. I believe everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, but was it really necessary to denounce Ms. Harrison’s integrity and character? Ms. Harrison’s social life is irrelevant to this matter on the student body.

I am a resident student. The policy applies to me, and I don’t with it, but I would never go so far as assaulting another student. Reputation and character because they took a stand. Ms. DeName should make sure she understands the facts of all the issues before making such bold statements.

Joe Mann
Freeman

Letter unfairly attacked student’s reputation

I’m writing on behalf of SET in reply to the editorial about the Lewis Black concert. I ask that you would be fair to those who have strong opinions about our events, why not come to a meeting and voice your opinion?

Part of our policy is that we welcome all to our meetings, even if you aren’t a member and don’t wish to be one. The more opinions we have from the student body, the more we are able to get ideas and improve. Yes, such acts deserve to be in the theater, but in order to have them in the theater, we would have to reserve a date in which the performer and the theater are both available, and the theater is rarely available. That is the reason why we decided to have Lewis Black in the Outpost (or cafeteria, whatever you want to call it) because it would be unfair to those in the Outpost to be deprived of the show.

Yes, they may act inappropriately at times, but they deserve the right to watch it as much as the rest of us. We try to please everyone and if we did have people try to control the crowd in the Outpost.

You also expressed that cattle, or whatever concert we didn’t have people try to control the crowd in the Outpost.

I went to make the turn, and I was half way in the drive, another car smashed into mine, completely totaling both vehicles. Where was security during this? He was sitting in his car, (probably reading the newspaper, since I saw it on his dash after the incident took place) parked behind the drive, obviously in a spot that had obstructed my view of the other car.

I spoke with numerous students after my accident, who expressed similar concerns about driving into East Hall, when the cop is parked past the driveway, as it’s very difficult to see. It seems that when Fairfield cops are on duty, they usually post past SHU up Park Ave. toward East Hall, and therefore park before the drive, thus making it easy for people wanting into the drive to see oncoming traffic. This is where they all should be parked. When it comes to Bridgeport officers, they are usually coming the opposite way, towards SHU on Park Ave. and park in the bad spot, as I have mentioned. We all know how much of a hassle it is to turn the car around and park the other way.

I know my accident isn’t the only one that has occurred outside of East Hall, as I have witnessed two others myself. I’m sure there have been more, though I think mine might have been the worst one, damage wise. And now, I’m going to be punished (insurance, ticket, no vehicle—which was four months away from being paid off completely, after working since I was 15 to pay for it), because some cop was too lazy to get out of his car and direct traffic, or at least park his car in a safe spot.

What am I to do, sue the city of Bridgeport? I see how much good that has done, since we still don’t have a light outside of East. Isn’t that the purpose of paying these cops to be out there, to prevent accidents like this from happening? Where do we draw the line? Are we going to wait until someone gets killed in one of these accidents before something gets done around here?

Don’t get me wrong, if I was one of those cops, I would probably be resentful of what I was doing, as I am sure they did not become cops to help people cross the street all day long. Nonetheless, they need to do what they are paid to do, and do it well, at all times.

So to the cops who are parked in the right space, standing outside, directing traffic and assisting people crossing the street, basically PROTECTING and SERVING, I want to thank them for doing your jobs. To those of you who sit in your car all day, doing whatever it is you are doing, ignoring people who need your help, and especially the officer who sat in his car and pretty much caused my accident to happen, thanks for NOTHING.

Amy Zanluongo
Sophomore

Vertical Horizon worthy of SHU’s attention

Dear Editor,

By now, everyone at SHU knows that Vertical Horizon is a Sacred Heart tradition. This is our only chance at a Spring Concert. It is a Sacred Heart tradition.

Maybe Vertical Horizon is not your favorite band, but what the hell, heck them out anyway!

Vertical Horizon puts on one hell of a live show. I have seen them in concert five times. They capture the audience brilliantly with their unique mixture of electric and acoustic guitar melodies. The band truly rocks! Vertical Horizon has a full sound that has been winning over thousands of new fans every day.

If you do not attend the Vertical Horizon show, you will be missing out on great music and a rare fun night on the SHU campus.

We should be privileged to host this event. This is our only chance at a Spring Concert. It is a Sacred Heart tradition.

Ted Miller
Senior

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Please submit your letters to the Spectrum office on Mondays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or slip them under the office door. Letters must be typewritten and signed and may be edited. Please indicate title or class and telephone number.
When confronted with poverty and despair, most people have a genuine desire to help the less fortunate. The 50 to 100 people served every night, the Mission serves about 75 to 100 people. There is a special kind of bond that develops over time, a sense of pride, said Dr. Patricia Carl-Stannard, one of two professors in the Social Work program.

Started in 1977, the Baccalaureate Social Work Program of SHU has continued to work hand in hand with helping the less fortunate. The 50 to 55 students within the program spend their time in hospitals and mental health centers caring for people with illnesses that range from drug addiction to AIDS.

"Our students have a good sense of who they are and they are committed to helping people in need," said Dr. Elaine Davis, director of the program. Although it is relatively a small major, the Social Work Program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Graduate completing the BSW requirements from the University can apply for "advanced standing" in graduate programs and receive a 15 to 30 credit waiver.

According to Davis, the program prepares students for advanced social work practice or a position in a related field.

"Students in this field are highly successful, as well as high in academic standing," said Davis.

About 40 to 60 percent of SHU graduates continue their studies at prestigious graduate programs such as Fordham University, New York University, Boston College, and Boston University. According to Carl-Stannard, SHU's program prepares students for the life skills that are essential in pursuing a career in the social work field.

"They get to bring together skills, values, and ethics that are learned on campus and use them in everyday life," said Carl-Stannard.

Lauren Sabonjian, a junior from Hillisville, N.J. has been a social work major for three years. Sabonjian says her experience has enhanced the knowledge of the world and the people around her.

"I just really wanted to help people, and to get involved out side the SHU community," said Sabonjian. "Being a social work major allowed me to do that."

However, because of budget constraints, it is difficult for the Social Work Program to expand its full potential.

Carl-Stannard says that the hiring of one more full time professor can help spark more interest and attract students into the program.

"The University wants to expand first, then hire a faculty member," said Carl-Stannard. "We feel we need an influx of at least 10 students per year to help the program." Carl-Stannard said student potential in the program is endless. There are a wide variety of opportunities that they provide to people in need.

SHU posts three winners at science competition

A group of 23 Sacred Heart students and faculty representing the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Psychology attended the 54th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC) at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York on April 1.

The goal of the conference is to give undergraduate students a forum for the presentation of their original research. 16 colleges from all along the East Coast were represented and SHU left with three awards, its best showing to date.

Christina French, a junior from Stockbridge MA, was an "Outstanding poster Presentation" winner in the Ecology category.

French's research was based by calculating the number of insects that were located on various plots of the largest landfill in Staten Island. The project's main objective, which is eight running years, is to see if a forest-type atmosphere can exist in the landfill.

French's concluding evidence found that the insects spread out evenly and there are equal populations in each site, which means that the components of a forest community is apparent.

"I got into these types of projects last year when a teacher introduced me to them," said French. "Since then I've committed myself to doing the research and I was thrilled when I won the award."

According to Dr. Jennifer Matei, a professor in the Chemistry department who served as a mentor for French's project, a grant was provided by the National Science Foundation in order to do the research at the landfill.

Matei has been involved with Restoration Ecology since 1991 when she received a fellowship at Rutgers University after completing her post-doc toral.

The Social Work Program along with Bridgeport natives at one of the Rescue Mission's food stops.

"We try to get students involved in order to increase wildlife," said Matei. "It's giving back to the community."

Rahul Shaw, a sophomore math major hauled in an "Outstanding Oral Math Presentation" prize for his research on Fractals, which permits to image increasing detail in geometry.

Shaw had been doing work on the subject for six months and plans on continuing his study.

"There was good competition over there," said Shaw of the Conference. "I was pretty excited to win."

Other award winners include Kimberly Muller, a senior environmental science major who was praised for "Outstanding Environmental Science Poster Presentation."

Muller, along with graduate Ryan Peters and their mentor Dr. Eid Alkhatib focused their topic on Trichothecemone formation potential in drinking water reservoirs.

"We see tremendous growth. They come in as students, they leave as professionals," said Carl-Stannard. Any person or organization that is interested in helping the Bridgeport Rescue Mission should contact the director Bill Carter at 333-4087.

Any help whatsoever will be greatly appreciated. The Mission does not just serve food, they have a variety of services that they provide to people in need.

Student Presenters at ECSC

Christina French: "Restoration Ecology as applied to the Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island."

Dr. Jennifer Matei, faculty mentor.

Kimberly Muller and Ryan Peters: "Trihalomethane formation potential in drinking water."

Dr. Eid Alkhatib, faculty mentor.

Rahul Shaw: "Fractals: The Mandelbrot and Julia Sets."

Dr. Peter Loth, faculty mentor.

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Dr. Jennifer Matei, faculty mentor.


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Dr. Shannon Brightman, faculty mentor.

Anne Coary: "Analysis of the volatile compounds of scratch and sniff stickers using GC/MS."

Dr. Penny Snetsinger, faculty mentor.


Dr. Carol Bant, mentor.
Horoscopes for week of April 10

By Linda Black

TMS Campus

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Take care of a financial matter with a partner or attorney on Monday and Tuesday. Pay a big bill on Tuesday or Wednesday but save enough to buy food. Definitely go somewhere fun this weekend, preferably with an older person you respect and admire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Take care of old business Monday and Tuesday and clean up everything you possibly can. Around Wednesday the sun will come into your sign, and you and a partner can accomplish a lot. Friday and Saturday should be good for shopping, especially if you want to buy expensive items that have to last a long time. Hang out with relatives on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Friends need your support on Monday and Tuesday. Get practical Wednesday and Thursday and get as much work done as possible. By Friday you'll lose interest in being serious, and you'll only want to play. It may be Sunday before you can be trusted to make wise financial decisions again, so take care!

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
You could get slightly frazzled on Monday and Tuesday. You should calm down on Wednesday, and Thursday looks good for romance. You should just lean back and enjoy the scenery.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
You may be in a good mood the first part of this week. Getting studying done will be hard — but worthwhile. The harder you work, the luckier you'll get. Schedule creative and sports activities for Friday and Saturday and do household projects on Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Travel conditions get much better then. Do planning and errands on Thursday. Tie up your place on Friday and Saturday so you can have company over on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
If you have partnerships or legal matters that need attention, do them Monday and Tuesday. Figure out your budget on Wednesday and Thursday and put as much as you possibly can into savings. Cram the most interesting activities you can think of into Friday and Saturday but keep Sunday quiet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Monday and Tuesday could be slightly stressful. After about Wednesday you'll become more interested in partnerships. Wednesday and Thursday will be good for serious discussions. You could discover a real treasure on Friday or Saturday, so dig for one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Monday and Tuesday should be lots of fun. Finish old business on Wednesday and Thursday. Keep a notebook around on Friday and Saturday; you'll come up with brilliant ideas then. Buy yourself a practical, special treat on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your home and family are important to you on Monday and Tuesday, so you can entertain around Wednesday. Fall in love on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday work needs to be done, so scurry around and do it. Have people over again on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Study on Monday and Tuesday, as quickly as you can. Make a big decision or two on Wednesday and Thursday. Get together with friends on Friday and Saturday. Go through your notes on Sunday and do whatever you've forgotten that's due tomorrow!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Put as much as you can into savings on Monday and Tuesday. As quickly as you can... Make a big decision or two on Wednesday and Thursday. Get together with friends on Friday and Saturday and go off with friends on Sunday.

Campus Happenings

Egyptian Coffeehouse today
Nadia, a professional choreographer and dancer will perform ancient Egyptian belly dancing in a beautifully crafted Egyptian costume today at 12:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. Share in the mystique of this exotic dance. The event is sponsored by the Commuter Council and Student Activities. Free to all SHU students with ID. $8 general admission.

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

The stories of Holy Week
At 7 p.m. tonight in the Chapel, award winning storyteller and author, Diana Crehan will transport us back to Palestine, as she tells the dramatic stories of the last month's of Jesus' life. Sponsored by the Department’s of Campus Ministry and Women's Studies. For more information contact Campus Ministry.

International Club sponsors Semi-Formal
The International Banquet "A Night on the Town" will take place tomorrow from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Toscano Park (2540 Park Avenue, Bridgeport). A buffet dinner will be served. Tickets will be $12 for SHU students and $15 for non-students, and will be sold in the International Center, FLIK, and in Hawley Lounge. For more information contact the International Multicultural Center at 396-8072.

Trip to Apollo Theater
The International/Multicultural Center along with UMOJA is sponsoring a trip to the Apollo Theater in NYC on April 26. Bus leaves at 3 p.m. in front of Public Safety. All participants will witness a live show. Contact Keysha Whitiker for ticket information at 245-6087.

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Why can we relate to 'The Sopranos'?

By Mike Antonucci

Knight-Ridder Tribune

Commentary

It may have been the ultimate pop culture intersection: "The Sopranos" paying tribute to Pokemon in the show's most recent episode.

"HBO's violent, profane and acclaimed series about everyday life in the mob ends its second season Sunday night as television's trendiest bloodfest. Some of that flair comes from an upsurge of snappy references about everything from the Beatles to Wal-Mart -- rat-a-tat dialogue that rubs out the line between normal people and criminals.

Each little quip sharpens the drama's most provocative questions: Is this a show about them being like us, or us being like them? And when did thuggery become so socially relevant?

"It's not the humanizing touches that are new," said Emily Fox Kales, an entertainment professor. "It's the sophistication -- the good ear they have for what's going on out there in the culture."

In just the last two episodes:

Crime boss Tony Soprano has worked Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow, the "Matt Helm" spy character and old-time movie star George Sanders into his conversation.

--Book references have included "Angela's Ashes," "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and Gail Sheehy's now classic "Passages."

--The History Channel, which has cropped up before, was mentioned twice, with a belligerent Tony telling his shrink that he saw a documentary reminding him of his constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness.

The hit HBO series, "The Sopranos" combines a variety of media within its text. Characters in the "Godfather" movies sometimes seemed to be in a world unto themselves, said Burgess and Green. Tony's family and mob "soldiers" strike an ominously different note by being so familiar to neighbors, schools and local merchants.

The implication for viewers may be that life is inherently sinful, or that we're able to rationalize our times in the dark side. Robin Green, one of the show's writers, mentioned it's that pact with the devil, made cuter by the panromatic cultural pater.

Vertical Horizon will be performing at SHU on April 27.

Rockers Vertical Horizon coming soon to SHU

Vertical Horizon, one of the hottest rock bands in the country, will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at Sacred Heart University's William H. Pitt Center.

"We're really excited that we could book this band," said Brandi Blevins, student government vice president and SET president. "Vertical Horizon is known for putting on a great show. I expect there will be a lot of enthusiasm."

The band was formed in 1991 by Matt Scannell and Keith Kane, when they were undergraduates at Georgetown University. Scannell is the lead vocalist and guitarist, while Kane also sings and plays guitar. Drummer Ed Toth and bassist Sean Hurley joined the group in 1996.

After three successful independent releases, Vertical Horizon made their major label debut on RCA with "Everything You Want," a mix of melodic songwriting and musicianship.

"They're simple songs played with sincerity," said Scannell. "That's where the excitement comes from, not through adding more notes and overplaying."

Songs such as "We Are," "Finding Me" and "You Say" are crammed with nuance and energy. Elsewhere, the melancholy streak of "Best I Ever Had" and the dark, imploring "Give You Back" provide another side of the band's talents.

General admission tickets for the April 27 performance are $12, $8 for SHU students. For more information, contact SET at 371-7846.
Cold War drama returns to live TV

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor
Commentary

Anyone who knows me well knows that I'm partial to George Clooney no matter what he does. But I have to say that I honestly think that his most recent project, CBS' "Fail Safe," which aired live last Sunday, was one of the most creative and daring projects in television this year.

The majority of today's television programming is a pre-recorded, carefully edited, high-budgeted product. Each week we watch our favorite television shows, knowing that the actors required many different takes to get their lines just right.

"Fail Safe" was aired live. It had a tiny budget of $5.5 million (Clooney himself cut out the big-wigs that made "Fail Safe" a genuine thriller.

Based on a 1962 novel by Eugene Burdick, "Fail Safe" is a remake of the 1964 film of the same name, starring Henry Fonda. Clooney even decided to shoot the film in black-and-white, not only to make it seem more authentic to the '60s, but also because it worked better aesthetically (a lesson learned from NBC's live "ER" episode).

The plot is simple: when an accidental order is given to drop a nuclear bomb on Moscow, the United States' fatal misfire, contends Newcomb, "The Sopranos" has become the pre-eminent TV experience.

Of course there were a few errors, but nothing monumental. A few line-flubs here and there, but nothing disrupted the film's desired (and achieved) effect.

Even for people who did not grow up with the Cold War, Clooney has staying power and probably do not really understand it, "Fail Safe" was actually quite effective.

And what was the outcome? "Fail Safe" was aired live.

Sopranos: Show uses varied media

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But the fine line that Newcomb has spotted is obvious to the writers and producers, too.

Burgess and Green say the quip about Matt Helm, who was defined by Dean Martin in four late 1960s movies, didn't feel right to James Gandolfini, who plays Tony Soprano.

But Chase had subbed it for another reference just because it sounded more humorous.

"That's part of the reason we do use these things," said Green. "They wake people up, and they draw people in."

Despite an occasional misfire, contends Newcomb, "The Sopranos" has become the pre-eminent TV experience.

"I think it's the best show on television, without question," he said. "It's the best written, the most provocative and the most significant. The significance is in asking us to consider real moral questions."
Lacrosse: Pioneers tied for fifth place in Northeast Conference.

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Ginny Capicchioni recorded 25 saves, a new school record. Capicchioni has a .651 save percentage this season.

The Pioneers then lost their next game to Mount St. Mary’s 8-5.

Bruckner led the scoring with a goal and assist while Mack, Pandolfi, Corrigan and Girouard each hit the net once.

Bruckner earned second Southeast Conference Rookie of the Week award with a total of seven points on five goals and two assists last week.

Despite the losses, head coach Laura Kortz was happy with the team’s performance and teamwork.

“I think we finally came together as a team this weekend. It was nice to see everyone play together and want to win together as a team.”

-coach Laura Kortz

The Pioneers remain confident that they will be contenders for postseason play.

“We played as a team this weekend and we almost beat the number one team,” Korutz said.

“This showed us that we can compete with the top level teams.”

Compete they have. The Pioneers are now ranked nationally in five different categories.

As of April 2, Sacred Heart ranked fifth in the nation for winning percentage, ninth for scoring defense and 15th for scoring margin.

Capicchioni is ranked first in the county for save percentage and eighth for goals against average.

The two losses dropped Sacred Heart into a tie for fifth place in the conference.

The top four teams will advance to the postseason tournament.

The Pioneers look to get back into the win column and jump in the standings as they take on Wagner and Monmouth this weekend.

“I feel very positive about this weekend,” Korutz said.

“Even though we lost these past two games, we came off of them seeing how well we can play together. This will be our motivation against teams like Monmouth and Wagner.”

Monmouth is currently tied for third place.

Sacred Heart travels to Wagner Saturday and plays at 1 p.m.

The Pioneers face Monmouth the very next day in a 1 p.m. match at Monmouth.

Baseball loses 3 NEC games

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

The baseball team dropped three of their four league games this past weekend, which puts the Pioneers in a tough position to make the Northeast Conference playoffs with a 4-5 record.

Sacred Heart dropped a doubleheader to Quinnipiac on Saturday and split with Central Connecticut on Monday.

The baseball team is still in the hunt for the playoffs, but they must put together a string of victories in the next few weeks.

The NEC playoffs will be held at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport, so the team has some added incentive for making the playoffs.

“We’re going to have to play well the rest of the way if we want to make any noise,” said senior shortstop Vic Rinaldi.

This was the first year the team went to Nationals.

The team competed in division 2 with a total of 24 teams.

They danced in the preliminary competition on April 6th and placed 13th.

Their routine, a mix produced by Raw Text, totaled 2 minutes and 15 seconds in length.

In preparation for Nationals the dance team worked hard practicing seven days a week for three hours a day.

Jaime Ouellette, dance team sophomore from Tolland, said, “We're so smart. You're about to finish college.

"I'm also very excited about the upcoming games. We've had a lot of success so far this season and we're looking to continue that trend.

"We're going to have to play well the rest of the way if we want to make any noise. The next two weeks are important for this ball club."

Quinnipiac exploded for a total of 33 runs including six home runs in two games on Saturday.

The Braves won the first game 16-9 and the second 17-1.

Dance team places in competition

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

The SHU dance team returned this week from their first trip to Nationals after placing 13th in competition.

Thirteen dancers from the team traveled to Daytona Beach Florida on April 5th. Their coach Lisa Grassi, who has been coaching for a year and a half, and advisor Diedre Eller, both former members and founders of the dance team here at SHU accompanied the 13 girls.

“We had some good performances,” said Morrison, “and though we’re not at full strength right now, we should be ready for our more important meets in the next few weeks.”

Thanks to all who entered our SmackDown the Dry Campus Contest.

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SHU Athlete of the Week

LaVacca posts record-setting numbers

Rich LaVacca, a senior on Sacred Heart's baseball team, completed a record-setting week on the diamond.

In four games this past weekend, the North Merrick, N.Y., native hit .360 at the plate and reached base on a school-record nine consecutive times. Last Saturday against Quinnipiac, LaVacca went 5-5 with two doubles and four RBI.

LaVacca's hitting surge boosted his batting average to .330, which ties him for the team's lead.

More NCAA changes pass

The NCAA Division I Management Council approved a landmark series of legislation aimed at reforming college basketball and reasserting the NCAA's grip on a sport many within the organization fear is on the verge of spiraling out of control.

In recommending nine pieces of legislation during its meeting in Indianapolis, the 34-member council of athletic administrators and faculty representatives hoped to "have a substantial effect of the culture of men's basketball and the way we operate," said Stanford athletic director Ted Leland, the council chairman.

The most controversial of the proposals is a plan that would eliminate the current summer recruiting structure beginning in 2002.

Under Monday's recommendations, the current 24-day recruiting period would be reduced to 14 days in 2001, with the current summer recruiting system eliminated the following year.

Leland, NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey and other NCAA officials said their plan is to have in place by 2002 a new summer recruiting structure that diminishes the influence of shoe companies and other outside influences such as AAU coaches.

"We've had a lot of people having an influence on young prospective student athletes who should not be in that position," Dempsey said.

The legislative package approved by the Management Council is expected to be passed by the Division 1 Board of Directors on April 27 in Indianapolis.

The board and leading conference commissioners in recent months have increasingly called for sweeping reform for men's basketball, especially in regards to summer recruiting following a series NCAA investigations of top players.

Nearly half of the universities in the top 10 spots in this season's final Associated Press Top 25 poll, seven of the top 25, had key players ruled ineligible for part or all of the 1999-2000 season for receiving benefits in violation of NCAA rules.

The Management Council also approved legislation designed to make universities more accountable in regards to graduation rates.

In a move designed to improve graduation rates and discourage coaches from running off players, the council approved a regulation that limits to eight the number of basketball scholarships a university can award in any two-year period with no more than five in any one year.

More than a quarter of the 64 universities (18) in this year's NCAA Tournament had 0 percent graduation rates for their men's basketball programs during the six-year reporting period ending in 1999, the most recent NCAA reporting period.

The council also approved sanctions for violations of NCAA gambling rules. Student athletes who engage in activity designed to influence the outcome of a contest or win-loss margins will lose their remaining college eligibility.

Student-athletes who bet or participate in organized gambling involving college or professional athletics will be suspended for a minimum of one season.
Lacrosse bonds
Pioneer goalies

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

A funny thing about time. As it passes, even the most significant events can develop without notice.

Such describes the bond that formed between three sophomore goalies on Sacred Heart’s men’s lacrosse team.

“We’ve always rooting for each other,” states Scott Urbinati, of Secaucus, N.J., about Levittown, N.Y., native Mike Kelly and Seaforth, N.Y.’s Mike DiPietro.

A loose-knit friendship that began when the trio stepped onto Campus Field for the first time blossomed as they traded turns deflecting shots.

“The three of us kind of do things aside of the rest of the team,” said DiPietro referring not only to the goalies’ practice habits, but their activities off the turf as well.

The old adage that opposites attract proves true in this case. Urbinati and Kelly agree that DiPietro’s maturity gives him a father-like aura.

Urbinati, by contrast, is a bit of a loose cannon. “Scotty’s more of a joker,” Kelly remarked.

Kelly may be the group’s fireplug, as evident by his highly intense style of play.

The three playfully deny that any bitter competition exists. When competition for SHU’s goaltending duties began in the Fall 1998 semester, the friendship began to take hold.

“We encourage each other,” Urbinati said. “During time outs we run across the field to say, ‘nice job’ to whoever’s playing.”

Sophomore goalies Mike DiPietro, back left, Mike Kelly, back right, and Scott Urbinati maintain a close-knit relationship despite competing for playing time on the lacrosse field.

Shawah leads strong track performances

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart men’s and women’s track teams earned a lot of first place finishes in the Wagner College Invitational on Staten Island, NY this weekend. The meet did not have team scoring.

Senior co-captain Michele Shawah was the women’s star athlete as always. Shawah broke her own outdoor school record in the long jump with a distance of 5’10”. Shawah also managed to place 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles.

Senior co-captain Jen McGovern won the 2000 meter steeplechase, while freshman Erica Sullivan and Jackie Beaulieu tied for first place in the high jump.

The women’s lacrosse team saw its six-game win streak end last weekend.

Win streak peaks then falls

By Kristen Lee
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart’s women’s lacrosse team recorded its sixth straight win last Thursday with an 11-6 victory over Siena.

The win set a new school record for consecutive wins.

Junior Laura Mack led the scoring with four goals. Jill Corrigan and Keri Remington contributed to the win with a goal and an assist each, while Jeanne Raba, Julie Pandolfo, Morgan Williams followed his example by placing hard in the javelin

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You’d think with all three of us there’d be hostility, but it makes it better for all of us,” DiPietro said.

Chances are if one is watching movies in a dorm room or organizing an even for the trio’s fraternity—Alpha Sigma Phi—the others won’t be far away.

“If someone’s looking for one of us, they’ll find one and just ask where he is,” Kelly said.

Their friendship is contagious. Each chuckles as they explain how their parents also became close friends with each other thanks in part to the younger generation’s cohesion.

Talking about their camaraderie evokes anecdotes as each humorously describes each other. Before long, laughter belies from among sets of lungs.

Gradually, silence sets in as all three for the first time seem to realize the tightness of their friendship.

“We wonder how we got so close,” Urbinati blurts out in no one in particular.

But no answer comes from DiPietro or Kelly. Each stares blankly ahead, pondering how such a vital friendship formed seemingly without notice.

Urbinati, distracted by thought as well, absent-mindedly offers an answer to his own question.

“I guess it just happened over time.”

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