Cernera, Ehrenkranz present book on peace and violence to Pope

Special to the Spectrum

While at the Vatican meetings with members of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, Sacred Heart President Anthony Cemera and Joseph Ehrenkranz, executive director of SHU's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, personally presented Pope John Paul II with a new book on religion and violence.

Religion and Violence, Religion and Peace, edited by Ehrenkranz and David Coppola, reflects the thoughts of notable leaders in inter-religious dialogue and peacemaking efforts, including papal and U.S. bishops and from three cardinals.

The book, published by the Sacred Heart University Press, is based on papers presented at a landmark 1998 CCU conference held in Auschwitz, Poland.

The conference brought Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders together to discuss the role that religion plays in cultivating peace or promoting violence.

"I am honored that we were invited to the Vatican to present personally this important book to the Pope, which is the culmination of years of work and thoughtful dialogue," said Cemera.

"The University's Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding continues to break new ground in fostering dialogue and greater understanding among people of different religious faiths."

"In order to build a lasting peace, we must engage in an open and honest dialogue. I am also pleased that the Sacred Heart University Press has made another important scholarly contribution to society, one that I hope will lead to greater understanding of ourselves and each other," added Cemera.

The book addresses the roots of peace in the Torah, the New Testament and the Qur'an. Additionally, several authors warn in their essays that religions still have the potential to incite wars and, as such, have grave responsibility to foster a spirituality committed to preserving life and cultures of justice.

In March, Cemera and Ehrenkranz traveled to Israel to meet with the Pope during his historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land to talk with him about the University's efforts to promote inter-religious dialogue.

The University also sponsored an address by the Pontiff at the Notre Dame Pontifical Institute to a gathering of Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Ehrenkranz summed up the reason for CCU's interest in publishing the book, saying, "My good friend Rabbi Rene-Samuel Sirat, Chief Rabbi of France, noted well that there is no such thing as holy war. Only peace is holy. And I believe that there is no peace without religious peace."

During the trip to Italy, Cemera met with several key Vatican officials in order to build on the University's strong relationship with the Holy See.

While in Rome, Cemera also met with officials to begin preparing for a major conference to be held in Rome in the Spring of 2002.

The Rome conference will be the fourth in a series probing what Christians and Jews want the other religion to teach about themselves.

By the end of the week, Cemera was pleased that the Sacred Heart University's efforts to promote inter-religious dialogue and to hold the conference had been recognized by the Pope.

At the same time, through the game of football, Boone and Yoast were able to help their small Virginian community put aside their intolerance and join together to support their children.

The Titans became one of the best teams in Virginia, compiling a 13-0 record and went on to win the state championship. Boone, now retired, continues to motivate and inspire.

Boone still resides in Alexandria, while his close friend Yoast lives in Bethany Beach, Del. Tickets are $2 for SHU students and $5 for community members. For more information, call 371-7846.
Who's Who applications due Feb. 26

Applications for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities are due on Feb. 26. Applications are available in the Student Life Office.

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Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

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Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Jan. 30 to Feb. 11

Jan. 30: 8:55 a.m.- An employee injured herself. Public Safety Officer responded and gave employee an ice pack. Employee declined any further medical attention.
12:07 p.m.- Person received two harassing non-threatening phone calls. Public Safety is investigating.

1:08 p.m.- Alarm was activated by burnt food.
2:00 p.m.- A University Vehicle window was cracked while driving off campus. Public Safety Officer filed a report.
4:04 p.m.- A laptop was reported stolen. Laptop was found.
6:13 p.m.- Harassing phone calls reported. Public Safety responded and filed a report. Phone calls were not threatening.
7:57 p.m.- A residents dressers were ruffled through. Public Safety responded and is investigating.
10:04 p.m.- Employees received racial harassing phone calls. Public Safety Officers responded and are investigating.
11:39 p.m.- Public Safety Officers responded and are investigating. Phone calls were not threatening.

Feb. 5: 12:19 p.m.- Public Safety Officers responded. Alarm was activated by a malfunction.
12:48 p.m.- A resident wasn’t feeling well. Public Safety Officers and AMR ambulance responded. Resident was transported to St. Vincent’s Hospital via ambulance.
11:45 p.m.- A resident threatened another. Public Safety responded and filed a report. Resident was informed to have no contact with the other.

Feb. 6: 1:17 a.m.- Public Safety received information about a resident possessing marijuana. Public Safety, Res Life, and Fairfield Police responded. Fairfield Police confiscated marijuana. Resident was arrested.
8:30 a.m.- The whole campus lost power. Power was restored a couple of hours later.

Feb. 7: 2:18 p.m.- A resident reported that a branch fell on her car. Public Safety Officer responded and filed a report.
2:18 p.m.- Public Safety Officers responded. Alarm was activated by a malfunction.
5:49 p.m.- Fire alarm. Public Safety Officer responded and filed a report.
7:43 p.m.- Motor vehicle hit and run. Public Safety filed a report. Student already filed a report with the Police.
10:35 p.m.- An employee reported he had frost burn from snow shoveling. Public Safety filed a report.
11:44 p.m.- Residential Life Confiscated a pellet gun. Public Safety filed a report.

Feb. 9: 8:29 a.m.- A fire extinguisher was discharged. Public Safety filed a report.
8:44 a.m.- A bollard was found damaged. Public Safety filed a report.
3:36 p.m.- Elevator Rescue. Public Safety Officers responded. Millar elevator co. arrived and opened rescued resident and 2 visitors.
5:05 p.m.- A residents door lock was vandalized. Public Safety Officer responded and filed a report. Locksmith was informed.

Feb. 10: 1:12 a.m.- Alcohol violation. Public Safety Officer and responded. Res life conducted a room search and confiscated a couple cans of beer.
2:27 a.m.- Alcohol violation. Public Safety Officers observed alcohol in a resident’s room. Residential Life confiscated alcohol.
1:45 p.m.- An RA reported the walls at a dorm were vandalized. Public Safety Officers responded. Building and Grounds was notified.

Feb. 11: 1:34 a.m.- Two residents were wrestling and caused a disturbance. Public Safety responded. Situation was over with before Public Safety arrived.
9:00 a.m.- A leased laptop was not returned. Public Safety filed a report and is investigating.

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Editorials

Spring concert coming soon, don't forget

Our annual Spring Concert is next month and tickets will be on sale in a few short days. That means it is time for students at SHU to take advantage of this tradition by attending.

Getting three national acts to play on the same stage is a difficult undertaking to pull off for even the most seasoned concert arena, let alone Sacred Heart. 3 Doors Down, Fuel and Oleander are all well known nationally and it is a big coup for us to have them play here.

Many acts of their stature and higher refuse to play at colleges altogether which makes SET’s job that much harder. Unlike the last couple of concerts, there is more than one band playing on the bill that have mainstream appeal. That should draw more people in, which makes it even more important to purchase your tickets early.

One bit of constructive criticism, though. Diversity of music is very important to draw a crowd when you are playing to a college audience. In the future, SET should try to book acts that have a variety of musical styles, like they’ve done in the past and like other colleges do. It’s not an easy thing to do, but students will appreciate it in the long run.

Seniors need to stay on top of credits

Graduation for many of us is closing in and those who are planning on walking in May might have received a shocking letter saying they don’t have enough credits to graduate. Many times it is not necessarily coming short of 120 credits, it’s missing a required class.

Listen to your advisors, but don’t take their advice as gospel. Sitting down with someone from the Registrar’s office, primarily Doug Bohn, well ahead of time will set you very straight on what you need to complete in order to graduate.

Bohn has been at SHU for decades and can help you out with exactly what you need to know so you don’t run into any problems once May comes around.

Keep in mind that SHU is offering turbo courses over Spring Break and there is still time to straighten things out. Make sure you know exactly where you are at in time so you won’t have to go through the stress of making up an extra course.

The SHU Voices

What's the next SHU sporting event you're going to and why?

Nichole Sallee
Ringgold, Ga.
Junior

“Basketball because I love watching the game and it’s fun.”

Suzanne Irvin
Greenlawn, N.Y.
Junior

“Basketball because I’m going with Nichole.”

Gaetano Marra, Jr.
West Haven
Junior

“The track and field conference meet because of the phat after-party at the piggy bank.”

XFL a novelty that will probably wear off soon

By Jay Senter
The Badger Herald

I watched the XFL last weekend and was pleasantly surprised. I liked it, at least mostly.

I thought the camera angles were innovative and the production quality was unexpectedly high. The players, though generally untalented, were driven, and you could tell they really cared about the game.

There was no obvious scripting, as I had feared, and the gratuitous camera shots of second-rate cheerleaders were kept to a minimum. But last weekend was only the beginning, and I can only imagine that things will get worse.

The positive qualities of the XFL are not inspired by Vince McMahon and his clan of loud wrestlers. Indeed, they are the work of NBC, the oldest and most reputable network in the land.

NBC has taken a huge gamble in pairing up with the XFL, and while the suits at the network may be smiling and smoking cigars now, they are likely to be missing advertising dollars in the near future.

Yes, the XFL attracted droves in Birmingham and Memphis, the people of LA and San Francisco are likely to scorn their XFL franchises.

And when viewership drops, NBC will realize that it has made a deal with the devil. If ratings slip, NBC, which appears to have had most of the production control thus far, will probably look to McMahon for pointy-er.

McMahon, after all, did turn professional wrestling into a multi-million dollar industry. And that means more scripting, more trash talking, and, yes, more gratuitous shots of second-rate cheerleaders for the XFL.

The cheerleader issue is where NBC stands to get in real trouble. Though there was not as much floozy camera time as expected, the up-close shots of the Las Vegas Xtreme cheerleaders were more than enough to unsettle the masses. Even XFL commentator Matt Vasgersian voiced his disapproval.

“I feel uncomfortable,” he said as the camera zoomed in for an X-treme close up of the jiggl­er posterior of a Hitwoman.

The attrition of the XFL cheerleaders makes the NFL cheerleaders look like winter coats. And, though I know this is an understatement, few of the XFL girls project a whole­some image that families can embrace.

The cleavage (no pun intended) between football and sex in the XFL is going to scare away advertising dollars that NBC should be raking in on a Saturday evening.

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Student attempts to sell his soul on eBay

Some people might think that selling their soul is a long and complicated process which requires lots of postage. Not Adam Burtle, whose soul has apparently gone digital.

As an adult student, CLA and a professional in the IT industry, it has been a privilege and a tremendous learning experience participating in Professor Pinto's classes. I recall my background in lay that you know that in the role of a developer I am not only learning the information being taught, I am also applying it to the position of professor only the students. Nothing can prepare you for teaching. As a student, I have been privy to professors' students. I have never had a professor that has treated me respectfully and challenged me like Professor Pinto has. Being a CLA, I discovered that I am not the student who is only a material and assigned projects that truly made a difference in my life. I realized that students can learn from the past mistakes of others.

Being out of school for 15 years and then returning was a very difficult transition. Knowing that Professor Pinto's Data Structures classes were introduced to me, I have never heard of them. Once I began the class and the material was explained, it was easy to understand and to work with. I have never had a professor with that much knowledge and patience. The assignments were designed to be challenging and yet allowed for a lot of individual creativity. Although a student may be able to get away with spending 7 hours on a project, I didn't have less than 20 hours per project. One class I assigned a project where you had to create your own database and integrate Java in the database. I really have no idea what happened to that project, but I think it was completed. The final exam was very fair, yet as and RA, I am offended that they say our professor has estimated the exam and the RA has marked the test. I was impressed that at that time I never had a project that was not a classroom project. I was never since I did the bulk of my homework over the weekend. When I told my husband of this, he made the statement "that is one dedication teacher" and I agreed.

From Data Structures came Multimedia. That is how I made my life changed forever. Professor Pinto taught that class like a pro. Once again his enthusiasm was contagious. His knowledge impossible and his assignments opened a door for me that I never knew existed. I can't begin to explain how a combination of his teaching and the subject matter changed my life. However, I will share a portion of that experience. Professor Pinto's assignments consisted of a theme that you had to work with, yet were flexible enough to allow for individual creativity. The class prorressed I found I wasn't nervous; I was challenged, motivated and excited. At that time I have never met a professor that was dedicated to teaching and teaching with passion.

One class he assigned a project where we had to teach the class about something, utilizing the Director software. At that time I was impressed with the using of the software. However, I think that I was able to learn the software and that is when I was impressed with the software. I was also impressed with the use as well. The assignment was clear and the RA's had showed me that professor's knowledge. The assignments were designed to be challenging and yet allowed for a lot of creativity. Although a student may be able to get away with spending 7 hours on a project, I didn't have less than 20 hours per project. One class I assigned a project where you had to create your own database and integrate Java in the database. I really have no idea what happened to that project, but I think it was completed. The final exam was very fair, yet as an RA, I am offended that they say our professor has estimated the exam and the RA has marked the test. I was impressed that at that time I never had a project that was not a classroom project. I was never since I did the bulk of my homework over the weekend. When I told my husband of this, he made the statement "that is one dedication teacher" and I agreed.

From Multimedia came Visual Basic and from Visual Basic came C programming. Every class except advanced philosophy has the assignments that was out of the books. Professor Pinto has exhibited the same enthusiasm, motivation and concern for his students as he did the first day I had him in the spring of 1999. Every class had its challenges and every class I walked away in awe of the knowledge I had obtained. From this experience I have learned that teaching is not when the student's speak about the information that is taught, but when the student's speak about the challenges that they faced. Professor Pinto's knowledge is vast and I do not think that I did the work. This is why I was so impressed with my professor. The assignments were designed to be challenging and yet allowed for a lot of creativity. Although a student may be able to get away with spending 7 hours on a project, I didn't have less than 20 hours per project. One class I assigned a project where you had to create your own database and integrate Java in the database. I really have no idea what happened to that project, but I think it was completed. The final exam was very fair, yet as an RA, I am offended that they say our professor has estimated the exam and the RA has marked the test. I was impressed that at that time I never had a project that was not a classroom project. I was never since I did the bulk of my homework over the weekend. When I told my husband of this, he made the statement "that is one dedica

As a professional, I see a well organized, conscientious, pre-active, caring, motivated, enthusiastic professor/administrator that takes pride in his work and one that needs to continue to improve his programs to ensure his success and the success of his students. For the past 5 years I have watched him teach and interact with students. He has repeatedly surpassed the respect and retention of his students.

Dear Editor,

I am writing because I am once again annoyed with the subject matter of the cartoon displayed in the Spectrum this week. Don't you think bashing RAs has gotten a little old?

I say this because I am an RA, and week after week I see the same old type of cartoon attacking RAs, and basically making me out to be the bad guys, who always ruin it for everyone making life in the residence halls absolutely no fun at all.

In order to establish a bit of order here, I'd like to point out a few things:

1) Our job is to enforce University policy. RAs do not make up the rules. The rules have been created to protect you, as students, and we are employed to enforce them.

2) RAs do not enjoy writing people up. We also do not decide what your sanction will be if you have been written up.

I have been an RA in East Hall for the past two years. It is a beautiful building, which cost a great deal of money, time and effort to build. It is spacious, well built, learning conducive, private and convenient for those who live and work within.

However, my fellow RAs and I are absolutely disgusted with the way the building is being treated this year. Since September, there have been several bathroom destroyers, two or three large holes put in the walls and many other areas of the building have been either damaged or destroyed. There is usually food thrown in the elevators and hallways and all over mini-Flik. Residents are taking the policies as a joke.

Many park anywhere they want to, in the drink residence halls and disrespect not only the RAs, but the Flik and cleaning employees of the building.

However, I am not accusing all residents of doing this. It is a shame that those who are innocent will be forced to pay (literally) for the stupidity for their class and building mates.

Through speaking with RAs in the other halls, I have found that these issues are not unique to East Hall, and that there seems to be a common trend of disrespect throughout the six residence halls.

I am disappointed at the people who are supposed to be mature adults, and I would like to ask them when they plan on growing up and taking responsibility for their actions.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am sick and tired of being disrespected because of my leadership position as an RA. I have no job and I love my residents. I love working with people and helping others - that is what RA is an RA about - it is about not getting people into trouble which is the downside of our job. You know about the policies when you decide to attend SHU, and if you are unaware of them, read the handbook.

Finally to the Spectrum. I respect you as a student newspaper, yet as RA, I am offended by the lack of respect hat get from you in the form of the week day cartoons. Instead of beating a horse week after week, why not write a more creative and think of something else to make fun of?
Royal leads; change follows

By Allison Keck
Staff Writer

Marvin Royal is trying to make a difference - not just on the football field, but in social and academic life at SHU. He wants SHU to discover the contributions black heroes have made to American life.

Royal is a junior pre-med Biology major with a minor in psychology, from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Royal transferred to Sacred Heart from Fairchild University his sophomore year and is a member of the Pioneer Football team. Royal is also the president of UMOJA African-American Organization. UMOJA means unity in Swahili.

Royal hopes to spread diversity around the SHU community. Royal hopes to challenge SHU for the recruitment of minority students, especially African-American and Latinos.

Alexis Dionne, a UMOJA member, said that "An African American and Hispanic parent on a campus tour came up to me and asked me if we had any organizations for African Americans or Hispanic’s."

Morah said he told the parents about UMOJA and what the students were white, and only six percent were black.

In the fall of 1999, 90 percent of the faculty, including full and part-time, were white and only 2.90 percent were black.

In an UMOJA meeting, Royal brought up the concern about getting information about UMOJA up to admissions for prospective students. UMOJA has created a pamphlet for prospective students about the mission and contributions of the organization.

Royal said people should "Be a part of it. Everyone should open their minds and their hearts to get new information," said Royal. "If people do not do that, then how can a university succeed in being diverse?"

For Sacred Heart University, Royal believes that minority issues should not just concern African Americans but everyone.

"Black History Month is not a mystery. It is American History," is a quote Royal likes made by Terry Walden, community coordinator of UMOJA. He believes in this quote and wants others to as well.

Royal said, "I am blessed by God because he has afforded me the opportunity to receive an education and the respect of peers, faculty and administration."

He is also thankful for his efforts in getting diversity recognized on the University campus. The theme for Black History Month is "Be a part of it." Royal cannot stress enough for the SHU community to "be a part of it" and learn of the importance African American culture for all people.

AIDS Awareness hits SHU

By Kerry Freed
Staff Writer

You are 7 years old. Your name is Alex. On a regular day at a car trip, you asked your father if you have AIDS. The older you get, the more pills you have to take. You go into a nightmare from which you can never awake.

"Think it can’t happen to you? Well think again," said Kelly Fitzgerald, Student Activities graduate assistant. "If you are who is very involved in the AIDS Awareness activities.

7 year old Alex was infected through his mother. She had complications during her pregnancy and while giving birth she needed a blood transfusion. She then went on to breast feed her son.

When Alex’s mother’s friends to donate blood, she discovered that she had been infected with HIV. It is suspected that she passed HIV to Alex through breast feeding.

February 18th to February 25th is AIDS Awareness Week at SHU. The theme is “Many Infected, All Affected.” Phi Omega Tau will be selling red ribbons throughout the week, and distributing educational materials.

On Feb. 18, at 7:30pm in the Mahogany Room the Opening Ceremonies will take place. On Mon. Feb. 19, from 12 noon to 1 pm. there will be a book discussion. There will be a discussion panel on AIDS hosted by the task force at 7pm in the Mahogany Room.

On Wed. February 21 is packed with events. At 2pm. in the Mahogany Room, there will be a guest speaker who is living with AIDS. SHU students will be able to see student government members roaming the halls as AIDS victims.

There will be a book drive and a raffle for a great prize during Senior Pub night. Children’s books will be collected and donated to the AIDS ward of the Children’s Medical Center of Connecticut.

On Fri. Feb 23, students can learn how easily AIDS can spread with a demonstration in the Mahogany room from 11:30 to 12:15. Sunday ends the week with a mass and candlelight vigil in the Mahogany Room at 9pm.

"I think that everyone should be aware of and actively involved in AIDS awareness week. I was once told that by 2004 everyone will either be related to or have a friend who has died of AIDS," said freshman class treasurer Lauren Collins.

"HIV has killed more Americans than the Vietnam and Korean Wars added together and is poised to kill more people in the first decade of the 21st century than all wars combined," according to the Do It Now Foundation.

"In the United States last year, one out of every four reported new HIV infections occurred in a person under 22 years of age," according to the Center For Disease Control.

This Center also reports, “Most people diagnosed with AIDS before the age of 30 were infected with HIV in their teens or twenties.”

"It is so important for students to understand that AIDS thrives because of our ignorance about the disease," said Fitzgerald. "Education is key to our survival. Take the time during AIDS Awareness Week to learn the facts.”

"Help yourself be a statistic by choosing to stay uninformed. Help make a difference for yourself and for those you love," said Fitzgerald.
before she arrives
an elderly gentleman approaches me
and questions
whether or not
i was here a couple of weeks ago
mind u -
i'm in this quiet
little koffee house in hartford, connecticut
i reply
i: no sir, must've been someone else  [pause]
this is my first time

he comments on how lovely my scarf is;
it is a black and grey combination,
a new york sidewalk special
i had picked up a few years back
u: are u sure?

and i cordially reply,

E: positive, but thank you and i absolutely luv that jacket

my attention became diverted
by a stranger walking
through the large glass window
she was clothed in pink
hot pink on wintry afternoon
i wishing my love would come soon
i carefully sipped thoughts of her
swelling my heart
becoming more full than the moon
i leisurely regained my focus
but not before noticing
he reticently sat down
at my table
i abruptly re call
that this happening somewhat resembled
the watching of a lone episode
of that television series queer as folk on soundtrack
he flirted
i questioned whether or not
it was a compliment
or just some type of complication
he probably not knowing
that i was accustomed
to heterosexual relation ships
i never had any
self-interest in driving stick
i then realized that he was gay
and probably filled with much more
than happiness or koffee
he continued to flirt

i quickly gather my wits and remarked,

i: my girlfriend should be coming any minute

but i was actually thinking
how i rarely had ever appreciated geometric shapes
and how i absolutely hate rectumstinzangled
withpenises
[that's that new millennium geometric shape]
and how i also never really cared for triangles either
whether they were black, white, or even an jewish-pink
and although prisms were vividly
reflecting off the glasses
we both held in hand
we quietly sipped on our koffee lattes,
his with extra kream,
cautiously looking in each other's eyes
apparently for different reasons
he smiled with pleasing eyes
i reply,

[pause: enters a beautiful woman from stage left wearing a black pea coat with an underlying pink skirt]

i: i too mourned the death of matthew shepard,
but i'm not a lost sheep in search of one

and Anna Cooper.

Our societies are not living America's Dream. Many of us
are living in America's night-
mare of poverty, manacles of
segregation, and chains of dis-
crimination in the midst of a
sea of material prosperity.

We live in a society that does not offer equal opportunity to the
means of produc-
tion - such as social programs,
and proper representation.

I challenge students, facul-
ty, and staff not to participate for a
moment of gratification or for
some community service points,
but to be a part of change to
relinquish the social cries of our
community.

Therefore, we can not only celebrate, but in the words of
Dr. King, "we have come here
today to dramatize an appalling
condition."

Lopez sizzles in song; fizzes on screen

By Allison Keck
Contributing Writer

Despite all the hoop la of Jennifer Lopez's boyfriend, rap-
er Sean "Puffy" Combs' trial in the spotlight, Lopez has been promoting her recent movie and
album releases.

Recently Jennifer Lopez, actress/singer, had both her new
movie, The Wedding Planner and her sophomore album, J.Lo,
released a week apart from one another.

Lopez, originally from Bronx, New York is one of the
leading Latin pop stars to be successful as an actress and
singer.

Lopez's major break in tele-
vision was in 1990 when she
won a dance contest to become
a Fly Girl on the Fox Television
comedy series, In Living Color.
After television, Lopez moved
onto the big screen to star as
Selena Quintanilla, a high-pro-
file role of the murdered Tejano
star in the 1997 movie, Selena.

Lopez became the highest
paid Latin actress in history
after her appearance in the 1998
movie, Out of Sight, appearing
opposite of George Clooney.
However, her role in Selena led
her to a music career. In 1999,
Lopez released her first album,
On the 6.

In last week's movie polls, The Wedding Planner was #1 on
the charts making 11 million
dollars, while the movie,
Valentine, was in second place
with 10.1 million dollars.

With the release of Hannibal over the
weekend, The Wedding Planner,
slipped to the number two spot.

The Wedding Planner is a
romantic comedy about a
woman' named Mary Fiore
(Lopez), who is one of the best
wedding planners in the state of
California.

In contrast to her profes-
sion, Fiore leads an unromantic
life and professes, "those who
money can't buy."

Life changes for Fiore one
afternoon when the heel of her
 Gucci shoe gets stuck in a man-
hole and she is saved by a hand-
some doctor named Steve
Edison (Matthew McConaughy,
EdTY).

The two spend a romantic
evening together and Mary
thinks she may have found Mr.
Right, until Steve turns out to be
the fiancé of her latest client,
Fran Donolly (Bridgette
Wilson-Sampras).

As the planning of the wed-
ding becomes more involved,
Fiore and Edison's attraction
grows.

The Wedding Planner may
be titled a romantic comedy, but
it lacks the comedy. There was
not much to laugh at, which
made the movie a bit boring and
long.

If you want to see the
comedic parts of the movie, all you
do have is watch the previews.

Last week's Top 10 album charts had Jennifer Lopez's
sophomore album, J.LO in the
number one spot. Last year's
Beatles' eight week stint on top.

While Lopez's movie may
not be the greatest, she makes
terrible R&B and pop music that
makes her sophomore album
worth listening to.

J.LO, has a feisty, "damn I
know I'm all that attitude,"
combined with pulsating, insis-
tent beats that leap out of
the stereo speakers, making the lis-
tener want to get up and dance.

With Lopez's first single
and video, "Love Don't Cost a
Thing," continue to hold a top
spot on the charts.

Her first single challenges
listeners to believe that women
who wear Versace would rather
be happy with a guy who "gives
me all the things I need that
money can't buy."

J.LO features romantic bal-
lads, but Lopez should have
stuck to more up-beat songs and
left out the romantic and salsa
type songs.

If you overlook those flaws,
J.LO has all the right moves.
Just let the music play and enjoy
the fantastic beats.
"Cast Away" stands alone in oscar land

By John Ruggiero
Staff Writer
Film Review

Can you say hat trick? For those of you who are familiar with hockey terms, a hat trick refers to one individual in a single game scoring three goals. In Tom Hanks' case, many believed that for his roles in Apollo 13 and Saving Private Ryan, that would have made him the third Oscar or Academy Award for Best Actor.

But on those early spring evenings in late March each year, the team at the same empty handed. Tom Hanks had won on two prior Academy Award ceremonies in 1993 and 1994 for his roles respectively Philadelphia and Forrest Gump. But with the Christmas 2000 entry of Cast Away, Hanks outdoes himself once again by portraying the character of Chuck Noland, a man of survival and courage. And once again rumors start to fly about the possibility of an Academy Award nomination for Hanks that would make victory number three.

Just recently Hanks wrapped up yet another Golden Globe Award for his most recent role in Cast Away. Usually the Golden Globes are just a preview of what to expect as far as winners and nominations go for the Academy Awards - unless you're Jim Carrey who won two years in a row in the Golden Globes but failed to receive a nomination from the Academy. But Hanks is a different character and has more pull within Hollywood and should not only be nominated for Cast Away, but should pull out his third victory.

Cast Away was directed by Robert Zemeckis, also known of the film Noland is a travelling Fed-Ex employee who on Christmas Eve needs to fly through a terrible Pacific Ocean storm but doesn't quite make it to its destination. Noland is the sole survivor from the plane crash and strays off onto an island where nothing but plants and trees live. And it's up to Noland and only Noland to survive on his own, he must make it through the impossible with only debris washed ashore and a volleyball for a friend he

Some people might say dancing not a real sport. They might even believe that when it comes to dance, anyone has the ability, coordination, and skill to perform with grace and flexibility. For the Sacred Heart Dance team, dancing is hard work, long hours of practice and determination, and especially not all fun and games.

Senior Christine Dimick wakes up at 6:30 a.m. by the sound of a wailing alarm clock. She jumps out of bed, barely has time to grab a quick bowl of cereal, and makes a mad dash to the Pitt Field, which is traveling to Daytona Beach, Florida to compete in the National Cheer and Dance Competition, which airs on CBS Sports. In order to qualify for such an event a videotape of the team's performance must be sent in. Then they compete for a chance to perform in preliminaries and finals. The dance teams are also ranked under the top 25 best, but even if not ranked the teams can still compete in competition; however, if they do not win in preliminaries, there is no advancement to the finals. Though the team did not place under the top best last year, the ranked eighth this year. Preliminaries will take place on April 5 and the team must place in the top ten to compete in the finals on April 6.

"The girls will most likely place among the top ten. We know what the program is looking for, such as skill, technique, and style. As a team we have reached a height that has never been reached before," explained Eller.

The team will be holding numerous raffles in the future to help raise money for their competitions. A second Service Perry will be held on Feb. 27, which will also count towards their Daytona trip.

"We are extremely hard workers and try to always give 110%," said Dimick. "We all give it our best, but even if not ranked the teams can still compete in competition; however, if they do not win in preliminaries, there is no advancement to the finals."

The SHU Dance team will also be competing in two additional programs. On Feb. 24 at Quinnipiac, the team will participate in the Regional Dance Competition. Also on March 31, in N.Y. the team will perform with other teams all over the nation in the Big Apple Classic.
The Minneapolis Genius or just Prince

By Joseph Brigante
Staff Writer
Commentary

Before I graduated high school, I remember watching a music video from Sheena Easton called "Sugar Walls." It was so unusual and bizarre, I thought it was definitely written by Prince.

The next day, I went to a friend's house who had an album from her. It credited the song to Alexander Nevermind. Right away, I knew that it was Prince, as Alexander Nevermind is one of his many pen names.

As he became an overnight success with the "Purple Rain" film and album, Prince was even more explosive before that. In 1977, he would be the youngest artist to sign a record deal with Warner Brothers at 19 years old.

Even more unique was that he produced, arranged, composed, and performed virtually every song on his first album, "For You." The same applied with his next four albums.

What I found even more of interest about Prince is how he wrote, played, and produced other artists, and took no credit for it.

In 1981, Prince produced the first album he was not credited on to having involvement. "The Time" for the group, The Time. The album is credited to be produced by Morris Day, the lead singer in the group, and Jamie Starr, who really is Prince. What the album does not say, though, is that Jamie Starr wrote virtually every song and played all the instruments on the album.

The Time, which is a group of six people, did most of the instrument playing on live stage performances, while Prince did all the written of songs and playing of instruments on the album. Yet, he stayed anonymous.

In 1982, when Prince came out with the "1999" album and wrote and played the next Time album, "What Time Is It?", he put together his first female group, Vanity 6.

They were represented as a group of three women who wore sexy lingerie, not hesitating to show their sexuality. Two years later, Madonna would copy this with her "Like A Virgin" album and later albums. Yet, the concept was originally the idea of Prince.

In 1984, "Purple Rain" would be released in theaters, and Prince would be an international star, equaling the status of Michael Jackson. The film was about Prince and his group, the Revolution, being a rival against The Time and Apollonia 6.

The irony was that in real life, Prince was the person who wrote the songs for The Time and Apollonia 6, including all the songs in the film.

The same year, 1984, Prince not only showed the talent of himself and other groups, but he brought other people to stardom. Chaka Khan hit the top of the international pop charts with "I Feel For You". Prince would also win a Grammy the same year for the song, Sheila E.'s "The Glamorous Life" album would be written and produced by Prince under the pen name, Vanity 6.

The Starr Company, and she would become an immediate star, with "The Glamorous Life" single hitting number 7 on the pop charts. She would come out with four albums a year after that. The same year, Sheena Easton hit number one with "Sugar Walls". Prince seemed to be on top of the world.

In 1985, Prince and Revolution would have the fastest selling album of all time in Warner Brothers history, "Around the World In A Day". While in 1986, the Bangles would hit the charts for their first time with "Manic Monday", written by Prince under the name Christopher.

On the album the song came from, "A Different Light", The Bangles gave a special thanks to P.R.N. (Prince Rogers Nelson).

In 1990, the number one selling single of the whole year would be "Nothing Compares 2 U" by Sinéad O'Connor, sung by Prince. Even though he sings that song much better than she does, it was because of this song that Sinéad became a star in the US. In 1990, M.C. Hammer would use two Prince songs, "When Doves Cry" and "Soft and Wet" for two songs on his album, "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em", which would be the number one selling album of the year. Even later rap stars would copy Prince's ideas of written songs, including gangster rap artists.

So the artist many people have ridiculed as being a "creep," "weird," "disgusting," and "gay" is the same artist who has influenced music and songs over the last two decades. He could not be the worst person in the world.

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Oscar Nominations are in

Best Picture
Chocolate
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Eric Brockovich
Gladiator
Traffic

Best Director
Ang Lee, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
 Ridley Scott, Gladiator
Stephen Daldry, Billy Elliot
Steven Soderbergh, Erin Brockovich
Steven Soderbergh, Traffic

Best Actor
Javier Bardem, Before Night Falls
Russell Crowe, Gladiator
Tom Hanks, Cast Away
Ed Harris, Pollock
Geoffrey Rush, Quills

Best Actress
Joan Allen, The Contender
Ellen Burstyn, Requiem for a Dream
Juliette Binoche, Chocolat
Laura Linney, You Can Count on Me
Julia Roberts, Erin Brockovich

Best Supporting Actor
Jeff Bridges, The Contender
Willem Dafoe, Shadow of the Vampire
Benicio Del Toro, Traffic
Albert Finney, Erin Brockovich
Joaquim Phoenix, Gladiator

Best Supporting Actress
Judi Dench, Chocolat
Marcia Gay Harden, Pollock
Kate Hudson, Almost Famous
Frances McDormand, Almost Famous
Julie Walters, Billy Elliot

Best Screenplay: Adaptation
Robbie Nelson Jacobs, Chocolat
Wang Hui Ling, James Schamus, and Tsai Kuo Jung, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Ethan Coen and Joel Coen, O Brother, Where Art Thou?
Stephen Gaghan, Traffic
Steve Kveses, Wonder Boys

Best Screenplay: Original
Cameron Crowe, Almost Famous
Lee Hall, Billy Elliot
Susannah Grant, Erin Brockovich
David Franzoni, John Logan, and William Nicholson, Gladiator
Kenneth Lonergan, You Can Count on Me

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Tie vs. Quinnipiac puts men's ice hockey unbeaten streak at five games

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

Fairfield University traveled to the Milford Ice Pavilion in hopes of earning two points in the MAAC conference. That would not be the case as Sacred Heart defeated the Stags by a score of 4-1.

The Pioneers continued their dominance at home by earning a 2-2 tie against Holy Cross on Saturday and earned a 3-3 tie against Quinnipiac last Friday.

SHU has six regular season games remaining and five of them are at the Milford Ice Pavilion. The team is currently in sixth place, and is only four points out of fourth and a home play-off game.

“We have been very successful at home this season, said sophomore defenseman Bryan Reilly. “We need to gain home ice for the play-offs because not many teams have much success in school.”

The Pioneers earned a hard fought victory last Friday against Fairfield 4-1. Mike Reagan started things off for his team to give SHU a 1-0 lead. Fairfield fought back to tie the game at 1-1 on a goal by James Lubinski. It was the only shot the Pioneers would get by Eddy Ferhi as he recorded 41 saves on the home night.

Mike Forliski tied the game-winning goal halfway through the second period. Jesse Salmarsh took a pass from Marc Fournier and shot it tipped off of Forsland’s shoulder and into the net.

Lloyd Marks padded the Pioneer lead to 3-1 as he hit the lamp in the closing minutes of the middle frame.

Reagan tallied his second of the night in the third to ensure the 4-1 victory for his team.

Holy Cross battled to a 2-2 tie with the Pioneers on Saturday afternoon at the MIP. Ferhi was solid between the pipes and recorded 29 saves on the night.

The Crusaders drew first blood on a goal by Brian Akashian in the first period.

Lloyd Tennant tickled the twine in the second period to tie the game 1-1.

SHU peppered the Crusader net with many shots, but to no avail. With 9.6 seconds remaining in the second period Paul Spisito made a centering pass to Fournier, who wasted no time and buried the biscuit in the back of the net.

The score remained knotted at 2-2 for the remainder of the game. The Pioneers pulled off an impressive comeback effort against Quinnipiac to earn a 3-3 tie last Friday.

SHU scored late in the second period to get his team on the board. SHU trailed 3-1 heading into the third period when Reagan took over and lit the lamp twice in the final frame to cap off the comeback effort.

The Pioneers return home for the remainder of the season, when they play Iona on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the MIP.

Women's hoops holds St. Francis 74-64

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team defeated St. Francis this past Monday night 74-64. The Pioneers led by seven at the half, 39-32 on the strength of ten points from senior forward Heather Coonradt (Interlaken, N.Y.) and nine from Leslie Newhard (Northampton, P.A.).

The Pioneers came out strong in the second half. They were able to keep a lead of 20 with 7 minutes remaining, 64-44.

The Red Flash refused to quit, going on an 18-3 run. In the final minutes of play Sacred Heart made seven of eight foul shots to preserve the win. Sacred Heart was led by point guard Ashley Durmer (Nashua, N.H.) who came up with 16 points, tying her career high.

She had four instrumental free throws at the end of the game.

Newhard picked up fifteen points in the contest as they finished the game with 14.

Sophomore center Tara Brady (Wescosville, P.A.) had 13 points, seven rebounds and a career high four assists.

Head Coach Ed Swanson looks to keep his team relaxed and focused on each game one at a time.

There are four games remaining for the Pioneers.

After their second straight victory over St. Francis they again will be competing for first place at Mount St. Mary’s this Saturday. SHU is currently in a three-team tie and only one game behind the Mountaineers.

With the win on Monday SHU now supports its bid for a Northeast Conference Tournament. The Pioneers are currently at 9-5 in the NEC (12-11 overall) and are looking for a win this Saturday at Mount St. Mary’s.

Unsung Hero: D’Amico leading the cheers

By Gaetano Marra
Staff Writer
Profile

They are seen at virtually every football game. They are heard at the basketball games. They are a huge part of the school spirit displayed at all the sporting events on campus. They are not seen however practicing for hours upon hours, trying to perfect their routines and become better athletes.

The SHU cheerleaders work just as hard, if not harder than any other sport on this campus. It seems as if sometimes their dedication even outshines that of the bigger, more popular sports.

One main reason for this has been the contributions of Stacey D’Amico, this week’s Athletic Unsung Hero Award Winner.

D’Amico, a junior from Poughkeepsie, NY, transferred from UNC Greensboro last year. She claims that cheerleading is a big part of her life. And that it is, as she has been cheering for the past 12 years.

“I absolutely love it,” D’Amico said. “I love everything about it. I love stunting and being tossed in the air. I love working the crowd.”

D’Amico currently maintains a 3.5 GPA, and is very dedicated to her work and out of class commitments.

When I told her about her honor she was receiving, she said that she is “so honored,” she said. “It feels awesome and I am so excited.”

“I am so honored,” she said. “I feel good cause finally someone is recognizing us as a sport. I only wish that more of the administration and the university would give us the same respect as any other sport, and not just some activity.”

Fallen roommate and cheerleader Kristin Arnoldt nominated D’Amico for this award, and praises her cheering ability.

“She is an amazing cheerleader, with great jumps, motions, and stunting ability,” Arnoldt said. “Her role as captain of the cheerleading team has inspired all the girls. Most importantly, her persistence with the athletic department has taken places we didn’t think possible two years ago.”

D’Amico speaks highly of Arnoldt as well. “Kristin gives me a lot of support. She always helps me out a lot, and I appreciate that she nominated me. She is just an awesome cheerleader.”

D’Amico has set goals for both her team and herself. She seems to be right on track.

“My individual goal is to get Sacred Heart cheerleading more recognized on campus,” she said. “As a team, we are going to nationals in April in Daytona. Our goal is to make the top 5, and possibly even place.”

D’Amico also is thankful for the great coaching she has received. “In the past, we haven’t had a good record of winning, she said. “In the past, we haven’t had a good record of winning, but this year I am so excited.”

D’Amico is a human moveable object. She, (Head Coach Kelly Tedesco) saved us last summer when she told us she would be our new coach. She helps us out a lot, and we appreciate it,” she said. “She loves cheering just as much as we do.”

D’Amico is a human movement/exercise science major. She has a strong desire to combine her love for the sport with learning. I asked D’Amico where she sees herself 5 years from now.

“I probably will end up somewhere around here, but I wouldn’t mind moving down south, maybe to Florida,” she said. “I want to coach my own cheerleading team one day. I also would like to be a strength and conditioning coach, and help other athletes get ready for competition, no matter what the sport may be.”

With a great coach, a great team, and D’Amico leading the way, the SHU cheerleaders are almost certain to make some noise at the national competition in April. She has already helped make the cheerleaders more well known and respected on campus, and with a past as filled with as much success as hers, there is just no telling how bright her future will be.
Sacred Heart wrestling strengthening squad and getting the recognition they deserve

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The second year he worked with a strong freshman recruiting class including Jason Cuoco. This year, with upperclassmen leadership and with the addition of freshman recruits Steve Forrest, Rob Bellville, and Derek Venne, the team has more new talent to develop.

The wrestling program has made great strides from three years ago. The inaugural season, the Pioneers record was 3-18. Last year the team went 4-6 in dual meets and three wrestlers placed in the East Coast Championships. So far this year, the team has posted a record of 10-7, and they are even more competitive in their league and have athletes atop the national rankings.

Shawn and Anthony Reynolds tell what it takes to succeed on the mat

By Michele Shawah
Contributing Writer

The Spectrum talked with Shawn and Anthony Reynolds (Berlin) about their wrestling experience and the impact the sports has on their lives.

Sophomore Anthony Reynolds competes in the 184 lb. weight class. This year, he is ranked 20th in the nation in his weight class by the Amateur Wrestling News and 25th in the Division I National Rankings. He is ranked second in his weight class in the East Coast Wrestling Association (ECWA). Reynolds is also ranked fifth in pins and fourth in wins in the NCAA Division I polls.

In order to accomplish his goals, Reynolds participate in rigorous practices, lifts three times a week, and watches his diet to maintain his weight. When he makes it to a meet the matches are very grueling. He believes that “people only see you for seven minutes on the mat but they have no idea how very tiring wrestling is.”

Reynolds hard work and perseverance has paid off for him this season. Reynolds most memorable match of the season was at Boston University where he defeated Josh States, a senior from Buffalo ranked 17th in the nation.

Reynolds also views losses as an opportunity to learn. He thought his match at Seton Hall where he lost 4-2 was a “wake up call” to what he was doing to boost his team’s confidence.

He believes two to six of his athletes have a chance of scoring points at the upcoming NCAA Championships and the team may be able to break into the top 25 national ranking.

He believes his team’s success can be attributed to the fact that the athletes “get along and enjoy each other. All the different personalities contribute to the spirit of the team.”

Leading the Sacred Heart wrestling arsenal is an athlete Reynolds describes as having “more heart than anyone he’s ever seen,” that “wins a lot because he has a never give up attitude.”

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Reynolds admits he looks for “good kids-not necessarily the best in the country.” He wants recruits to “fit the coaching style of the programs.” He actively seeks recruits by watching him at meets, watching videotapes and checking the national rankings. He tries to keep the best high school wrestlers in the state of CT in the state.

According to Reardon, “there is no single characteristic you can show to what makes a good wrestler.” A good wrestler has “balance—an all-encompassing determination and commitment to count­less hours of training and main­taining weight.”

Reardon has high hopes for his team which placed sixth out of 42 teams in the Sun Shine Open in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Beating top teams like James Madison and the Citadel helps.

Jared Reardon also views losses with the work of Rob Bellville, who wrestles in the 149 lb. weight class. According to Reardon, “he’s got it. He works hard and pushes teammates in practice. Everyone knows they will get better by practicing with him.”

With the efforts of upperclassmen leaders and talented underclassmen, the team has a bright future ahead of them. The SHU wrestling team was named by the Boston Globe as the next program to crack the top 25 in the national rankings.

Right now, Reardon’s main focus is to keep his athletes healthy for the upcoming ECWA Championships from March 3-4 at Seton Hall. In the future he hopes that a few of his wrestlers may be ranked in the top 8 in the nation so they can receive All-American status.

SHU Athlete of the Week

Reagan gets four points in past three games to continue the five game winning streak

By Richard Reardon

Freshman Mike Reagan (Canada) started things for the Men’s ice hockey team in their game against Fairfield. Reagan tallied two goals for the night to ensure the 4-1 victory for the Pioneers. Against top MAAC team Quinnipiac Reagan fit the lamp twice in the third period to give the Pioneers the 3-1 tie.

Reagan has contributed greatly to the Pioneers continuing five game winning streak. 

Sports Schedule for February 15-21

Tonight

Men’s Basketball vs. Long Island 7 p.m.

Sat. Cont.

Men’s Basketball vs. Wagner 2 p.m.

Friday

Men’s Ice Hockey @ Army 7 p.m.

Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Hamilton 3 p.m.

Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Iona 7 p.m.

Saturday

Women’s Basketball @ Mount St. Mary’s 3 p.m.

Wrestling vs. RIT 3 p.m.

Women’s Basketball vs. UMBC 5 p.m.

Sunday

Men’s Basketball vs. St. Francis 7:30 p.m.
Wrestlers pin Division I ranking

Michele Shawa
Contributing Writer

At the winter sports pep assembly this year, the wrestling team stood out for its enthusiasm and spirit. The team stormed into the Pitt Center and commanded everyone's attention with their muscular bodies draped in toga cloth.

Some team members hoisted other team members onto their shoulders and yelled loudly to gain the attention of the student body.

The same spirit and character that was evident early on in the season has carried the SHU wrestling team to national recognition.

Because of the wrestlers' dedication and love for the sport, they have developed a solid program in three short years.

Due to the talent of brothers Shawn and Anthony Reynolds, Greg Ruggiero, Jason Cucolo, Rob Belville, and other recruits, the program has reached a higher level of success.

The SHU wrestling team is ranked third in the New England All-Division Rankings, ranked fifth in the East Coast Wrestling Association (ECWA) rankings, and has individual wrestlers that are nationally ranked in pins, wins, and overall records.

Three years ago, Coach Brian Reardon had to work with what he had. He began by developing the talents of Shawn Reynolds and Greg Ruggiero, who were part of the original group. These two wrestlers learned from Reardon's coaching style and were able to become role models for new team members.

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