**Old gym renovations on hold due to lack of funds**

By Lori Singer  
Staff Writer

Construction on the old gym has come to a halt because of lack of money. The $2 million renovation project involves transforming the old gym into administrative offices, extending the main entrance to the Academic Center and creating a side entrance. The plan for the reconstruction was approved within the last year. Funding for the project is coming directly from the university.

“We would like to continue the project at the level we intended. If we were to proceed using the money we have currently, we would have to take shortcuts, meaning reductions in the construction,” said Vice President of Finance, Paul Madonna. Consequently, the project has been put on hold “pending the accumulation of more money,” he added.

The 16,000 square foot area will be renovated to bring together in one place, all enrollment and student services. The new space will include the registrar’s office, all of University College offices, financial aid, registrar, advisement, and support service offices. Public Safety will also have its offices located in this area.

The main entrance to these offices in the Academic Center will be extended. In addition, there will be a side entrance constructed where occupational therapy will have its new home.

In front of the building, there is a rendition where students can view the new look of this area after the construction is completed.

While the project is on hold, the use of the open space has been on a request basis. Service Learning has used the facility to entertain and educate children.

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**Date rape still a major college problem**

By Melissa Greenhalgh  
Staff Writer

According to the National Victim Center more acts of sexual assault occur on college campuses than any other place. Date rape is the most common form of sexual assault. 1 in 4 college women have either been raped or suffered attempted rape.

Women between the ages of 18 and 24 are at the highest risk for acquaintance rape. There are many women who have been a victim of date rape or acquaintance rape and others who are unsure of being raped or assaulted.

It is important to understand that date rape is different than sexual harassment. Date rape occurs when a person forces another to have sexual intercourse with them. Types of force can include anything from emotional pressure to being threatened or even physically harmed. In most cases that have dealt with date rape, the attacker is a boyfriend, a neighbor, or anyone that the victim had come into contact with on a regular basis. In many date rape cases 78% of rape victims know the attacker. 75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in acquaintance rape had been drinking or using drugs.

When a person has been sexually assaulted or raped only 16% of these crimes are ever reported to police. Many victims do not want to report that they have been raped because they feel ashamed or embarrassed of what others might think, while others feel it is a private matter and is not important enough to tell anyone. It is up to the victim to decide whether they want to press charges or not after an act of rape has occurred.

Public Safety handles all matters of reports on sexual assaults and date rapes of all Sacred Heart University students. In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Public Safety must follow a certain procedure when handling sexual assault complaints.

There is also a pamphlet, which is designed to inform the campus community of related procedures, policies, and reporting at SHU. This is for students to be more aware that crime exists and that precautions must be taken to prevent people from becoming victims of a crime. The Clery Act requires that Public Safety keep a report of

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Six students accompanied Dr. Gerald Reid on a five day trip to a Native American reservation in Canada on April 7. The six students who went were Cheri Martin, Eryk Liberman, Chris Economy and going through interviews. There are 2 tribes connected to the reservation and attention was given to meet were exactly what history has come to project what the students were teaching the students was the creation story. I found it fascinating that there were two teachers present during the lesson to make sure that the story they were teaching the students was correct. The Mohawk creation story survives only by oral tradition and it is imperative that it not go by the wayside. "Because this is the roots and my traditions," said Allen, he was asked why he was teaching the Mohawk creation story. He replied that he was teaching the story because it is part of his heritage and the way the people of this tribe live. The school is run like the traditional councils of the respected Turtle, Bear and Wolf classes. Students make up the council and present concerns and wishes of their fellow peers to the administrators. The council makes decisions and if the entire student body supports such decisions then the entire school will follow that decision. "The whole idea of the field trip to Kahnawake has become a tradition and tradi tions are created. The tradition of this course, which provides a meeting point for students from Sacred Heart. The trip is about going to the community and to the school, but the trip is really about the opportunity to meet the people, and to get to know them and to connect with them. To be able to understand who they are," said Dr. Reid. There was a 17 year old named Teka that I met at the Survival School and I would definitely call him my buddy. He called me up a couple of nights during dinner and I spent some time with his family. Teka really enjoyed me with his desire to further his talents in film. His maturity level and what he knows along with what he wants out of life was inspiring and I will forever be thankful for the opportunity I was given to meet him," said Liberman. "The trip to Kahnawake was a great opportunity to meet people of another culture and to learn about the world from their eyes. Given the opportunity to learn first hand the ideas, beliefs and culture of another people is all about."

Over the past three years, according to Public Safety's Crime Awareness Program, there have been no reports of rape, but there have been at least four sexual offenses that have been reported. Therefore, most rapes that do occur are not reported, as is too hard to admit they have been raped. The Counseling Center is on call 24 hours a day for any individual who is sexually assaulted or raped. Public Safety will immediately contact the Community Center Staff Counselors, who will then contact any student in need of help. The center does not force students to talk with them; it is up to the student.

However, the center is there to listen to any students' problems and will do anything they can to help them through it. Students can make appointments with Residential Assistant or Residential Hall Director as well as using any of the emergency blue lights that have been installed around campus.
Papa: Brings his love of Sacred Heart students

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that is intellectually challenging and pushes students to develop their points of view. According to student Keri Blair, Papa "is challenging and demanding and above all there for his students. He never lets students get away with asking trivial meaningless questions." Blair adds, "Papa has helped me learn not only about philosophers and what philosophy truly means but he has helped me examine it and apply it to my personal life."

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Gym: Not enough money for reconstruction

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Prior to resuming construction, the student affairs division and the cabinet (of which Madonna is a part of) will be looking at the use of the old gym at its current stage of development.

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A group of people, one should take that opportunity and learn all that he/she can.

"During the trip I had a great honor to meet many people ranging from elders in the community, to teenagers, to the youngest elementary grade children. I found that they were similar to people in my own community. They are not much different than we are. They do, however, have a wonderful extended family structure which holds true to their long history of close family." Said Furman.

The trip evolved into much more then an opportunity to expand on the readings we had discussed in class. The idea of the trip strayed away from the philosophical realm one needs to be challenged. There is a difference coming from personal contact. It was no longer a trip but rather a lesson in perception, expectations, beauty, and finding oneself through the impact of others.

This will happen in the next few weeks.

At that point, they will decide how the old gym will be used in the interim.
**Editorials**

**Last chance to get your thoughts in**

Perhaps you’ve noticed a banner on page five every week pleading for submissions to our letters to editor section. For those unfamiliar, that sort of shameless begging isn’t done by most newspapers. Most of the times, they just include a brief box explaining where you can send a letter.

In the case of the Spectrum, we resort to large-font boxes practically offering a cash reward for anyone who is willing to write in on any topic. Most of the time, faculty and staff are the ones who end up writing in. And when a student does write in, it’s usually someone in student government.

Our question is, where are the average students? Unless you have an unlimited source of income and are at the Page every night, we don’t see the difficulty in writing in a few hundred words to your student newspaper about an issue that concerns you.

SHU students have a reputation for complaining to high heaven about the school to each other and then not doing anything about their complaints. The Spectrum is sending out a challenge to every regular SHU student who has a beef with something at the school. Have the guts to sign your name on a letter and send it in to us for the last issue next week. Who knows what will happen, but at least the issue will be raised.

*I'm a SHU-vivor, keep on SHU-viving*

This weekend’s SHU-vivor should prove to be an interesting affair for the campus. Those SHU media studies students are well aware of the debate that reality-based shows like Survivor have brought to our classroom setting, although this species is coming to SHU, albeit at a smaller scale.

We encourage the student body to check in on the webcam to see what is going on throughout the weekend. And if you’re on campus, swing by the quad and see what’s going on. It should make for an interesting experience for those participating.

**Editor’s Note:** Next week’s issue of the Spectrum will be the last of the 2000-2001 academic year. We will resume publication in Fall 2001 semester starting in September.

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**The SHU Voices**

-Compiled by Jennifer Simeonidis

**If you were on SHU-vivor, what wouldn’t you do for $1,000?**

Heather Schroder

Freshman

Valley Stream, N.Y.

“I wouldn’t sleep outside.”

Elizabeth Johnson

Laurel Hollow, N.Y.

Freshman

“I wouldn’t eat bugs.”

Tom Pesce

Sophomore

Ridgefield

“I wouldn’t eat stale yogurt.”

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**The best ways to spot a graduating college senior**

By Elizabeth Weishan

The Badger Herald

There are only a few more weeks of classes, and all over campus you can see the signs that another year is drawing to a close.

The freshmen look panic-stricken at the thought of having another round of exams. The sophomores are just now realizing that maybe they should attend those last few weeks of classes to make sure they don’t fail. The juniors look depressed because they have another year of this ahead of them. The seniors, especially those seniors completing their fifth or sixth years, have that look of total apathy.

In the spirit of National Geographic, I present to you the ways to recognize a graduating senior:

1. Seniors can be recognized by their lighter backpacks. Many seniors have given up carrying all of their books and notebooks with them. Some have even converted to the “one notebook is good enough for all of my classes” style of learning.

2. In smaller classes and labs, seniors can often be recognized by their listless posture and inability to rouse themselves to participation. Aimless rearranging of lab supplies is a sure sign of senioritis. Seniors can often be found out at bars during the week,toast ing to the fact that they have an exam the next day. Let’s listen in on a typical exchange between a graduating senior and another student:

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4. Over in engineering, graduating seniors have another distinct distinguishing feature: the weirdly formed grin of terror. This particular trait, while not unique to engineering students, does seem to be more predominant in this species. The cause seems to be the fear that results from not yet having a job to start immediately after graduation.

   Graduating senior: “I have an exam on Thursday.”

   Non-graduating friend: “But it’s not stopping me.”

5. Graduating seniors are also highly recognizable through their unique speech patterns. They use an unusual number of place names, for example: “Well, I sure don’t want to stay in Wisconsin. I’m thinking Portland, San Francisco, maybe Seattle.”

    This can also be observed in the graduating senior who is looking for graduate school. “I got into Boston and George Washington, but I really want to go to American. I haven’t heard from them yet.” The uninstructed are usually left to nod wisely as though they care about these topics.

6. With the weather finally tending toward spring, we can observe another distinct graduating senior trait called Terraphilia.

   On any rainy afternoon, Terraphilia can easily be observed in the crowds of graduating seniors lolling about the Memorial Union Terrace...

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Letters/Op-Ed

Two different takes on the Gay-Straight Alliance/Bishop Lori situation

Dear Editor,

As we all know, SHU was granted with the presence of Bishop Lori for his installation on March 19. The grounds were magnificently tidied, the parking lots were cleared of snow and Flik was gracious enough to serve food to its students than normal because they were told that the day should be treated like a Sunday, with very few students on campus.

As you may have noticed all of the bulletin boards in the Academic building were censored.

In the week prior to Bishop Lori’s installation, Sister Margaret Palliser, chair of the race relations committee here on campus, asked the Gay Straight Alliance to take down the board or allow her to cover it up with a Welcome Bishop Lori sign.

The Task Force/GSA told Sr. Margaret that the board would not be covered up due to freedom of expression of SHU students. Sr. Margaret then informed our University’s president, Dr. Anthony Cemera that this has offended many members of the SHU community.

We urge all students, faculty and staff to sign the bulletin board for the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Wouldn’t one think that a Catholic university in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations and able to respond to an ever changing world.

This statement is directly from the university’s mission statement to which you may find in the Student Handbook and on the University’s website. Wouldn’t one think that a staff member involved already with the integration of minority students would embrace an organization that promotes just that? Responding to an “ever changing world” means keeping an open mind and accepting that which has presented itself in the world already.

The Catholic faith does not denote homosexuality from God’s love.

We as the Student Body leaders discussed this matter with the Student Senate and feel the necessity to voice the concerns of the students of Sacred Heart University. Furthermore, we would highly suggest and recommend that Sr. Margaret and Dr. Cemera formally apologize for the disrespectful nature that has offended many members of the SHU community.

We urge all students, faculty and staff to sign the bulletin board for the Gay-Straight Alliance.

Choose to be a voice booming among the murmles that constantly surround injustices here. Make a difference by defending our own fundamental rights.

"...Sen. Dave Parkis, Class of 2003 and Senator Danielle Dyer, Class of 2003"

Dear Editor,

If a person were trapped in a lifestyle that threatened their spiritual well being, then would they be better off in a group that encouraged that lifestyle? Unfortunately, that is what’s occurring on this campus. Several students of this university have initiated a club that deems homosexuality an acceptable lifestyle. It is common knowledge that the Catholic Church and the Holy Bible denounce this abberant behavior. Both in the Old and New Testament it is obvious that homosexuality is a sin.

In Leviticus 19:22, God states that having sexual relations with a man as you would a woman is an abomination. Understand that God created all people equally and loves us all; however, it is our lifestyles we condemn.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, God states adulterers, idol worshippers, homosexuals, thieves, drunkards, liars and all others who sin against God without repenting will not inherit his kingdom. It is because these people live for themselves, and not for God.

This school states it is “A university rooted in Catholic faith and tradition”; however throughout the year posters promoting the Gay-Straight Alliance were published all over the school except for on March 19 of this year when they were hidden from the attendees of Bishop Lori’s installation.

I have been told that this was done to prevent sensationalistic journalists from flooding Bishop Lori with questions about the Gay-Straight Alliance. This school should have been brought to the attention of Bishop Lori and others within the Catholic Church prior to his visit. In James 1:27, the church is called to be purified from the sin of the world. Is the church now compromising its biblical duty because of the culture prevalent today?

Homosexuals should remember we are people loved by God no matter who we are, but we must love him back and not live a lifestyle that deviates from the will of God for our lives. The church must give importance to overcoming this issue.

This university should not condone these tendencies but provide a solution through the power of Christ to deliver them from sin. The solution is simply this, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life."

Sal Maimore, Junior

More on the ROTC debate

Dear Editor,

I read with respect the recent letter of my longtime colleague in English, David Curtis, which was critical of the presence of an ROTC program on this campus. While examining this issue from the level of lifeworld experience provides a very important perspective, there may exist additional levels of analysis and discussion. I have only a few brief thoughts.

(1) Given human nature, communities think history - from tribes and clans to nations - have found it prudent and necessary to possess a capacity for self-defense. Such a capacity requires the regular influx of new personnel that, in our era, college and university ROTC programs naturally provide.

(2) Some observers feel that an all-volunteer professional military in a democracy could, over a long period of time, pose a particular problem. Many new officers annually enter the armed forces from our fine military academies. The infusion of additional new officers from ROTC programs at civilian colleges lessens the chances that, over decades, caste-like attitudes might develop in the officer corps. Civilian control of the military in a democracy may be especially assured if ROTC officers enter the military from universities such as SHU that mandate more courses in areas such as philosophy, theology and ethics than some other institutions.

College ROTC programs offer students superb leadership training for either military or civilian careers, as well as assistance in meeting heavy college costs.

Perhaps it is time to reconsider the reflexive criticism levied against the military and our security agencies since the Vietnam War. May I suggest considering a fact that touches many levels of this issue, and especially the lifeworld? As we enter the 21st century, Weapons of Mass Destruction pose genuine new threats to every American. Perhaps we should think of the remaining student protect those they love by joining the FBI and CIA, as well as the military. Or, should we wait until after the first WMD attack upon a major civilian population center in America to begin doing so?

John F. Kiloski, professor of Political Science

Congratulations to the Spectrum’s own Andy Erhartic on winning the 2001 Mr. SHU contest!

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Internet plagiarism plagues colleges

By Lynn Franey
Knight-Ridder Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - College students stressed out about big term papers due soon might think back thankfully to those TV ads broadcast in the NCAA basketball tournament in March.

They offered help for a price from a Web site, Questia.com, a digital library with 35,000 complete books. For $149.95 a year, $19.95 a month or $9.95 a week, a student can do an electronic search for books on a specific topic, read them online, mark good passages, write notes in the margins, save the work and print out a perfectly formatted bibliography.

Internet libraries such as Questia, which came online in January, are making research a tool when used properly, some professors and administrators say the Internet's ease might be enticing students to cheat.

Internet plagiarism is on the rise. All five of this year's academic dishonesty cases at the Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., involved Internet plagiarism.

An English professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has taught there only two years but already has caught three students turning in papers from the Internet.

When millions of pieces of information show up at a click of a button, and students no longer must trudge to the library or write sloppy notes by hand, some are tempted to buy or take an entire paper from the Internet. Others regurgitate that's full of grammar errors or poorly organized, that's going to count against them more than something that looks professional and polished (but is plagiarized).

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Scott Alberts, who teaches statistics at Truman State, says students in focus groups on cheating say that cheaters are just being smart by using the resources available to them, including the Internet.

Because some Truman State professors and students complained about the growing Internet plagiarism problem, campus leaders are working to rewrite the honor code to toughen penalties and to make discipline uniform.

Karl Whiteside, a senior from St. Louis who is in Alberts' class, says he believes cheaters are just doing what they can to get out of college in four years. The high pressure of a competitive college gives students incentive to cheat.

"We really think the university kind of creates an environment (for cheating)," Whiteside said. "There's so much emphasis on grades that students will do anything they can, even if it means buying a paper online."

Some professors and teachers are getting better at catching cheaters. If plagiarism is suspected, the teacher searches for a phrase from the paper using a search engine, such as Google.com.

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Features

Death by Fire

by Brandon M. Graham

i never knew how quickly love consumes
i must've been absent
the day they taught
fire prevention in health class
never understood
why fire consumes so mercilessly
and how moments change
all in a moments time
and how at the outset
i was so reluctant
to find something
to find anything
whether it be flour
or that white foam
or just a simply [pause] goodbye
that would somehow
extinguish this fire
that burns so ever bright
so ever crystal clear
in the depth of my very soul
i had been encircled;
ever-wall surrounded
in a flame-fest
filled with emotions
which consumed me whole

can someone please extinguish this fire?

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this everlastingly burning desire
which burns me so
because i've grown tired
of falling in and out of love
where is the stability
in my relationships?

it seems to have shipped out
and what concerns me the most
is that
i know not the date of its return
this emotional flooding
seems to be overbearing
perhaps i'd be better off

if i wore a life jacket
into romantic relation ships
cautions would be the word of the day


can someone please stop this burning
in a timely fashion?

tardiness can cause tragedy

emotional flooding drowned
out my cries for help

years later my heart could be found
on the shoulder of the fireplace
resting in an urn


Dear SHU,

I can only describe my semester in Luxembourg as a life changing experience, an opportunity I couldn’t pass up and as the best four months of my life. I have gained true independence and courage.

Traveling to foreign countries equipped with only a map depicting streets I have never heard of, or could even pronounce has taught me I can do almost anything and go anywhere.

The best part about this semester is the opportunity to travel. Luxembourg, located in the heart of Europe is thirty minutes to the border of France or Germany. Believe me it’s close; Alexis and I walked to both borders in the same weekend. And that was the beginning of the walking tour, next up Belgium. So far, Paris has been my favorite city.

If you ever have the chance, take the lift to the top of the Eiffel Tower where you will see with your own eyes the beauty that postcards try to capture in a 4” x 6” snapshot. The Climbing up to get to the Sacre Coeur Cathedral is well worth it to see this amazing church and also to represent SHU. The museums in Paris and throughout Europe are also something you can’t miss. The Louvre where you can see the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo, just to name a few, and the Musee de Orly where you will find the largest collection of Monet paintings.

Amsterdam with its great cafés, museums and tulips in the spring. Brussels with its constant rain. Barcelona with its amazing Gaudi architecture, Parc Guell and the Boqueria, a traditional Spanish market with colorful fruits, vegetables, fish and meat (“hey, that chicken still has feet!”).

The beaches of southern France will captivate you even in the winter-Monaco’s unbelievable dollhouse mansions. Go to London and bear Big Ben himself, visit the Abbey—it’s just smashing love!

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New Rec Room. The Rec Room is the old study lounge located in Building 2.

The Rec Room is equipped with Ping-Pong, foosball, dart, and a 22" television with cable. The Rec Room is open Mondays from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. and alternating Fridays and Sundays during the afternoon.

Watch for upcoming announcements about additional hours. Please contact Missy Demetro, ext. 8440, or Beth Lescoe, ext. 4534, with any questions.

South Hall

Pizza is sold every Thursday in the South Hall lobby from 11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. $1 a slice. T-shirt sales begin this weekend. $8 per shirt for current and former residents. There is no year on the shirts.

West Hall

Easter Egg Decorating in the West Hall Great Room at 8 p.m. on 3.

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Internet plagiarism

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The paper the student copied often pops up on the computer screen.

Professors say they usually recognize a final term paper that is not a student’s work. During the semester, they become familiar with the student’s weaknesses and writing style through in-class assignments and shorter papers.

Some professors aware of the growing problem are changing their class assignments. Some require more drafts of papers and make students turn in copies of research materials. Some do not let students choose their topics. In a second student presents work on the same narrow topic.

Some professors are de-emphasizing research paper grades in the overall course grades.

Kelly Wray began making these changes, as well as giving a minicourse each semester about the evils of plagiarism. Some professors do not often use the Internet, she said, which causes students to think they can slip someone else’s work by them.

"Professors are really anchored in the book and printed material," she said. "But the students aren’t.”

Bus Trip to the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, NY

Wed., May 2, 2001

Bus leaves 3 p.m. in front of Public Safety.

Amateur Night show starts at 7:30

Return at 10 p.m. Tickets $10.

Sign up with Pam Barnum in Student Life.

Sponsored by UMOJA
I want my MTV back

John Ruggiero
Staff Writer
Commentary

Why can't things go back to the way they were? Why can't we have something last forever? Remember the days when you could turn on MTV and actually see music videos. Back in 1982 when “Video Killed the Radio Star” by the Buggles was the first music video ever played on the all music television station. Now-a-days the term can be coined as “Television killed the video star” when describing what MTV has become. MTV has become a 24/7 teenage network that for the most part plays about one sixth of the day, actual music videos.

MTV’s major drawer is “TRL”, Total Request Live, which is a 60 minute program of the day’s most requested videos. The only problem is that they only play a snippet of the entire video. So in total, no more than 25 percent of the show is actual music videos being played. MTV used to be a television station that once in a while played the occasional “Outside Show”. In “outside show” I’m talking about the annual MTV Music Awards and the game shows that featured actual music related topics for the questions. I believe that in the age of TRL, Tom Green, Jack-Ass, Undressed and MTV Spring Break, we have descended upon the demise of pure music videos because they basically just don’t bring in the ratings the more provocative shows do. Hence the reason for M2, the new MTV music channel that is non-stop music videos. But that channel isn’t available to everyone. MTV needs to bring back the old-style or eventually these teenagers will all be grown up. What was successful in the beginning, will be the key to success in the end.

I usually write a movie for this section almost every week but lately I have not attended the movies at all. Reason being, there’s nothing worth seeing! Although I have heard “Blow” starring Johnny Depp is a winner. I was going to write a review on “Freddy Got Fingered” starring Tom Green. But I was advised not to see the film and waste the Spectrum paper space on something so irrelevant. So instead I decided to tear into MTV instead. Last week’s article in saying, the summer movies are gearing up to be one for the ages. This Friday audiences get a first look at the new Sylvester Stallone film that he wrote and starred in titled “Driven.” The name describes it all, as racing cars is the main attraction here. Then in one weeks time on May 4th, the “Mummy 2” hits theaters and looks to be an instant hit. But that changes this week. A new fraver lover may boldly express their attraction and long-term intentions: take all as a compliment, Libra, and set an emotional pace that works.

Aries (March 21-April 20)
Early this week, Aries, new romantic hopes and emotional boundaries are highlighted: expect a recent misunderstanding to now reveal a loved one’s private expectations, social anxiety or hidden regrets. Many Aries natives will soon leave behind mistrust and opt for honest, forthright communication. Friday will bring in the quick insights and unusual social involvements, Saturday is a day of new friends and romantic attractions, if at all possible. After Thursday key breakthroughs in long-term relationships are accented: expect loved ones to now accept past family decisions, romantic history or difficult home obligations.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Workplace negotiations, disagreements with authority figures and quick financial changes may be unusually draining this week, Taurus. However, don’t avoid important subjects or difficult discussions: this is the right time for advancement and establishing your influence with key officials. After Tuesday romantic attractions may dramatically increase: expect last minute introductions or mildly seductive invitations. Join in, Taurus; new friends and lovers will be warm, supportive and delightfully flirtatious.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Long-term relationships will now provide added support, Gemini: watch for loved ones to offer fresh ideas, promising advice and valuable insights. Key issues may involve recent family disputes, rekindled romance or lost time in friendships. To both, friends and romantic partners, there is also a concern: stay focused, Gemini, and expect loved ones to no longer be socially avoided or withdrawn. After Thursday romantic curiosity is accentuated: expect friends or co-workers to ask probing questions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Before mid-week, Cancer, mental energy may be low; expect on-going projects or repeated tasks to be dull, mildly irritating or uneventful. Stay focused, Cancer: minor details, although bothersome, may soon lead to rare business opportunities. Watch past records or written communications for newly available positions; governmental agencies and large corporations are strongly accented. After Friday a new romantic flirtation will be unavoidable: expect compelling attractions or a quick declaration of love.

Leo (July 23-August 22)
A short-term friendship may soon become romantic, Leo: before Thursday watch for a new friend to offer blushingly compliments or gently romantic invitations. All is well, Leo, as long emotional triangles are strictly avoided: remain alert to ethical issues and unusual social involvements. After Friday loved ones may be possessive of your time and energy, and overly sentimental. Expect sudden attention: expect subtle questions, revised schedules or fast, moody exchanges. An oddly emotional week, Leo: get extra rest, if at all possible.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Family routines are accentuated this week, Virgo: home schedules, competing family rules or unclear promises from the past may now require delicate discussions. Subtle emotions are at work here, Virgo: expect friends and relatives to exert their confidence in small or silent ways. Avoid all power struggles: before mid-May loved ones will be sensitive to issues of public image and social influence. After Thursday positive money news arrives: expect new agreements and revised documents.

Libra (September 23-October 23)
Rare work partnerships may now arrive without warning, Libra: before Wednesday expect new rules, social ideas and group dynamics. Resist the urge to join poorly researched or risky procedures, Libra: over the next few workdays excitement could easily lead to costly mistakes. But that changes this week. A new fraver lover may boldly express their attraction and long-term intentions: take all as a compliment, Libra, and set an emotional pace that works.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)
Public image and social reputation may be important issues over the next few days, Scorpio. Late Tuesday watch for friends or colleagues to be unusually sensitive to criticism, fast changes or new ideas. All is well, Scorpio, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid delicate group discussions, if at all possible. After Thursday key breakthroughs in long-term relationships are accented: expect loved ones to now accept past family decisions, romantic history or difficult home obligations.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Humor, wit and wisdom will be a compelling theme over the next 3 days, Sagittarius: before Wednesday expect both colleagues and close friends to respond warmly to your invitations, social ideas and emotional insights. Group identity and social belonging are key issues this week, Sagittarius: watch for a powerful awareness of friendship and acceptance to soon arrive in all close relationships. Late Thursday dream activity and social insight increases: expect vital impressions or fast intuitions.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20)
Romance and long-term friendships may be complicated this week, Cap: don’t push for immediate answers. At present, loved ones may be moody, easily influenced by outside opinions or absorbed in thought. Key issues may involve past ideas of success, family interference or traditional obligations. Be supportive and insightful, Cap; others will now gain from your experience and wisdom. Later this week lost records will be recovered: watch money documents and past debts for new restrictions.

Aquarius (January 21-February 19)
Social routines may be easily disrupted before mid-week, Aquarius: over the next few days expect both friends and romantic partners to present competing ideas, opinions and invitations. Unique entertainment and exciting group activities will have a strong appeal this week: expect others to explore rare or unusual social outlets. After Wednesday family gatherings or rekindled friendships offer positive rewards. Let the past go, Aquarius: optimism and public acceptance are now a top priority.

Pisces (February 20-March 20)
Last Tuesday, Pisces, business and financial information will adopt a predictable and useful tone. Recent proposals, delays or work changes will soon be settled: expect key officials to make valid decisions or announce amended strategies. After Thursday mental energy and social optimism may briefly fade; avoid delicate discussions with friends or relatives, if possible. Added rest or revised exercise regimes will now replenish emotional reserves, Pisces: carefully examine past habits.
Blow drags but has heart

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer
Commentary

"Blow" the latest from Ted Demme of "Beautiful Girls" fame, chronicles the life of George Jung. Johnny Depp plays Jung, a man who searches for a way to make money without working. The solution he derives with his stewardess girlfriend, played by Ray Liotta of "Field of Dreams" and "Goodfellas", George Jung watched his father work all his life with no financial success. As we see early in the film, George wants a life where he doesn't have to worry about bills or striving to put food on the table. Liotta, usually known for playing intense characters, shines in a subtle performance as Jung's father. He loves his son unconditionally, and despite it all wants him to be happy. Demme uses techniques similar to Paul Thomas Anderson's "Boogie Nights." But the problem here, it seems Demme wants to keep watching his actors perform without making a desired edit. Now watching an actor like Depp inhibit every character he plays never gets old, but if the narrative was a little tighter, the film would be very good. On the other hand, Demme finds a level of humor amongst it all with an innocent performance by Paul Reubens or Pee Wee Herman, as a drug dealer on the west coast. "Blow" tries to get the viewer to sympathize with George, but he seems to screw his life up so many times, it becomes difficult to do so. However, Depp and Liotta have excellent chemistry and carry the weight of the emotion on their sleeves for a majority of a film that doesn't know when to end.

Everybody needs somebody

By Brian Polovoy
Contributing Writer
Commentary

"Everybody needs something" opens this week in the theater formally known as The Bowley-Newman located in Curtis Hall. This play which was both written, and is being directed by Jeremy Gordon is a unique look at the human condition. It dares to delve into the dark little places of one's mind and heart. The stories contained within are distant yet somehow very familiar. Everything about each story has some element that can make the audience stop for a moment and think. What is it that everybody needs? All the components of this piece from the acting, to sound and light design serve to help transport the audience to a world that is both real and surreal at the same time. It is my opinion that "Everybody needs something" is the most innovative and insightful show done by the SHU Players in the last two years. "Everybody needs something" is showing this Friday at 8pm Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. I urge all that are looking for a refreshing theatrical experience to attend. I'd like to close with a quote from Lee-Ann Galie which says: "Everybody need something, because without something everything is an illusion. Is your life an illusion?"

“A Simple Plan” A must rent for film majors

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer
Commentary

Looking for one film to rent when you try to avoid wasting your money? Rent Sam Raimi's "A Simple Plan." Known for such cult films like "Army of Darkness," Raimi assembles a taut narrative thriller that compares to Hitchcock. The story revolves around two brothers, Hank, a happily married man, played by Bill Paxton (True Lies) and Jacob, an unemployed loner, played artfully by Billy Bob Thornton (SlingBlade). The conflict comes into play when the brothers along with Lou, Jacob's unemployed friend, find an abandoned plane filled with 4 million dollars. The scenes are shot with a winter backdrop, giving the film a cold tone as the men try and decide what to do with the money.

Hank wants to hold the money until spring while his wife is pregnant, played by Bridget Fonda, as a modern day Lady Macbeth, and the film paces itself with the implications money and greed can have on opposing characters. The beauty of the narrative is the acting in the film. Billy Bob Thornton probably would not be recognized were it not for the credits introducing him. He portrays Jacob as this caring yet uneducated man with simple goals in his life. It is interesting to see the directions the moral lead takes to secure the money compared to his infantile brother. The roles become reversed and you sincerely want it to work out for them.

The problem comes when a mysterious FBI agent comes to town looking for the plane. Watching the subtle reactions to their supposed quilt is mastersful. Raimi uses a somber score by Danny Elfman, along with a motif of crows watching the actions unfold. Hank has been consumed by the idea that money will make him happy, while Jacob simply wants a family. A scene involving the brothers talking about Jacob's girlfriend in high school comes across as a tender moment of bonding.

Without spoiling the story, there is a closing scene that is difficult to swallow yet so touching, it makes the viewer understand the consequences that greed can have on a relationship.

Raimi gets the most out of his actors, including the supporting roles, to produce one of the finest thrillers in the past twenty years. While Paxton impresses with his honest performance, it is Billy Bob Thornton who makes his character a reality. It is one of the finest roles ever seen in a film, and should be seen for the work he put into the role.

So, while we all look for that movie that will surprise us, rent Raimi's film. It may be difficult to take in, but the direction and acting make it a thriller that film fans can appreciate.
For college athletes stress is a part of the game

By Michelle Shawah Staff Writer

Although sophomore basketball forward Brooke Kelly (Medford, NJ) feels pressure to compete will in her sport, she tries to accept it as part of the game.

Kelly believes, "I try not to let basketball get me too worked up because it is supposed to be fun, but sometimes I get overly stressed and just trying to give my best performance day in and day out even at practice."

"I try to learn something from a loss but I go crazy trying to think of what I could have done differently or done better in order to help the team win." 

Feelings of stress and anxiety are common among all college students but the student athlete carries the burden to excel in academics and athletics.

Besides maintaining their grades, the college athlete must follow a rigorous practice schedule that leaves them little time for relaxation.

There are many strict academic standards at SHU. Student athletes whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 are placed on academic probation. Two consecutive semesters of less than a 1.8 GPA result in Academic Probation regardless of the cumulative GPA.

In classes, students must complete all academic requirements designed and schedules for missed classes, examinations, andgraded exercises.

Student notify their professors within two class meetings of the dates they will miss through a completed absence form.

Excessive class absenteeism results in dismissal from the team.

Student athletes also follow a rigorous training schedule. Junior running back Brandon Graham (Waterbury, CT) follows a tough schedule for football. His day is packed with sport-related activities from 7:45 a.m. to 11 p.m.

There is an afternoon meeting before practice from 1:45-3 p.m. and then practice from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Incoming freshman, transfer students and students with a GPA below 2.5 must attend study hall for 2 hours, 3 times a week.

Although the schedule seems hard, Graham believes that "the physical part of football—especially the hitting—helps to relieve stress.

Being an athlete has taught Graham time management. There is "not a lot of conflict" in his schedule.

He believes "a student athlete is a part of a special breed." An athlete must be dedicated to his/her sport and train hard every day.

Other pressures, such as the pressure to excel in their sport and the pressures imparted by coaches and parents affect the athlete.

According to Chris Carr, a sports psychologist at Ohio State University, Columbus, when students were asked how much of their sport is mental, many answered between 60% and 99%.

This suggests that college athletes can bring stress upon themselves by being too hard on themselves for performing poorly.

Balancing a full course load, a demanding practice schedule, and extra team activities are not easy for many athletes.

Athletes must learn to prioritize and organize their schedule around their sport practices.

Senior soccer and track athlete Carlin Guameri (West Haven, Conn.) believes "you must be dedicated to your sport that includes spending 2 hours a day for practice and there is study hall, games, meetings and other scheduled sports related events.

When you can't do your homework because your sport conflicts, then you worry about not passing a class which might lower your GPA and prevent you from keeping that academic scholarship and also if your grade is too low, you can't play your sport."

Another pressure that many athletes face is the extreme desire to win and excel. When athletes do not play their best or make a mistake they are often disappointed in themselves and begin doubting their ability to perform.

According to Carr "Winning at all costs will not help athletes achieve their best. In fact, they often perform better and are happier if they focus on meeting personal goals rather than finishing first."

He believes athletes should set process goals, such as cutting time from each race, rather than outcome goals, such as winning a championship. These process goals give athletes a sense of control over their own performance, by trying to make small improvements each time.

As Carr says, "You can't control whether you win or not, because you can't control how others perform. But you can control how you do."

Many athletes feel that coaches and teachers place added pressure up on them.

Authors Todd A. Ryska and Zenong Ying from Current Psychology believe there is a combination of social support and feedback from coaches and the amounts of stress athletes suffer.

Athletes who receive positive feedback and support from coaches suffer fewer negative health consequences.

According to Ryska and Ying, "Athletes may develop negative perceptions of the competitive settings as a result of psychological pressures imposed upon them by coaches, parents, and sporting organizations."

These perceptions, in combination with insufficient social support, may result in sport-related stress, decreasing enjoyment and increased risk of athletic injury.

Senior wrestler Shawn Reynolds (Berlin, Conn.) believes that these pressures and the amounts of stress athletes suffer.

The best ways for athletes to cope with stress and anxiety are quite simple. Carr believes setting effective goals can help athletes improve their mental conditioning.

Also, "breathing exercises and guided imagery, particularly before an important competition, can help athletes relax and become more focused."

For example, Carr believes keeping a journal or jotting down information about performances and other important events in the athletes' lives. Writing will help the athlete focus on what may help them perform better and may give the athlete insight into things that maybe distracting them from performing their best.

Women's lax takes on rival Quinnipiac this weekend after winning two of their past three games

By Keri Blair Sports Editor

Sophomore midfielder Michelle Bruckner (Carle Place, N.Y.) posted five goals to lead the Pioneers (7-3, 1-2 NEC) past Albany 13-7 this past Tuesday.

Senior Laura Mack (Franklin Square, N.Y.) added three goals for the Pioneers.

Freshman Christina Macchia (Carle Place, N.Y.) chipped in with two goals for the Pioneers. With the two tallies Macchia has 18 goals in 2010, while her 11 assists for 29 points on the year.

Albany sophomore more Maria Ferrucci (West Seneca, N.Y.) had five goals for the Great Danes.

Senior Ginny Capicchioni (Oradell, N.J.) had 15 saves in between the pipes for the Pioneers.

This past Saturday the Pioneers defeated Wagner College 8-5 scoring four goals in both the first and second half.

The Seahawks scored three of their five goals in the first half.

Macchia was named the NEC's Women's Lacrosse Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this season.

Macchia earned NEC hardware the first two weeks of the season on March 16 and 19 and yet again on April 9.

Macchia tallied seven goals and added an assist in three games for the Pioneers last week. The Long Island native found the back of the net four times in the 8-5 win over Wagner, last Saturday.

She put two goals past the goalkeeper in the 13-7 nonleague affair with Albany.

She is tied for third-place in the NEC in scoring with 23 goals and 12 assists for 35 points on the year. She is also second in the Conference in assists with 12.

Monmouth won the NEC regular season title as they dropped a tough one to the Colonials this past Sunday afternoon at Campus Field.

The Pioneers are third in the NEC in scoring with 107 goals, which is good for an 8.92 goals per game average.

Sacred Heart returns to Campus Field this Saturday when rivals Quinnipiac come to town for "Senior Day," at 12 p.m.
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A thank you from a SHU cheerleader

By Kerry Freel
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart martial arts team traveled to Philadelphia Penn. this past Saturday to compete in a tournament at Drexel College.

Other schools represented in the tournament included Rutgers and Western New England College.

Although the team did not triumph a first place victory, a valiant effort was put forth.

Two notable accomplishments included Kyle Bonura, at the intermediate level and Joe Zel, at the basic level, who each received medals for forms.

Bonura also received a medal for being undefeated in his sparring competitions.

The day started out with forms. "Pre-Committal," where participants broke bones or tore tendons.

A few people fell really hard, but seemed agile enough to get back up and finish their fights. That took true dedication and perseverance.

The martial arts club participates in a tournament each semester. The club is always looking for dedicated students who want to learn some self-defense and have fun.

Bushor named NEC Rookie of the Week for the second time this year:

Freshman Erie Bushor (Uncasville) was named the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week for the second time this season, after an outstanding performance in an 11-1 win over Quinnipiac last Saturday afternoon.

He becomes the first two-time winner of the award this season. Bushor allowed just one run, on four hits, while striking out three against the Braves. The righty was in control throughout by not allowing a walk. He has walked only six batters in 41.0 innings this season.

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SHU Athlete of the Week

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A thank you from a SHU cheerleader

Special to Spectrum

It is not often that you see cheerleaders recognized for their ability and hard work.

Many times people do not give cheerleaders the support they rightly deserve.

This, however, was not the case this year when the following people took time out of their busy day to recognize the Sacred Heart Cheerleading squad and their efforts.

Dr. David Coppola, Saburo Usami, Nancy Olofson, Bill Mumper, Dean Ngu, Jimmy from NEC, Cathy Gleason, Mike Trimble, Nick Schuler, Alexis Harrison, Dr. Fran Grodzinsky, Professor Alfana Adams, and the Computer Science Department all chose to make a generous donation to the Sacred Heart Cheerleaders.

I would personally like to thank the above people because they made it possible for me to pay for my way to Nationals. Without them Nationals would not have been possible for me.

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who helped us get to Nationals and take 15th in the Nation.

Many people did not think we would make it but we did and we did an amazing job. I am proud to be a member of the Sacred Heart Cheerleading squad and at the same time very sad to be graduating in a month.

I couldn't have done this without all of you.

Thank you!

Amy Foster
Senior SHU Cheerleader

Martial arts club competes well at Drexel

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Freshman adjusts to life at SHU for the second time this year:

Freshman Shiite shut down Quinnipiac to pick up win last Saturday

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Last-second goal leads Pioneers to heartfelt 13-12 victory over Lafayette

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart men's lacrosse team defeated Lafayette 13-12 at Campus Field this past Saturday after a grueling match that ended a three game winning streak for the 'Pards.

Sophomore Stephen Grabow (Commack, N.Y.) scored with :01 second remaining to win the game for the Pioneer's.

Sacred Heart (7-5) was led by senior co-captain Mike Robel (Clark, N.J.) who scored a hat trick while adding four assists.

Other Pioneers who added to the scored board were freshman Garrett Bamann (Victory, N.Y.) who had two goals and three assists, sophomore Erick Perez (Locust Valley, N.Y.) who had two goals and one assist and freshman Jorge Bravo (Long Beach, N.Y.) who had an assist and a goal.

Freshman James Delmonico (West Islip, N.Y.) also saw the back of the net as he posted two goals.

Grabow had two goals in the game including the last second go ahead goal. Freshman Ben Giamichael (Cortland, N.Y.) had one goal and sophomore Chris Swier (Hicksville, N.Y.) had one assist.

Freshman Bryan Campo was between the pipes for the Pioneers and had 20 saves in the game (0.625).

"This was the most intense game of the year by far. The team was fired up and everyone gave more than 100 percent. The defense worked hard as a unit and were able to make great plays which in turn created opportunities for the offense," said junior Dom Villani (Wantagh, N.Y).

"The crowd was really into the game. The bench was packed and everyone was screaming and cheering. It was one of the best games I have been to in three years," said junior Erica Rassias (Stratford).

The men take home turf this Saturday against Providence College at 1 p.m.

Sacred Heart softball split conference doubleheader versus Mount St. Mary's

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

Sacred Heart softball split games this past Saturday's conference doubleheader versus Mount St. Mary's. Sacred Heart won the first game 7-6 but fell behind in game two 4-5.

In game one, it seemed as if SHU (15-15, 9-6 NEC) would take the game as they scored all of its seven runs in the first two innings.

St. Mary's (3-27, 2-16) defense and hitting for the remainder of the game cut away at the Pioneer lead.

Freshmen Grace Teruel (Montague, M.A.), Melissa McManaman (St. James, N.Y.) and Leslie Konsig (Milburn, N.J.) each had a pair of hits for Sacred Heart.

In the second game Mount St. Mary's scored first. A sacrifice fly by senior co-captain Karyn Fortier (Southington) got Sacred Heart on the board next, carrying senior co-captain Ann Swelling (Port Jervis, N.Y.) home to tie the game at one apiece.

After the third inning the game remained tied at three. Sacred Heart took the lead in the bottom of the sixth, 4-3, but was unable to hold the inning as Mount St. Mary's hit a single that brought a player home from second.

A throwing error on the play by SHU gave Mount St. Mary's the go-ahead run.

Sacred Heart couldn't create another run in the seventh and lost 5-4.

Junior Katie Marien (West Islip, N.Y.) had two hits for SHU.

"We played well in the first game and had a few bad breaks in the second which led to the loss. Overall each player put in a really great effort," said junior Kim Derleth (Tomahawk, W.I.)

The SHU softball team split a doubleheader last weekend.

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