Mixed feelings on hip-hop and rock concert

By Kacey Semler
and Kerry Freel
Staff Reporter and News Editor

On April 12, 2002, Sacred Heart University received approval to build a 10-story dormitory on Park Avenue.

After taking a vote amongst Sacred Heart students, members of the concert committee have put together a two-act show. Hip-hop artist Ludacris, and the alternative group, called American Hi-Fi, have accepted the invitation to perform at SHU.

Colleen Murphy is a sophomore from Orangeburg, N.Y., who attended last year’s spring concert. She really enjoyed the selection of bands last year, and thinks this year’s choices are satisfactory.

"I like Ludacris, but I don't think this concert is going to be as successful as last year's," Murphy said.

"Last year’s bands were more popular and more well-liked than Ludacris. Ludacris will be the main attraction, and will really be the hit of the concert. That’s who people are going to come to see," remarked Murphy.

For those unfamiliar with these musical artists, Ludacris is a rapper from Atlanta, G.A., currently signed on with Def Jam Recordings. American Hi-Fi is a four-piece rock band, formed in Providence, on April 12, rather than the Pitt Center.

"I'm not really a huge fan of Ludacris or American Hi-Fi, so I am not going to go. I understand they're [S.E.T.] trying to satisfy everyone's musical tastes, but from what I've heard from some others, nobody is really planning on attending," said animation major, Mike Cheng, Levittown, N.Y.

"Although we appreciated everyone's involvement in the survey, we had to narrow the selections down based on budget and availability," Wright explained.

"I think a lot more people will go to this year's concert than last year’s," said Angela Notario, a sophomore from Levittown, N.Y.

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SHU plans for new construction

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According to Giaquinto, the building is proposed to reside on a known as "the Herman property" located at 5252 Park Avenue-a quarter of a mile from East Hall. The property is located between the Baptist Church on Park Avenue and the Dentist's office on the corner of Old Town Road and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved. "We are still very interested about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the City, and other interested parties involved.

"We are still in negotiations. Another meeting is planned with city officials and the North End Association for the near future where we will continue to look at viable options [for the building site]," asserts Dodd.

When asked to comment about the current situation regarding the relation of the University and the community, Dr. Anthony Cererra, President of Sacred Heart University stated, "We are still very interested in finding a compromise with the neighbors."

He went on to mention, "this is a wonderful university with extraordinary students and people who work here on their behalf.

On January 15, 2002, Dr. Donna Dodge issued a statement to the press concerning the issuance of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency will encourage all interested parties to focus on the issues with a renewed sense of urgency.

Dr. Dodge has since appeared on the Channel 8 Evening News, and has also participated in a phone interview with the radio station WICC to discuss plans for the new dormitory. Included in those plans are more planning, meetings, and negotiations with the various parties involved. "We are still open for suggestions and working towards an accommodation..., although our time for this is limited," Dodge said.

According to Dr. Dodge, other "viable options" might be considered for construction of the dormitory. "SHU owns four properties or pieces of land close to East Hall. We could use any of these spots to build on. We could build several smaller buildings perhaps, instead of a high-rise. And if the golf course becomes available we might be willing to look into buying that and using that property...But that [the golf course] hasn't been suggested yet," says Dodge.

Dr. Dodge says that her biggest opposition comes mostly from neighbors in the area, yet she believes that expanding the university will continue to improve the surrounding environment. She explained one of the things she finds interesting is what they [neighbors and the North End Association] don't bring up, [such as] all the contributions SHU gives to the community. We provide jobs, a cultural center, a theater and an art gallery. We put in the dividers, we improve the economy...No one talks about this."

Yet not everyone feels that expanding the campus and building a new dorm is a good idea. In a recent letter to the editor of the "Connecticut Post," Thomas Katsis of Bridgeport says, "While it may be legal, it's disgusting that anyone of power can impose this on an entire neighborhood that is one of the highest tax districts of Bridgeport."

Reverend Mark Smith of North Park Baptist Church has made his opinion very clear in a letter to the same "Connecticut Post" story, when he wrote to the public, "This destroys another portion of the City."

I am still very, very opposed to it, and they know I feel that this is the wrong thing to do," he said.

Although neighbors and members of the North End Association may oppose the construction, there are many members of the SHU community who are fully supportive of it. Barquienero thinks the building will have a positive affect on the SHU community and will also improve campus life. Barquienero says, "North Hall will allow almost 400 more students to live on campus. We know that we are going to need at least 500 more beds in the next 5 years. We are hoping to ease, and eventually eliminate the problem of overcrowded housing."

He goes on to explain that having less students traveling off campus will have a positive affect on the neighborhood. "My ideal situation would be to have one percent of residents living on campus," Barquienero said.

According to Giaquinto, "if [the dormitory] is approved by the Board of Trustees, construction could begin in June 2002."
Create a website through SHU

By Kerry Freel
News Editor

Sacred Heart University students can now create web­sites which can be accessed throughout the main University website.

The SHU website is a tool for students, faculty, and staff. Any club or organization on campus that does not currently have a website linked to SHU’s main website can acquire one.

The same is true for all academic departments that do not have a website. Cheng explained that common things to include for an academic website proposal include courses offered, instructors, and what sequence students should take courses in order to graduate with a particular major successfully.

“Many are going to look at all of our academic departments on­line,” said Web Manager Wang Cheng.

Cheng explains the procedure to initiate a website involves the approval of the club’s advisor, talking the plan over with Al Precourt, Director of Student Activities, and contacting him, Cheng, directly.

Once a meeting is arranged, those involved with the website will learn the basics of Sacred Heart specific web design and how to modify the site once it is up.

Special access is provided so only participants from the club or department can post on their website.

“My dad and I are here and ready to assist in moving our community online. A commitment towards this vital technology is key to our growth,” Cheng said.

The News and Events Calendar, which is found on our main website, http://www.sacredheart.edu/, according to Cheng, is under­used.

Any club, organization, or department can contact Jodi Houck, from SHU’s public rela­tions division who is in charge of the calendar, to post information.

Any University event, meeting, or conference can be placed on the News and Events Calendar so people can know what is going on. (Events such as birthdays are not posted on the calendar.)

Houck needs basic information such as date, time, location and price of the event if there is one.

“Our new web architecture is audience oriented,” Cheng said.

The Registrar website link from the University’s main site has valuable information for stu­dents about offered courses and requirements before the actual registration catalog is available.

A new addition to the SHU website will be the Information Technology (IT) website.

With this site, students can get immediate support with phone, laptop, cable, or tele­phone problems.

Information for commuters about connecting to the SHU network through dial-up is also provided on the IT site.

A new addition to the SHU website, which will be finished at the conclusion of February, is a virtual tour of the University.

This is geared to give prospective students an inside look at Sacred Heart.

In the future, Cheng would like SHU’s website to have the capacity to give every student a website. This is not available at the present, but with technologi­cal advances, the idea is not impossible.

Cheng can be reached at (203) 365-7395 or through e­mail chengw@sacredheart.edu.

To post an event on the News and Events Calendar, call Houck at (203) 365-4804.

Promoting peace and love

By Brandon Mendez
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart University’s Peace and Love Week will take place Sunday, February 10 through Saturday, February 16 in conjunction and including a unique Valentine’s Day on Thursday of that week.

The focus of the Residential Life sponsored event is to honor all relationships here on campus and across the global communi­ty.

Relationships of all types are to be discussed and reflected upon during the week.

Junior Michelle Hubbard, chairperson of the event from Gurnee, Illinois, described the week by saying, “This is a week to celebrate relationships of all sorts.”

Father Bob Malone from the Campus Ministry office, as well as several other SHU com­munity members are working with Hubbard on planning this week.

The pinnacle of the week is the February 14 Valentine’s Day.

The idea is to build this day into “Random Acts of Kindness Day.”

Instead of feeling the pres­sure of the otherwise known “Hallmark Holiday,” the com­mittee wishes to bring a sense of relief to the day to allow all to find and express the simplicity in caring for others.

The committee hopes to use Peace and Love Week to progress love in “all relationships beyond the local circle of friends,” as the committee described.

The week starts on Sunday with weekly night mass, and is followed up on Monday with a service at noon celebrating World Peace Day and redeem­ing September 11th, 2001.

Other tentative events include a relationship forum which will focus on healthy relationships of all types, games including the Newlywed Game, the showing of a special movie geared towards random acts of kindness, and a distinctive dis­cussion of love influenced by Dr. Seuss.

Friendship bracelets will be an event, as well as a “Hug” event.

As a service of caring, the student nurses will be taking blood pressures in Flik on Thursday of that week.

Also available will be the delivery of carnations to a spe­cial someone sponsored by IRC, as well as “Thinking of You” cards made earlier in the week and distributed on Thursday.

Some other events planned are in conjunction with Black History month.

Special guest speaker Naomi TuTu will be in the the­ater Wednesday, February 13th to speak about “Truth and Reconciliation: Healing Racism.”

The winter retreat run by Campus Ministry will take place later in the week in conjunction with Peace and Love Week.

The participants in the retreat will pray for all relationships during this time.

Did You Know?

Anagrams are words or numbers that can be made from other words by simply rearranging the let­ters. An example of this are the words “ape” and “pea.” Palindromes are words or numbers that are exactly the same written backwards or forwards. Examples include the word “bob,” “racecar,” and the year 1991.

- compiled by Kerry Freel, News Editor

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Things to do while online at SHU

Cheng has recommended the following list of websites which he feel will give students more leisure time and less stress by researching and gathering the information online quickly.

* Registering for classes? Want to plan your schedule ahead? For information about transcripts, our academic calendar for the next few years, closed and available courses, registration for part­time and graduate studies, visit http://registrar.sacredheart.edu/.
* Research about your Meal plan options and then apply for your meal plan online at http://www.sacredheart.edu/campuslife/dining/index.html.
* If you need assistance or know of anyone who might, help yourself or a friend by going to our Counseling Center’s website at http://counseling.sacredheart.edu/.
* Why stay in line? Buy your books from your dorm or from home online at http://www.sacredheart.edu/campuslife/bookstore/.
* In parking trouble? Find out what your rights are first at http://parking.sacredheart.edu.
* Need help with your mail, duplicating, or print shop needs? Our Mail Center maintains a website with everything from hours of operation to anthrax safety videos at http://mailcenter.sacredheart.edu/.
* Want to host an event on campus? Do you need to reserve Mahogany Room or another area? Do so online at http://stu­dentlife.sacredheart.edu/eventregistration.html.

Get Involved in our Community:
* Find out what Community service and service learning opportunities at http://www.sacredheart.edu/mission/service/.
* Find out about Habitat for Humanity and get involved at http://habitat.sacredheart.edu/.
* Campus Ministry offers a variety of programs and their site is complete with their latest newsletter as well as information on how to get involved! Find out more at http://www.sacredheart.edu/mission/campusministry/.

Academic sites
* Art and Design: http://art-design.sacredheart.edu/.
* Biology: http://biology.sacredheart.edu/.
* College of Business: http://cb.sacredheart.edu/.
* Computer Science: http://compsci.sacredheart.edu/.
* English as a Second Language: http://esl.sacredheart.edu/.
* History & Political Science: http://history.sacredheart.edu/or http://politicalsci.sacredheart.edu/.
* Library: http://library.sacredheart.edu/.
* Nursing: http://nursing.sacredheart.edu/.
* Occupational Therapy: http://ot.sacredheart.edu/.
* Study Abroad: http://studyabroad.sacredheart.edu/.
* University College: http://uc.sacredheart.edu/.

Other Sites of interest
* Council of Graduate students (http://cogs.sacredheart.edu/.
* Information about our Stamford Campus (http://stamford­campus.sacredheart.edu/).
* SIFE (http://sife.sacredheart.edu/)
* The Gallery of Contemporary Art (http://artgallery.sacred­heart.edu/)
* Greek Life: http://greeklife.sacredheart.edu/.

-Wang Cheng Web Manager Information Technology Division
Editorials

Fraternities are cool, but Sororities rule!

As Greek Weekend and spring pledging approach once again, I am reminded of a conversation I had last spring in Hawley Lounge with a well-respected member of a SHU fraternity. This friend told me seriously that he was going to approach the Greek Weekend Committee to motion that sororities have a separate category all their own because in the past we have not been serious contenders on Skit Night and that it was unfair for us to have to compete with male organizations. I told him thank you, but that would be unnecessary; the sororities can hold our own during Greek Weekend, and, as we all remember, we certainly did.

The sororities not only cleaned up on Skit Night with Phi Omega Tau winning Best Comedy and Beta Delta Phi winning Best Drama, we also took home the majority of the awards allotted for Greek Life from the Campus Life Leadership Awards Ceremony. Nu Epsilon Omega deservedly won the Community Service Award, adding to over 3000 hours that Greek Life contributed to as a whole. Beta Delta Phi won the Scholastic Achievement Award for their creative skit, "SHU Weekend Update." Also, Edgar Palacios of Omega Phi Kappa was crowned King and joined on the court by Gil LeFort of Lambda Sigma Phi, as first runner up, and Eric Devine of Alpha Sigma Psi, as second runner up.

In general, both fraternities and sororities have had a fantastic year, crossing over a new generation of Greeks and dedicating themselves to their causes. They held vigils, had speakers and conducted numerous other campus wide events. But as Greek Weekend looms near again, we have to wonder if perhaps this year there should be a special category for the fraternities to protect them from what is clearly a group of unstoppable women!

Rebecca Williams, Senior and proud Sister of Beta Delta Phi

What do you have to say about the school? Give us your thoughts on Sacred Heart. Let your voice be heard!

The SHU Voices
-Compiled by Ryan Greenfeld

Who do you want to win the Super Bowl?

Steve Mc Cabe
Mahopac, NY
Senior
"The Rams, because the Patriots don’t deserve to be there."

Keri Nastri
Oceanside, NY
Junior
"The Patriots, because I figure the Jets can’t be in so the Northeast should be represented somehow."

Dan Tuffarelli
Bronx, NY
Junior
"The Blazers, that’s my favorite team."

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A salute to Buildings and Grounds

By Christina Tantillo
Features Editor

It's the semester they say we should be most excited about. The last semester before we walk across the field in our caps and gowns and say goodbye to the four years that have shaped us and left us with so many memories. But memories will not be all that is left behind when May comes, and that is what upsets me. I'm not excited about graduation because two people who mean the world to me, who should be at graduation or Senior Week, will not be. And I am sure that these are not the only ones who are left with another semester... or two until they graduate.

My roommate since second semester freshman year and another dear friend will not be at graduation and Senior Week. She would not be facing this problem, for there are those who will go, because it will not be the graduation I thought it would be. It does not feel right to partake in the celebration and ceremony of graduation when the people who helped me get here and deserve it as much as I will not be getting the same. And what does the school do to help? Nothing. They say we need to grow to be independent people who can succeed after college, yet when we try to do that we are shot down. When we fail, no matter whose fault, it is because we are college students. This university needs to lose the stigma that we are just college students, we are also human beings. Not every college stu-dent drinks uncontrollably and recklessly loses control. There are those of us who are trying to make it in the world.

Another friend will not be at graduation or Senior Week. She will get a diploma in December. She has done the best she could to figure out the major of her choice. She did not get certified what was best for her, but in the end found that she was left six credits short. These three electives she thought she would do if she added any more classes she would be over the credit limit. She will bitterly accept her disappointment, she found she had not had the appointment, who knows what would have happened if you tell someone in May that they are not graduating? How am I supposed to be excited? So I gain excitement for May, I also hide it and let it go, because it will not be the graduation I thought it would be. And the worst part is that we know nothing and cannot be treated as people. More often than not we are treated as though we know nothing and cannot be helped at all. I'm enraged at the fact that I have to comfort friends who will not be graduating as higher-ups somewhere are counting how much money they will have in the coming year. I love to be there for them, but they shouldn't have to be in this situation.

I would never have compliment-ed my roommate had advisors who gave no direction and signed registration forms without advice at all. My roommate asked for help but was directed to another who once again directed her to another, finding out sophomore year that she could not get certified the major of her choice. She did the best she could to figure out what was best for her, but in the end found that she was left six credits short. These three elective classes were landing in fall and spring semes-ter of 2003. If she was able to finish the credits over the sum-mer, which the classes are not available, she would have been able to walk.

If she had had advisors who had helped her from the start and lead her in the right direction she would not be facing this problem. But I guess we can say at least she gets to attend graduation, for there are those who will memory not be there for the most exciting times of my life. And the worst part is, they are not at fault. From the start my room­mate had advisors who gave no direction and signed registration forms without advice at all. My roommate asked for help but was directed to another who once again directed her to another, finding out sophomore year that she could not get certified the major of her choice. She did the best she could to figure out what was best for her, but in the end found that she was left six credits short. These three elective classes were landing in fall and spring semes-ter of 2003. If she was able to finish the credits over the sum-mer, which the classes are not available, she would have been able to walk.

So how am I supposed to be excited? So I gain excitement for May, I also hide it and let it go, because it will not be the graduation I thought it would be. It does not feel right to partake in the celebration and ceremony of graduation when the people who helped me get here and deserve it as much as I will not be getting the same. And what does the school do to help? Nothing. They say we need to grow to be independent people who can succeed after college, yet when we try to do that we are shot down. When we fail, no matter whose fault, it is because we are college students. This university needs to lose the stigma that we are just college students, we are also human beings. Not every college stu-dent drinks uncontrollably and recklessly loses control. There are those of us who are trying to make it in the world.

When students at this school ask for help, we should be treated as people. More often than not we are treated as though we know nothing and cannot be helped at all. I'm enraged at the fact that I have to comfort friends who will not be graduating as higher-ups somewhere are counting how much money they will have in the coming year. I love to be there for them, but they shouldn't have to be in this situation. I'm sorry it takes extra time out of your schedule to help someone plan the right schedule or help them decide their future goals, but it is important and it is your job. If someone didn't want to graduate or didn't care about their education, they would have given up years ago. We can only become intelligent, independent, and secure adults from help from others. I got that help from some and I am very grateful, and I feel very guilty and sorry that there is nothing I can do now to help them. I think that the faculty and staff should be more open and willing to help students rather than leaving them to handle it by themselves.

Answering one question could be the difference between someone graduating at the right time, and someone waiting until another semester.

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A Dose of Diversity

By Romy Sarrazin
Staff Writer

Literature is a window; a window of history, culture, and humanity. Cultures, ethnicity, religion, learning abilities, mental capabilities are some of the qualities that make us all very different.

Learning about others and their differences has become more evident in courses that students take here at Sacred Heart.

Last semester the curriculum for the new English majors changed and along with that came the survey courses in which the development of literature is traced. In these classes authors such as W.E. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Beecher Stowe are introduced to students.

"Students need to broaden their horizons and learn about the world outside of simply Anglo-European authors," stated Sabine Augustine, a sophomore from Stamford. Sabine is taking the survey courses and feels that they do integrate literature from authors of various ethnicities.

This semester, many professors have chosen to include literature by authors of Haitian, African-American, African, and Native-American decent. In professor Calabrese's

Some teachers incorporate multicultural literature into their courses.

have another one out." Beverly Boehmke, Assistant to the Chair of Language, Literature, and Media Studies informed The Spectrum about Mr. Martin's band. After talking to him one day in the LLMS office, Mrs. Boehmke and her husband decided to go see the band perform at Violet's in Stamford. "I really enjoyed the upbeat music and so did the rest of the crowd," said Boehmke. "Hubert is always in a good mood when he comes into the office and I think one reason is because this band serves as a great creative outlet for him."

"What Up Funk" also regularly performs at nightclubs and restaurants in the area such as The Chowder Pot and The Gathering. In fact, this Saturday, the band will be playing at the Bear and Grill in nearby Fairfield. "We try to cater to the younger and older crowd because our band has an old school sounds with a newer sounding funk," said Martin.

Hubert Martin and the rest of "What Up Funk" hope to one day have an opportunity to perform for a crowd here at Sacred Heart.

So the next time you see the smiling Mr. Martin in the hallway, remember behind the exterior lies a funky rhythm and blues band.

Ministry Matters

CAMPUS MINISTRY

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

By Janine Graffeo
Staff Writer

Did you know that, "over 29,000 children die every day, most of them due to hunger and preventable diseases. This number is actually down from 35,000 just ten years ago, due to programs like World Vision's 30 Hour Famine," according to World Vision, a non-profit Christian relief and development organization.

This will be the second year that Campus Ministry has extended their hands, by helping to provide the little things that we so often take for granted, such as food, clean water, and medicine.

Angela Paulone, from Waterbury, a Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant remarked, "This program just started last year, and World Vision helps out countries who are in desperate need of money, and support for starving children. This year the funds that we raise will go to Tanzania and Peru."

Paulone later described an outline of the event which will take place from February 22 through February 23. It will start Friday at noon, and run straight through until Saturday evening.

The people who participate will first start out by doing some service work, most likely at a soup kitchen; afterwards they will go over to St. Charles, and participate in some activities.

Also on Friday, the guest speaker Mike Peak from World Vision will be shedding some light on what and how their organization has benefited people who do not share the quality of life that students at SHU are so blessed to have.

"The music is a mix between jazz, funk, and rhythm and blues. We play music that is fun to listen and dance to."
Unity in Diversity

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Approaches to Literature course, the students will be reading a selection by a Haitian author by the name of Edwidge Danticat. The novel, entitled "Krik? Krak!," is truly unique and captivating. The text is full of poetry and prose that reflect on the theme of identity and belonging.

When asked why she chose to include this novel in her course this semester, Dr. Calabrese, an associate professor from the English department, responded, "I wanted diversity, I wanted my students to experience the taste of mouth and mind one gets from reading international literature." Students here aren't simply receiving a varied dose of literature from the English department but also through the education classes. Those who aspire to become teachers are required to take a course entitled "Multicultural Education". The class consists of graduate and undergraduate students and helps them learn about how to not be partial in the classroom in regards to diversity.

The class is truly unique and captivating. The text is full of poetry and prose that reflect on the theme of identity and belonging.

All of these courses help all students to understand that their own culture is not the only one and if we’re not all totally convinced then I applaud those who indeed believe that there can be should be must be and somehow find the resources to share their insights. I cannot explain just how difficult it is to us to laugh when trying not to cry and to continue to pray to christianty god when remembering our troubled past to lend momentary lifted grins in order to shield our most secured insecurities and I must gain an understanding that our remembrance of slavery is not a pleasant one but an absolute necessary one, it’s actually quite frightening. In the 21st century still tell us we are acting too black! but this poem is not an angry poem and if thought to be this poem is not an angry poem and this poem apologizes for that because I like you like u like you	

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By Samantha E. DeVita
Contributing Writer

Sunday, January 27, 2002 marked the opening of the art exhibit at The Gallery of Contemporary Art, here at Sacred Heart University. The six featured artists range in style, medium, theme and levels of perception, yet as the title of the exhibit boasts, they are all "Keenly Observed" pieces of artistic work. The artists work comes to Sacred Heart from the Schmidt Bingham Gallery and varies greatly in their perception of the world and the matter they wished to explore.

The overall feeling here is one of great brilliance and insight, yet still remaining unselfconsciously personal to the viewer. Also, many of the pieces have spiritual overtones. Out of the twenty-six pieces being displayed in the gallery, all but six are for sale, ranging from $2,400 dollars to $40,000, which seems to be a gross exaggeration on the price tag, but beauty is seen through the eyes of the beholder.

Dozier Bell, submitted romantic landscape paintings set in the ideal utopia of nineteenth century art. Bell also holds the position of the artist with the lowest asking price for the art, which starts at $2,400.

Small and elaborately designed paintings are the work of the amusing artist Holly Lanes style. The frames around each piece are constructed of balsa wood and are carved to remind the viewers of the Early Renaissance where exaggerated and beautiful style flourished in the art world.

Of the three pieces Lane submitted for the show, there is the over- ruling idea of religious reminiscences to altering, yet they are personal attributes to Lanes own testaments in life. Such themes as femininity, nature and other ideals of our modern society are the basis of the work shown here. One of the forces that pull you to Lanes pieces is the way the imaginary world, personal symbolic themes, and modern concerns are united in perfect harmony throughout the display.

James Moore's contribution to the gallery are three paintings that are simple and respectable in their theme and the idea that finding the spiritual in images is rare upon first glance, but can be found with a keen mind.

Nature and simplicity are the two observations that Moore incorporates into the art, while the organic atmosphere is represented in dulled color values and the idea of nature is represented as the ultimate push behind life.

For the last thirty years, the countryside of Litchfield County and the small fishing village on Molasses River, New York, come alive in this contemporary view of the world. Poskas has represented working in the era of 60s Pop art and influences such as Warhol, Idelle Weber has mastered the true feeling of keep perception as an artist. By focusing on the smaller images and views of the world, the artist is able to paint what is her well-known style, with enough versatility to capture the audience. Weber's focus is open on the image at hand, rather the differentiating mediums that make such images as the streets of New York, come alive in this contemporary view of the world.

Idelle Weber was also invited to be the guest speaker at the yearly fundraising event that was held on January 25th, of this year. The exhibit, "Keenly Observed" will be at the gallery until the 7th of March, and the gallery is open Monday through Thursday, noon to seven o'clock p.m. Also, Sundays the gallery is open from noon until four o'clock in the afternoon. All of the artwork has a certain attraction all its own and since the gallery is an "open" showing, visitors are encouraged to stop in and view the work, and it is definitely worth the trip.

The Importance of Poetry

By Brandon M. Graham
Contributing Writer

Poetry is often times associated with sappy rhyming couplets or historical pieces of literature written by Shakespeare or other British writers.

I am sure we can all recall learning the brilliance behind iambic pentameter, and hardly every using it in everyday life. Yes?

A good deal of British poetry is long and very "heavy" reading.

However, we must hold a respect and applaud these great literary geniuses who have captured the attention of the world causing their audiences to experience the whole gamut of emotions.

These literary giants are essential contributors to the foundation of poetry, and their influence on poetry in present day could set no more obvious.

Collectively, we have embraced the many modern adaptations of epic tragedies and comedies that Hollywood has spread across the screen.

Many story lines and characterizations are taken right out of British literature.

Poetry is an exciting tool, which can be utilized to educate.

It stands as a very good medium to convey ideas, beliefs, or simply to entertain an audience. What makes poetry so different than any other form of literature is the lyrical element involved.

Often times the words or the diction can carry the rhythm. We live in a world where literature can carry socio-political undertones. Beliefs are less likely to be preached than assumed. Woven into the story line and into the characterizations are perceived as entertainment rather than as political judgment about the world.

Another valuable aspect of poetry is that it unifies. It brings together various races, cultures, and people from a spectrum of ethnic backgrounds. Also, people have begun to seek out venues to perform or to just sit back and listening to a few readings.

Coffee houses have begun to become more of a weekly experience in which poets are gathering to fellowship among each other while confronting issues such as love, hate, and other socio-political problems. It is a rebirth or a mirrored image of the 18th century when intellectuals would gather in Chocolate Houses.

"I enjoy going to readings where I am not only going to be entertained but I am also going to learn something new," said senior Basil Mitchell (Waterbury, CT).

Poetry is universal because it possesses the honesty to confront the hardships of life as we experience it in an unapologetic fashion. It speaks to the human condition.

I certainly appreciate the different types of poetry that have exploded into the mainstream with in the past 8 years, especially hip-hop spoken word," said senior Marvin Royal (Atlantic City, NJ).

In keeping with the upcoming events of Black History Month, I have compiled a list of African-American and West Indian contemporary poets: Nikki Giovanni, Saul Williams, Sapphire, Kirk Nugent, Topace Shukur, Jessica Care Moore, Liza Jessie Peterson.

Poetry is essential in gaining knowledge.
"A Walk to Remember" gives you a whole new outlook on life

By John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

Sometimes life throws you unfortunate circumstances. Sometimes things happen in life that are beyond any one’s doing. In “A Walk to Remember” the latest film from Adam Shankman, starring the adorable Mandy Moore and heartthrob Shane West, you cannot help but appreciate the simpler things in life, as well as life itself.

Since mid-September of the year that passed, many have learned to not take life for granted, not saying that many didn’t before, but recently the appreciation for life has escalated to a whole new level.

But after seeing “A Walk to Remember” taken from the novel by Nicholas Sparks, your appreciation for the loved ones closest to you takes center stage over anything else semi-important in your life. Its amazing that something such as a novel or a movie can do this, but it certainly does here.

“A Walk to Remember” has the ability to bring your emotions front and center while keeping your attention for the almost two hours in film length.

Shane West from ABC’s “Now and Again” plays Landon Carter, a James Dean-type rebel with a heart of gold. That’s in desperate need of a drastic change in his life, and for the better.

Carter is a good-looking bad boy in his final year of high school and with no direction whatsoever.

But Landon Carter has the ability to be something, but he just needs that certain something in his life to push him to be better.

That certain something is Jamie Sullivan, played by Mandy Moore, the quiet girl living in a small North Carolina town, that’s known Carter since kindergarten, but they just don’t talk too often.

In fact they don’t even say a word to one another.

Until an unfortunate circumstance in Carter’s troubles lands him alongside Sullivan where the two are forced to work together. From here on out is where the story picks up and things start to get emotional.

“A Walk to Remember” is without a doubt the most beautiful film I’ve ever seen.

“A Walk to Remember” puts you through the emotions “A Walk to Remember” puts you through.

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Beatles references are a constant in this movie. This can be seen with the all-cover soundtrack strictly containing Beatles songs each played within the movie itself, but also throughout the course of the movie Sam uses examples of problems within the Beatles to understand the situations he’s facing himself.

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One of the most comically entertaining portions of the movie is Sam’s relationship with his friends, four men who share similar handicaps.

These men aid Sam in the nurturing and raising of Lucy, but none are anywhere near as much help as his agoraphobic neighbor, played by Diane West.

However, as Lucy turns 7 and begins to intellectually surpass her father, their close bond is threatened when their situation comes under a social worker who questions Sam’s ability to properly care for Lucy and decides that perhaps the best place for her would be foster care.

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To live for the moment and to celebrate everything special each and every second of everyday, is what best describes the path “A Walk to Remember” tries to cross. And cross it certainly does.

The film makes you laugh, it makes you cry, and it makes you realize just how special loved ones are in your life.

Not to mention just how precious each moment that you spend with them is. “A Walk to Remember” has it all.

The tears you shed during this film are worthy from all of the emotions “A Walk to Remember” puts you through.

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Pioneers outweighed by top opponent Brown

By Mike Di Pietro
Staff Writer

On January 19th the Sacred Heart Wrestling Team traveled to Providence, RI to enter in a non-conference match against New England’s Second ranked Brown University. The final team score was Brown 27 and SHU 16.

Coach Reardon said, “It’s not that we were outclassed in any way, they were better than us today and the final score really does not reflect the flow of the match.”

Winners for the Pioneers included Phil Kalil (125), Jason Cucolo (133), Rob Belville (157) and Anthony Reynolds (197).

Next up for the Pioneer squad was a young and struggling Wagner College team that came to SHU on January 23rd. In this team victory, Sacred Heart earned more team points than ever scored in a single SHU Wrestling meet. The SHU wrestlers impressively defeated the Seahawks of Wagner 58-0.

Coach Reardon said, “I have been on both the giving and receiving end of matches such as this. I know it’s tough to receive, but it gives you a realistc snapshot as to where you are.”

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The matches will begin at 2:00 PM. On Tuesday the 29th the team will travel to Springfield, MA to take on American International College at 7:00PM.

Cook has more to offer than just fudge

By Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

If you’ve visited the William H. Pitt Center within the past four years, the odds are in your favor that you have either seen or had a conversation with Frank Cook. Cook has spent the better half of his four years working at Sacred Heart selflessly helping to make our university a more enjoyable experience. His positive outlook on life and friendly demeanor have undoubtedly contributed positively towards the tone of our campus.

The Bridgeport native graduated from nearby Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, where he participated in both Cross Country and Track and Field. He then attended Keene State College (N.H.) where he studied Law Enforcement while continuing to compete in his two favorite sports. It was there that he ultimately developed his obvious love for sports and competition, which he exhibits while enthusiastically supporting all of SHU’s athletic teams.

“I really just enjoy working around kids,” stated Cook who regularly brings in fudge and peanut butter balls to distribute among the students who visit the Pitt. A generous gesture far and above any text included in his job description. It’s hard to imagine he finds time for anything else considering the number of hours he puts into his combination of two jobs.

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Pioneer hoops prepare for Wagner and MSG debut

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In the second half the Lady Pioneers utilized superior athleticism to extend the lead as they exploded behind the hot hand of junior guard Ashley Durmer (Nacho, NH.) Drummer came out of internaison and promptly canned a 3 pointer, then got a steal.

St. Francis would call a timeout but it was too little to late as SHU took a 19-point lead with 18:48 left to go in the game.

After two St. Francis free throws Durmer promptly canned back-to-back three pointers as the Lady Pioneers increased their lead to 57-34. Durmer then assisted on a Brook Kelly jumper, got a steal and spotted the open Brook Runik who responded by hitting a three pointer of her own. Making the blowout win official as the lead ballooned to 30 with 14:29 left in the second half. Final score 84-63.

Brook Kelly lead all scorers with 19, Leslie Newhard added 18 with seven rebounds, and Ashley Durmer rounded out the double figure scorer with 13 points on 5-5 shooting.

The women picked up win number eleven on the season this past Monday with a 55-44 win over Central Connecticut State University Pioneers. The game started off on a three game road trip. Brook Kelly lead all scorers with 25 points on 7-16 shooting and also grabbed a game high 12 rebounds. With the win the women find themselves alone in second place, after being in a four way tie with Fairleigh Dickinson, LIU, and Wagner.

Next the women travel to Fairleigh Dickinson today with tip time set for 7:00pm, followed by a trip to Monmouth on Saturday tip time is at 3:00pm.

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Mens’s B-ball fall to 4-6 in the NEC

Athletic Director Mike Di Pietro

First they must take better care of the ball in their last two games or they will find themselves looking at a significant drop in the NEC standings. The Pioneers are just two games above .500 and have lost their last two games including a loss to Central CT. They also must start winning the rebounding battle, against State they were out rebounded by just eight. But they gave up 19 on the offensive backboard, which lead to 21 Blue Devil second chance points.

Next for the pioneers is a road game at second place Wagner on Wed. January 30 Wagner beat SHU at the buzzer on January 19. Followed by a home game on Saturday against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Tip time is at 2pm.
Fournier’s hat-trick secures Pioneer win over Holy Cross

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Saturday at the Milford Ice Pavilion it was a whole other story as a packed crowd watched the Pioneers play an intense physical game defeating Holy Cross 5-3. Fournier lead the Pioneers scoring three of the five goals.

Holy Cross struck first with an unassisted goal eight minutes into the opening period. Exactly three minutes later freshman forward Barclay Folk lit the lamp for the Pioneers. Junior defenseman Les Harpachak and McRae assisted Folk on the goal.

The Pioneers came out flying in the second as Metcalfe and freshman forward Garrett Larson worked it deep to get linemate junior Richard Naumann the puck. Naumann found the back of the net just two minutes into the start of the second.

Just after the ten minute mark Holy Cross capitalized on their two man advantage taking the game at two. Three minutes before the end of the second Fournier would score his first goal of the night on a back hand shot to the top left corner.

"It was a great effort by Fournier," said coach Mears. "He had to battle to keep possession of the puck as two defenders stepped up to challenge. He handled the puck well and was able to find the net," said defensemen Nick Natcher.

The third period saw much intensity on the part of the Pioneers as they battled to control home ice. The Pioneers went down a man and the Crusaders were able to even the score at 6-58. The two teams look to re-group as Holy Cross called a timeout two minutes later.

The timeout fared in favor of the Pioneers as Fournier would score the game winning goal on the power play just a minute later. Larson and Harpachak would assist Fournier on the goal.

Sacred Heart would find themselves on a power play three on one rush toward an empty net with less then ten second remaining in the game. Fournier would score his third of the night for the Hat- Trick securing the Pioneer win.

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"It was a great game for us," said coach Mears. "We took control of the game from the beginning and kept our heads in it. The game the night before was physical and we knew we had to come out strong and fast on Saturday if we were going to beat them," said Fournier.

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WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Notes

If the Pioneers expect to become one of the eight teams that make the NEC playoff this year they will have to undoubt edly do better in certain areas.

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Pioneers bedeviled in overtime loss

By LaMar Kennedy Staff Writer

This past Saturday for the second time this season Pioneer basketball faced the number one team in the NorthEast Conference.

If the team took anything away from their 76-47 loss in the first meeting it was that they had to stop Central CT State’s leading scorer Corisley Edwards (Baltimore, MD.) The 6-9’ 275 center had his way with SHU in the first meeting. He is getting so much attention these days that even Hampton Mears, a talent scout with the LA Lakers for the past twenty years, was in attendance at the Pitt Saturday afternoon.

At the conclusion of the Pioneers heart breaking 76-69 OT loss to the Blue Devils, asked Mears what he thought about this year’s Pioneer team he said, “they have some talent”. "I like Samuels, but they are just young so their going to make mistakes" Mears added. But talent alone does not win games so the game last Saturday was to prove that the Pioneers could not only play but also win games against NEC competition.

As luck would have it Edwards was nursing a sore hamstring, and played only five first half minutes after picking up two early fouls. But SHU was unable to entirely capitalize off of their “good fortune”, as they were still out rebounded 22-15 in the first half. Including giving up nine offensive rebounds that lead to seven-second chance point for CCSU.

This was after playing one of their best defensive half’s of the season against held State to 34.9% shooting, while forcing nine turnovers leading to 11 first half points. Half time score 30-30.

In the second half the crowd of 819 including a large contingent from CCSU, was treated to another great Pioneer play but also forced five turnovers. Sophomore guard and conference leading scorer Maurice Bailey (Hempstead, NY) turned the ball over three times as State took a 59-58 lead with 1:44 left to play in regulation. SHU would go on a 5-0 run to take a 63-59 lead, capped by sophomore point guard Omar Wellington’s (Pennsauken, NJ) three pointer with twenty-seven seconds left.

Omar Wellington

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The Sacred Heart women's ice hockey team took two points as they split weekend with Holy Cross. After this past weekend Sacred Heart tied rival Quinnipiac for third place in the MAAC conference with 21 points. The Pioneers will come head to head with QC this weekend as both teams look to get a berth in the playoffs.

Friday night the Pioneers suffered a 2-8 loss at the Hart Center. Holy Cross opened the scoring with three goals in the first. SHU would not answer till the first minute of the second with a goal by sophomore forward Marc-Andre Fournier (senior co-captain). Lloyd Marks assisted. Holy Cross scored twice before the period was over.

SHU would again score within a minute of the start of the period as junior forward Martin Paquet and sophomore forward Chuck Metcalfe set up senior captain Pete McRae for the Pioneers final goal. The Crusaders would score another three to bring the final score to 8-2.

Both Pioneer goalkeepers junior Eddy Ferhi and freshman Kevin LaPoint would face a combined 36 shots on goal as the Pioneers pressed the Crusaders netminder with 28 shots.

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Women's Ice Hockey post back to back wins

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The Sacred Heart women's ice hockey team posted back to back wins this weekend defeating Wesleyan 4-2 and St. Catherine 3-1 respectively.

The women are currently in fourth place in the ECAC Women's D-III East Conference with 16 points. The women are three points behind RIT who is in third.

Friday night the Pioneers hosted out of conference opponent Wesleyan College.

The first period saw only one goal by Wesleyan which came on the power play 12 minutes after the puck drop. The Pioneers took control in the second as they dominated Wesleyan in the corners. Junior forward Angela Yuhas and defenseman Sara Bergin led the rush up ice as Lyndsey Bennett scored SHU's first goal of the game. Bennett scored seconds later on the same shift after catching another pass from Yuhas.

Wesleyan was able to capitalize on a four on four opportunity before the buzzer would sound.

Sacred Heart came out flying as the game winning goal got tapped in 28 seconds into the third. Meredith Glavin put the puck in on the Pioneers first rush. Forwards Ahsiona Biegel and Kristin Dudembostel assisted Glavin on the goal.

SHU would score again before Wesleyan would call a time out. Bergin would score unassisted on the power play. That would prove to be the final goal of the game giving Pioneer goaltender Kimberly Derleth the win with 28 saves.

Saturday night the Pioneers again took home ice. They were able to defeat out of conference opponent St. Catherine 3-1.

Pack The Pitt: Women's B-Ball Game vs Wagner this Wed.

will be televised on Cablevision; Tip off at 8 p.m.