Abortion speaker informs SHU

By Tom Pesce
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, November 1, in the Schine Auditorium, Feminists for Life of America, President Serrin Foster spoke to a crowd of over fifty SHU students about the feminist case against abortion.

The seminar was the last one of a three part series presented by Dr. Brian Stilner of SHU’s Religious Studies Department, and the Hersher Institute for applied ethics. The organization that Foster represents, Feminists for Life of America, works to systematically eliminate the causes of abortion by offering alternative solutions to women.

As Foster began her lecture, she thanked those in attendance who were pro-life and recognized how hard it can be, at times, when standing up for pro-choice advocates. She also acknowledged the fact that not everyone would agree with her, and she thanked those who supported abortion for coming to listen to her message.

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Anthrax scares test Mail

Room and Public Safety

By LaMar Kennedy
Staff Reporter

Students here at Sacred Heart should not automatically assume that all is well when picking up their mail.

Since September 11 the school has received two suspicious packages that were treated as possible Anthrax attacks according to Art Gerckens, mailroom manager.

The first letter was received at Student Services office in Hawley Lounge. The address on the outside of the envelope was written in both pencil and ink. It was addressed to Sacred Heart U-dom, according to Art Gerckens, mailroom manager.

The second letter was received at Student Services office in Hawley Lounge. The address on the outside of the envelope was written in both pencil and ink. It was addressed to Sacred Heart University, and noted that it did not appear to be processed by the Fairfield Police department as a precautionary measure and has been destroyed.

On October 30, a second suspicious letter was received in a student’s mailbox.

The student did not recognize the return address and it appeared to have a powdery substance inside. The letter contained excess postage, and did not appear to be processed by any post office.

One of the first persons to be notified was a student’s public safety officer. The student and letter were isolated and public safety was called.

Jack Fernandez, Supervisor for Public Safety, said that the letter did have a “powdery substance inside” but it was determined that it did not pose any threat. The letter was destroyed.

Coincidentally the Fairfield Post Office was closed on October 29, while it dealt with its own Anthrax scares. All mail at SHU is processed by this Post Office before it comes to campus.

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DWI blockade at University Entrance

By Kerry Free
News Editor

An arrest was made on Halloween night, October 31, in the entrance of Sacred Heart University. The student, a sophomore, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to obey a traffic sign (for driving straight in the turning lane outside the University).

The University has obtained a grant from the state to address the issue of underage drinking on our campus and in the community at large.

William O’Connell, Director of Public Safety, explained why Fairfield Police were on the SHU campus.

“The University Coalition to Prevent Alcohol Abuse and Underage Drinking consists of representatives from Student Life, Residence Life, Public Safety, Campus Ministry, the Substance Abuse Counselor, the Dean of Freshmen, the Dean of Students, a Student Government representative, an Athletic trainer, and representatives from the Bridgeport and Fairfield Police Departments.

“One part of this grant is specifically allocated toward law enforcement. As part of that, Fairfield Police and University Public Safety Officers conducted a DWI checkpoint at the entrance to campus on Halloween, Wednesday evening into Thursday morning.”

“All vehicles entering campus were briefly stopped by the police to check for intoxicated drivers. I am very pleased that of the 107 vehicles stopped, only one operator was arrested for DWI.”

The charged student had an odor of alcohol on his breath and failed the sobriety test.

The Fairfield Police explained the penalty may involve community service, suspending driving privileges in Connecticut, and a possible fine of between $500-1000.

“In addition to other law enforcement activities aimed at reducing underage drinking, we expect to continue to conduct random DWI checkpoints in the future,” said O’Connell.

The Fairfield Police department will be coming to SHU Thursday through Saturday nights, checking drivers entering campus for driving while intoxicated. This is not mandated by SHU, but by the town of Fairfield to prevent drinking and driving.

Three Religions, One Common Message

Room and Public Safety

By Tina Shushelnycky
Contributing Writer

On November 1, as part of “Fear No People Week” at SHU, members of three major monotheistic religions came together to speak about their particular beliefs. Dr. Kareem Abeeb, Rabbi James Prosnit, and SHU’s own professor of religious studies, Brian Stilner, sat down together for an hour long forum.

All three speakers emphasized the importance of peace and tolerance. The religious discussed were Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

Each speaker chose to focus on the similarities between the religions rather than the differences. The catch phrase for the lecture was “Accepting diversity and affirming similarities.”

Although the September 11 tragedy was mentioned, each speaker was adamant about separating religion from politics and violence and therefore did not go in depth about any religious connection to the terrorist acts.

The purpose of the lecture was mainly to educate people about the good points of each religion.

The panelist addressed many questions from the audience after the forum.

“Religion is my passion and it has been hijacked by extremists everywhere,” said Dr. Kareem Abeeb, founder of the American Institute for Islamic Studies.

He went on to say that he did not believe the events of September 11 should be called terrorist acts, but “criminal acts committed by criminals.”

Abeeb then directed the discussion to the principles of Islam, stressing the similarities between Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

“The major message of Islam is that God is One,” Abeeb said.

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The Feminist Case Against Abortion

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"I think that one of the biggest problems in the abortion debate is that people don’t listen to each other," Foster said.

What was unique to her case against abortion was the feminist approach that Foster took on the topic. She asserted that feminists do not support abortion.

Foster explained feminism as "a philosophy that embraces the basic rights of all human beings without exception. Feminism rejects the use of force to dominate, control, or destroy one another."

Foster traced the historical roots of early feminism in America back to over two hundred years ago, during the great abolitionist movement.

She pointed out that women who tried to take a stand against slavery, found themselves to be considered just as much a piece of property as the slaves that they were trying to help. "Not only could women of this time not vote, but they were also not allowed to own property," said Foster.

According to Foster, like many of the women of the developing world, the feminists of two hundred years ago were opposed to abortion. They understood that women had no power in the political sphere or within the family.

Women of two hundred years ago were also well aware of the physical risk taken while bearing children. In that time, women would often have fifteen to twenty-five children, most of which would die before they reached age five, or the mother would die while giving birth.

As cruel and unjust as society was in the days of early feminism, women did not believe that abortion was the answer.

"The early feminists clearly opposed abortion," asserted Foster. "Just as these women found it degrading to be treated like property, women also found it to be degrading to treat their unborn children like property."

Foster explained that through the years, the pressure they received to be like men in the work place warped women’s mindset into believing that abortion was a solution.

"If women wanted to hold jobs that men held, and be treated the same, then women could not pesteer their bosses about morning sickness or ask for maternity leave."

Working women found that the fertility that was holding them back in the work force. Women felt like they had to be treated like men in order to be accepted.

"Women don’t have abortions because it’s their right, because it’s their choice," Foster said.

"Women are also ostracized by their peers and are looked upon as being outcasts if they become pregnant while attending college," Foster pointed out.

"There are employers that don’t cover maternity coverage in that there health insurance is there. Society still says ‘it’s your choice,’ as if they are giving women any other options but to starve to death," Foster said.

"College campuses can start making help available for women and their unborn babies."

"One out of five abortions are performed in college towns," according to Foster.

"That is why it is so important that we start here."

Places like Georgetown University have started day care facilities for students, faculty, and staff to bring their children to while they are in class or working.

A problem that faces Catholic Universities such as SHU, is the provision of services such as those when the Catholic Church does not believe in sex before marriage under any circumstance.

Foster emphasized that we need to educate our young people about sex. "Abortion is the only true form of birth control. It is not our place to judge someone or to approve of an act that he or she has committed. It is vitally important to love and support someone," Foster said.

"Women need to be made aware of the many other options they have other than abortion. We are preventing that unborn baby from being murdered."

"To be supportive of someone, unconditionally, is the first step to fighting the unspeakable travesty of abortion, and one step closer to truly being Catholic," Foster said.

For more information on Feminists for Life of America, or to get information on pregnancy options, please visit www.feministsforlife.org.

News Briefs

Registration and advisement

Early Registration is November 12-20—check your mailboxes for your Early Registration Postcards!

Registration is November 21 through January 11.

If you have already pre-registered for Spring 2002 courses, please check with the Registrar’s website to find out the dates and times that your adjustments can be made, www.http://registrar.sacredheart.edu/eregistrationsp.html Your Freshman Option Form and Early Registration Postcards are due by November 21. Your courses will be deleted if you do not turn in these forms to the Registrar’s office by the deadline!

If you have not yet registered for Spring 2002 classes, check your postcards for your Early Registration card to get all necessary signatures. Bring this card with you when you go to register.

Make sure you fill out your Payment Option Plan, located on the bottom of the registration form. Payments are not due at the time of Early Registration.

If your appointment time for registration conflicts with a class, you must still go to that class. You can register when your class is over.

Closed courses for the Spring are now posted on the website. Make sure you check channel 6 for more closed courses. Have a backup plan in case one of the courses you’d like to take is closed.

Senior portraits

Senior Portraits can be taken during the week of November 12. Sign up online at www.ouryear.com or call 1-800-our-year, the school ID is 328.

State of the University Address

The state of the University address has been moved to Monday, November 12, at 7pm. Come voice your concerns and get answers.

Winter Semi-Formal tickets on sale

The junior class is hosting the annual Winter Semi-formal at the Stamford Westin on November 30. Tickets are on sale today and tomorrow in FLiK from 11am-2pm ad on Sunday after mass in front of Public Safety. The cost of the tickets is $30. The junior class had to find a place that fit at least 950 people. The Westin was the final choice. Like usual the semi-formal will have a cash bar.

Boxer shorts contest

The senior class is running the annual Boxer Short Contest during the next Pub Night, November 28 at 10:15. Sign up at the Jail-n-Bail this week, in FLiK.

—Compiled by Kerry Freel

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Sacred Heart’s mailroom handles over six million pieces of mail per year. Recently two members from the mailroom and two members from Public Safety completed training on what to look for when faced with a possible Anthrax scenarios.

The training took place at the New Haven Post Office and was taught by FBI Postal Inspectors along with members from the Connecticut Department of Health.

Gerckens has been manager of the mailroom for four years and stresses, "we do have a plan," and "we know what we are looking for."

The mailroom has a zero tolerance for incorrectly addressed mail. Anything that is not properly addressed will be returned to the sender.

The Center for Disease Control website states that Bacillus Anthracis comes in three forms.

Cutaneous anthrax is the most common and found in nature. Infection can occur by coming in contact with "contaminated material, meat, wool, hides, or leather from infected animals, incubation period ranges from 1-12 days." This form of anthrax usually is killed by ultra violet rays found in sunlight. So to protect itself the bacteria develops into a spore like state that is more resistant to sunlight, and proceeds to bury itself in the ground.

Gastrointestinal Anthrax is the third form and is contracted by the "consumption of raw or undercooked contaminated meat, and has an incubation period of one to seven days."

Symptoms include "nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting, fever, abdominal pain, vomiting of blood and severe diarrhea."

Confirmed cases include two in Florida, five in New York, five in New Jersey, and five in Washington D.C. Suspected cases include four in New York, and one in New Jersey. There have been four deaths related to Anthrax.

There is an Anthrax vaccine that can prevent infection but it is not available to the general public.

Biologist professor, Jennifer Mattei, explains what makes naturally occurring version of Anthrax so deadly.

"The Anthrax found in nature usually is killed by ultra violet rays found in sunlight. So to protect itself the bacteria develops into a spore like state that is more resistant to sunlight, and proceeds to bury itself in the ground."

It’s unknown how the bacteria is able to compete in contact with livestock, when grazing they uproot the grass sending buried spores airborne and into their systems," Mattei said.

Livestock that are found to exhibit symptoms are tested and if found to have the disease are killed and the carcass is burned. If not found in time the contaminated meat eaten from these animals could lead to Cutaneous Anthrax in humans.

When Anthrax spores are introduced to the bloodstream, white blood cells, the body’s natural defense, attack the bacteria.

"What’s unique about Anthrax is that as it sits inside of the blood cells it starts to reproduce rapidly, as it reproduces it produces a toxin, eventually the cell explodes releasing the toxins into the circulatory system," Mattei said.

Normal bacteria clump together (the smaller the bacteria the more success it will have entering the system) allowing the body’s natural defenses, such as nasal hairs, to trap it.

But the anthrax being inhaled by Americans according to Mattei, "is treated to repel each other so it does not get trapped like regular bacteria."

Public Safety supervisor Jack Fernandez has a clear message for all students, "If any student receive any unfamiliar letters they should immediately contact Public Safety."
Religious panel
department so students have an idea of what each panel member is working on and what that panel member's respective department has done this year. Instead of 5 students getting in line to ask similar questions, a panel member may be able to alleviate some of that tension by addressing some issues that will most likely be brought up by students, before the question is even asked.

Adeeb, feel about the oppression of women in Islamic societies?

Adeeb answered, "Unfortunately we are living in an age of insanity in the Middle East. There will be more blood spilt [until] somebody says enough is enough."

He did not elaborate about how he got interested. He did not elaborate about how the Middle East should go now, and how do you. Dr. Adeeb, feel about the oppression of women in Islamic societies?"

Adeeb, a renowned suspension author, came to visit Sacred Heart University students on October 24. Adeeb made her appearance in the Schine Auditorium, where she lectured on how she became a best-selling author.

Afterwards, she held a "Question and Answer" forum, and concluded with a book signing session of her newest thriller Fleeced.

A graduate of MontHolyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., Clark explained how she was very much involved with acting in theater and films following her graduation.

However, after working with her mother, Mary Higgins Clark, she realized that she too wanted to test her wit and smarts with mystery writing. "I learned a lot from my mother," said Clark.

I help her keep her novels, because back then we had typewriters, and I did this for a number of her books. That is how I got interested.

Her first published was the novel Decked and while she was in college there was only one incident in particular that she remembered as being inspiring. "I was a senior in college and one time a professor read to the class one of my papers. To have my writing singled out was pretty exciting," Clark said.

Clark enjoy reading authors such as John Steinbeck, and old mystery writers, but when asked what her favorite book was, she replied "A Mary Higgins Clark novel." Clark illustrated how she devises the characters for her novels. "I base the characters on people I randomly meet or on some of my friends," Clark said.

In her newly released novel, Fleeced, Clark enthralled the audience with her funny anecdote on how she came up with one of the characters.

"I keep a piece of paper with me where ever I am. It's funny what can spark an idea," Clark said.

Adeeb also said he considers Jews to be his cousins and that toleration and love are the foundations of Judaism as being grounded in three things, the Torah, Israel, and God.

Prosnit also discussed the importance of the Holy Land in Israel to the Jewish community. "Israel is very sacred to Jews, the land as well as the people. The theme is how to share a very small piece of land," Prosnit explained.

The Rabbi did not make any possible solutions as to how to share the Holy Land and live peacefully with the Middle East. Continuing with the theme of unity, Prosnit described the foundations of Judaism as being grounded in peace. This is especially true when it comes to a belief in one God which he described as "universal."

"We're all headed to the same place [and] we will understand a true message of peace when we reach that place," Prosnit said.

Stiltner was the last to speak. He opened his discussion with a quote from the Bible about unity. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit. There are different forms of service but the same Lord," Stiltner said.

He affirmed that we all must accept each other's differences and try to live peacefully.
Editorials

Are we ready for the world?

By Megan Flood
Editor-in-Chief

Well it’s that time of the year again. A time when seniors start to face the reality that they are graduating and that the ‘real world’ is right around the corner. We can do all we want to prepare, but let’s face it, we don’t know what’s out there.

Some of us have taken the LSATs, others are preparing for the GREs and GMATS, and the rest are (hopefully) preparing to enter the work force. We are ready to face the world!

But, for the class of 2002 there will be many challenges to face. We will enter a world at war, a country in an economic recession and a nation in mourning. The challenge for our generation is to make something out of it.

We are the minds of tomorrow, and what we do now to prepare us will change the way we face those challenges.

If you asked me last year what I would be doing now, it certainly wouldn’t be worrying about terrorist attacks and Anthrax scares. Ask anyone, and I’m sure that they never expected this to happen, but it did and now we have to do something about it.

Some might consider it an unfair challenge that was put before us, but we are challenged for a reason. Now we must push the boundaries and rise to the occasion.

Are we the new Pearl Harbor generation? Will we rebound gloriously as they did? Will we be remembered for pulling the country together? You hold the answers.

But one thing is for sure, things will never be the same.

As seniors we will move on, and we will part ways with each other. Some we will never see again, and some will remain near.

So I tell you now, seniors, make the most of each day. Make the most of this school. Four years is a long time to stay in one place, and whether or not you realize it, this school and these people have helped mold you into who you are. You owe it to yourself and to us to make the most of this world and to make the most of yourself.

The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Ryan Greenfeld

If you could ask Dr. Cemera one question at SOTUA, what would it be?

Antonio Bernardo
Shelton
Senior
“What can be done to improve the parking situation.”

Steve Hinrichs
Hopewell, NY
Junior
“Have you ever attended any sporting event here at SHU?”

Adrienne Stoddard
Syracuse, NY
Junior
“No, really where does our money go?”

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You compare applies to oranges when comparing Division I athletics and a University education. In sports, a lazy out-of-shape player not only brings himself down but his teammates and fans as well. If a student in the classroom decides not to take notes or study for a test, then they hurt no one but themselves.

I ask you, Carmine, do you really think it feasible that a University would ask weaker students to leave? How, if we don't actually need the dropouts at SHU do you suggest we pay for all the accommodations we have? We have a state of the art gym and above average apartments at Avalon Gates. Do you suggest that tuition for those "stars of the classroom" be raised to 50,000 or 75,000 dol­lars to make up the difference that these supposedly "less intelligent" students will no longer be putting into the University? Is anybody catching the problem yet?

You need these "weak" stu­dents, just as much as if not more than they need you. Maybe the "stars of the class" are viewed as obnoxious by others because they are. We are needing the "stars of the class" use their long sentences and theories to make themselves feel better by confusing the rest of the massacres.

I don't consider myself a stupid person. I'd like to think I can hold my own in the class­room. Often times I'd rather listen to a conversation rather than join in, I learn more that way. I take notes in lots of different ways and can't put them down for being different.

Sometimes academics don't come easy for people. There are exceptions to this, some people just don't understand and a take-home test would truly benefit them. Try having some more sympathy for those whom might not be as "gifted" as you are. Next time you want to write a letter to the Spectrum, put some thought into the feelings of others.

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Our words of charity to the uncharitable

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So when you label homeless person as useless and lazy and turn your head the other way, you're only feeding into their lack of hope. This is because we have learned that when we are given motivation, when we are given love, when someone believes in us, when we are loved, we are able to do immeasurably more and have a drive to accomplish something with our life. The question here is why would someone's charity, implying that they care and that this person or cause his or her life ever be considered a "vice"?

We are taught in the New Testament that, "Whoever spares sorrow will also reap sparingly, and whoever is kind will also reap generously." [2 Cor:9:6] The poor are whom Jesus spent most of his time with. He scolded the rich and religious for their laws and self­s­basis, but he blessed the poor and hungry for their faith and effort. Does accepting his followers to take care of the poor for they will always be with you. Will they always be with us because we have a lot of choice of whether we feel he who answer to this is both yes and no. How do you account for the mentally handicapped who have the same desire to be complete as any other in the world. Charity is indiscriminate and takes various forms. For example, helping a friend by giving a helping hand, a free meal. This is coming from a perspective that believes in Jesus as truth and all this has come from His word that He gave. Jesus came to love, not to make rules and laws. So, to end, we want to make it clear that charity is about the heart. When you follow Christ, you are centering your life around him because you love him. The love we have for Christ comes from His immense love that He poured out on us when we deserved nothing. It is then seen as a privilege to be able to share your love and "charity" with those around us. We give of ourselves to others because just as Jesus had a passion for the poor, so do we. Because it is the followers of Christ develop a passion for souls for well as. And, 99.9% of the time, souls are touched when love is involved.

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-Melissa Serapiglia, Junior
-Jodi Janda, Sophomore

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Shades of Poetry

By Brandon M. Graham  
Contributing Writer

"Shades of Poetry" is an open mic slam session for poetry, jazz, and hip-hop, sponsored by Poetry 360 Degrees Production, IRONMAN Inc., and UMOJA. It is an opportunity for published and upcoming poets, musicians and emcees from various musical and racial backgrounds to gather and showcase their work on the same stage in front of an audience that is open to all kinds of ideas when working with people. Everyone has made my experience a wonderful one."  

As the year goes on, Samantha can expect some obstacles to get in her way. But as she has learned throughout her life, when one door closes, another is sure to open.

Pastime

I told her I was afraid
she then turned and grabbed me
placed me in the comfort of her arms
and told me I was safe
and without the use of bats, gloves, or bases
she suddenly became my favorite pastime

Brandon M. Graham
A Greatest Hits Album So Soon?

By John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

Don't you think that after just nearly a half a decade of making hit songs in the United States that coming out with a greatest hits album on Tuesday, the Backstreet Boys released a greatest hits album on Tuesday, just nearly a half a decade of the time you come away disappointed with viewing, so-to-speak, the same old thing. But not with "Monsters Inc."

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Twelve of which are former hits of the group from their three prior hit albums, and one new song that didn't get put on their last November release "Blame It" and "Blue" called "Drowning."

The track "Drowning" has a little bit of everything. It's tone is reminiscent of "I Want It That Way" and "Shape of My Heart" with the slight edge of Lonestar's "Amazed."

The remaining twelve songs on the Chapter One Hits album were picked and chosen solely by the success of those songs at the time of their releases. So if you loved, or just liked the "Toy Story" films, then you will be presently surprised with how much better "Monsters Inc." really is.

The film stands behind a star studded cast of celebrities as I mentioned before such as Steve Buscemi, Billy Crystal and John Goodman. James Coburn who has been a staple in film for many years also lends his voice as the character Henry J. Waternoose, the owner from generations of the Monsters Inc company. He will do all it takes to keep the company number one, and I mean anything, hint, hint!

And who could forget the adorable Mary Gibbs whose drool voice of the cutie pie Boo gives this film its backbone?

Boo is the human girl that breaks on through to the other side and sets the monster film all up in a frenzy.

I could tell you more of the plot and what happens, but I'd rather not ruin it for you. This is a film you truly cannot read or hear about. You must go see it on your own. "Monsters Inc." is a true success in animation and in film.

The Backstreet Boys' first U.S. album cleverly titled "Backstreet Boys" has five songs taken from it for this hits record. "Quit Playing Games with My Heart," "As Long As You Love Me," "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)," "All I Have to Give," and lastly, "Till I Never Break Your Heart" rounds out their first album's donation to the hits.

The second major release by the Backstreet Boys came in May of 1999, titled "Millennium," which in first week sales sold over one million albums nationwide. At that time it broke the all-time weekly sales record previously held by Garth Brooks.

"Millennium" featured the hits "I Want It That Way," "Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely," "Larger Than Life," and "The One" which all contributed to the hits album as well.

Lastly, there's "Black and Blue" which was released, in November of 2000 and also sold over one million albums nationwide in its first week of sales. "Black and Blue" shattered two records. The first was that it sold over five million albums worldwide in its first week, which supports the claim that this may be the biggest group in the world since the Beatles crossed the Atlantic Ocean nearly four decades ago. Secondly, the group became the first to sell over one million albums in its first week for two consecutive albums.

This success has greatly paved the way for other bands to be as successful, if not even more financially successful in recent years.

"Black and Blue" has given the hits "Shape of My Heart," "The Call," and "More Than You Know" to the Chapter One hits album.

This greatest hits album features a little of everything. It has its moments of being uplifting and upbeat, as well as featuring a ballad when you need to hear one.

The Backstreet Boys are shown no sight of slowing down as this album is at the top of the list when greatest hits on one album is concerned.
From Hell" stars Depp and Graham.

**By Erik Hanson**

The Hughes brothers’ adaptation of the Jack the Ripper pursuit is nothing more than a dud with star power.

It’s like a bad dream that will never cease to bore us.

"From Hell" follows the infamous killing spree Ripper per-formed on prostitutes in a section of London called White-Chapel. Ripper extracts human anatomy from his victims in a prepared and methodical fashion, suggesting a well-educated villain. This sends Johnny Depp to the rescue. Depp plays the character Inspector Abberline, a man who has fragmentary visions of the murders before they take place.

Abberline copes with life by smoking abundant levels of opium, which may explain the reason for his intuitive perceptions. This idea, making the hero flawed, had potential for shaping the poorly structured plot.

When various prostitutes pine over their safety and rapidly become victims, they begin to wonder who will help them. Mary Kelly played by Heather Graham (Boogie Nights), urges Abberline to find the killer. Abberline responds that he needs evidence.

Kelly, with her strawberry locks and mediocre accent, worries about her fate, oh and the girls too, that Ripper may never be terminated. She looks like such a goddess in comparison to the other girls, you would wonder why Ripper would not want her first. She begins to re-evaluate the prospect of returning to her Irish homeland and begins to care for Abberline.

Abberline remains hesitant to her sexual advances. While he lost a wife during pregnancy, Mary Kelly views her resistance as an insult because of her profession. She looks and pleads with lackluster conviction: "I'm still a woman." It’s unnecessary scenes like these that collide with random moments of gore to forget the quest of Ripper. He might as well be Big Bird.

The opening sequence starts with a unique directing style and sets up what could have been a quality who-dun-it with some teeth.

However, Abberline’s pursuit never reaches the capacity we have expected or deserve, making this film a major disappointment.

Depp may be the only redeeming quality of making due with a less than comparable cast. The plot surely doesn’t help any actor in this film.

The Hughes brothers’ are known for profound tales like "Memento II Society" and "Dead Presidents," but worry more about bloodshed than a profound storyline.

It’s incomprehensible to think of a more apt and suitable title to explain exactly what this film experience felt like.
Sacred Heart women's X-country runs away with second place finish in NEC

By Emily Marks
Contributing Writer

In a pre-season poll, SHU was placed as the 6th best team in the Northeast Conference. After racing last Saturday they took everyone off guard by finishing second in the conference.

The women's team continues to become more of a threat each cross country season. Last year they finished 5th in the conference behind 3 teams that beat this past Saturday. Although the final scores were tight between several of the teams, Sacred Heart was able to edge out competitive teams such as Central Connecticut, Monmouth, Wagner, and Quinnipiac.

Hard workouts in practice had paid off, for almost the whole team turned in their best races of the season, or even college career.

Early into the race it looked as though other teams had beaten SHU, but the girls proved to have one of the deepest teams in the conference.

Other than the conference winners St. Francis (PA), SHU had the best combined 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th runners of any team. While SHU had already been ahead of several other teams by the time their 4th and 5th runners had finished, the 6th and 7th runners helped to dispel a lot of scorers from other teams.

Sophomore Katie Wrinkle was the first Sacred Heart runner to come in for the team. She clocked in a time of 18:35 over 5000 meter course.

Wrinkle finished third in the NEC, and was named All-NEC for the second year in a row.


For seniors Kim Almeida and Julie Stubbs, this second place finish that marked the best performance by a SHU women's cross country team in the history of the school was quite the conference meet to go out on.

This race will never be forgotten by the cross country team. It will be marked down in the books as one of Sacred Hearts greatest sports performances ever.

Good luck on the rest of the season, and congratulations to Coach Christian Morrison and the rest of the women's team!

Puck madness hits ice pavilion

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"Fanfare" played by the SHU pep band.

The JV men's team was then introduced and they too circled the ice as they were individually announced over the P.A. system.

Four students took part in the Student Pucks from Blueline Shooting Contest. The event involved lining 30 pucks up along each blue line, each team of two had 30 seconds to put as many pucks as they could into their respective open nets. The team that scored the most won two Angus Steakhouse gift certificates.

Junior class president Kenny Harris was the MC leading the crowd in learning Pioneer Puckhead Hockey Chants as a player in a Quinnipiac jersey took the ice to be bombarded by the chants.

The next event was the player race puck handling race around cones. Two teams of two male and two female players raced against each other with pucks up two lengths of ice and back through cones.

"It was a sight for all to see," said Harris.

The student Sled Race was a big hit with the fans as three teams of three students each raced up and back on the ice pulling one student in a plastic sled. The winning team got hockey hats.

Nearing the end of the night faculty staff and students took the ice for the Broomball game, in which, plastic brooms were taped and used to push around a ball. It was the students against the faculty and the students came up victorious.

Faculty staff and administrators that were in attendance were Larry Wiek, John Roney, Joe Winter, Tom Wuestkamp and Chuck Bennett.

The Broomball game was followed by an open skate in which all were invited onto the ice to skate with the Pioneers. The Milford Ice Pavilion provided everyone with a free skate rental. The Pep Band stayed and played the fight song along with many other spirit invoking chants.

"It was a great opportunity for Pioneer hockey fans to get on the ice and meet the team. "We had a good time and feel it was a successful event," said senior forward Paul Spisvo.

Cam Farrar: Heroes do shine in the Pitt

By Mike Di Pietro
Staff Writer

If you have ever used the Pitt Center, then you have probably met, or at least seen, Cam. It is tough to miss him, just look for the tall guy with the matching hat, shirt, pants, and sneakers. He's always dressed to look for the tall guy with the everyday operation of the fitness center in Florida for 2 years. Cam also worked for the Pitt Center, then you have probably met, or at least seen. Cam. He always takes the Sophomore from Peabody, MA.

Cameron Farrar, or Cam as he's known around SHU, has worked at the University for the past 5 years. He is the Assistant Director of the Pitt Center, which entails overseeing the everyday operation of the fitness center and the activities within the building.

Cam, who now lives in Naugatuck, has lived in Connecticut his whole life, growing up in Monroe, Trumbull and Bridgeport.

Cam is also a Sacred Heart University alumni and played on the Men's Basketball team during his years here. After going to school in Florida for 2 years, Cam transferred back to SHU and graduated with a BS in Business Management.

Before getting his job at SHU, Cam was an assistant coach for Quinnipiac University's Men's Basketball team. Cam also worked for Powerhouse Gymns before coming back to his alma mater.

When Cam is not hard at work in the Pitt Center, he has a part-time business called "Hoop World" that he has run with a friend for the past 5 years.

"Hoop World" is what Cam calls, "my way of giving back to the community and university." Through "Hoop World," Cam and his partner host youth basketball camps and leagues which have included celebrity guests like professional athletes Charlie Ward and Alan Houston of the New York Knicks, both friends of Cam.

Cam is working hard at expanding the reach of "Hoop World" and said that he has plans for something he called "very exciting," but declined to comment on exactly what it was.

With the eventual expansion of "Hoop World," Cam hopes to include the friends he has made at Sacred Heart by giving them the opportunity to take part. Cam stated that the "Hoop World" is a tool to help the underprivileged and to bring back a strong sense of family values. The focus of "Hoop World" will also shift now to helping those who have been devastated by the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Hoop World's" motto is "Changing our world, one dribble at a time," and it is something that Cam feels very strongly about.

"As a Born Again Christian my faith has truly driven me to help others. I've taken self out of the equation and my life is better knowing that the others I've touched are happy," said Cam.

He also said that, "My faith has helped me to truly understand what life is about and I know what life is about when I look at others. It has put me at peace."

Another maxim that "Hoop World" follows is "Love and... See page 11
Women's soccer falls 3-2 to Braves

By Emily Marks
Contributing Writer

Over the past three years the Sacred Heart women's soccer team has developed an intense rivalry with the Quinnipiac Braves. This past Sunday's showdown between the Pioneers and the Braves took place at Quinnipiac where they were in search for their first win ever against the Braves. Unfortunately the Pioneers dropped 3-2.

The game did not start the way the girls wanted it to. The Braves jumped out to a quick start, scoring a goal in the first eight minutes of the game. Not long after the first goal was scored against Sacred Heart, Paula Pineda, a sophomore from Vigo Spain, was awarded a penalty kick, and shortly after Pineda was awarded a penalty kick, unfortunately not successful.

Early in the second half, the Braves went up by one goal and just a couple of minutes later they scored again, taking a cam-2 lead over the Pioneers. The Pioneers during a free kick, and shortly after Pineda was awarded a penalty kick, unfortunately not successful.

The Pioneers were not ready to give up, they came back in the last 5 minutes of the game time and managed to score, but once again the team fell just short of victory.

"Thankfully the season is not over yet, the Pioneers will move on to the playoffs which are taking place this Friday in Pennsylvania. The Pioneers finished fourth place in their conference with an impressive record of 7-3. The Braves finished first in the conference with a record of 9-1.

The women's soccer team now has their hearts set on a win against Quinnipiac this Friday, a victory will advance the Pioneers to the second round of the playoffs at St. Francis on Sunday.

Cam trying to make a difference, whether it is one dribble or step at a time

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Laughter, the two L's. "Those are two things we believe, you need to have in your life each day and I hope that I can help people find those two things as much as I can," said Cam.

If Cam is not working in the Pitt Center or with kids in the area, you can usually find him on the basketball court shooting hoops or spending time with his two children.

"I love playing ball and my kids," he said. However, lately his days of playing ball have been interrupted by a broken foot.

Cam said when he was moving a table at his home, he tripped and broke his foot which required surgery. Although he is on crutches, Cam is still getting around all right and you can be sure to find him back on the court as soon as possible.

Cam wants all the students at SHU to know that his door is always open. He said that he has had many life experiences and is willing to help with any problems one might have.

Cam said, "Forget what happened yesterday, I can make tomorrow better."

Cam is trying to make a difference in our world, whether it is one dribble or step at a time. Broken foot or not, Cam's efforts are noble and the tomorrow's of the youth in the area are looking brighter.

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Sports Flash

Men's Ice Hockey falls to Quinnipiac 2-4

This past Saturday at Quinnipiac the Pioneers took a 2-4 faultor to the Braves. The Pioneers however did play a great game, they were just unable to put the puck in the net.

SHU out-shot the braves 36-20. The Pioneer goals were scored by co-captain Lloyd Marks and junior Lloyd Tennant.

On the Pioneers first goal Martin Paquet passed the puck at the blue line to Mike Reagan who slid the puck to Marks who went in alone and put it top shelf. The first period ended tied at one. The Braves then scored three unanswered goals in the second till the Pioneers could put one in the third.

"Chris Mokos had a great game, he was physical, he handled the puck and made smart plays. The team as a whole played very well we just came up short," said senior forward Paul Sporita.

Freshman Kevin LaPointe played well in both the second and third periods said defense man Brad McFaul.

The Pioneer travel to Maine on Sunday.

Wrestling

Wrestling team places second in Catholic University Nationals

This past Saturday the SHU wrestling team, coached by Brian Reardon, competed in the Catholic University Nationals at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, P.A.

They placed second as a team trailing behind Duquesne University by only eighteen points.

The team is just beginning their season and their next meet is the Bearcat Open on Nov. 10 at Binghamton University.

The key players to look out for this season, who also placed well individually at the Nationals are junior Jason Cuocolo (Milford), junior Anthony Reynolds (Farmington) sophomore Rob Belville (Chagrin Falls) and sophomore Tommy How (Danbury) junior Gary Falco (Ocean, N.J.) sophomore Dan Warshafsky (Lowell, M.A.) and sophomore Joe Majocha (Garwood, N.J.)
Pioneer hockey teams join fans on the ice for a night of fun and games

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

This past Thursday night from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. the Pioneer ice hockey teams joined their fans on the ice for a night of fun and games introducing the first annual Puck Pandemonium.

At 10:30 p.m the men's and women's teams along with the JV men's team took the ice as Pioneer mascot Bucky, with stick in hand, circled the ice.

The men's team was introduced next followed by a rendition of the Soar Winners. The women's team was first to be introduced followed by the announcement of the winners for the student pucks from blue line shooting contest.

Soar Winners

Undefeated Pioneers plan to continue their tradition of winning and breaking records on their way to the championship title

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