The traffic light outside of East Hall is now working. Students may ask, "What's the point?"

Much of the student body has noticed the new crossing light that became activated after winter break.

In the past, students have been dependent on a police officer to cross them from the East Hall residence across Park Ave. With the new installation, that officer has been replaced by a traffic light.

Though it is a recent change, it already seems to have created a new problem regarding the safety of the students who use it. Over the past few weeks since the light has been in operation, it has become apparent that students are not waiting for the light to change and are crossing the street at their own discretion, thus creating the potential for a very dangerous situation.

"We tried to make a smooth transition from the old system to the new by placing a police officer at the walk and getting the students in the habit of pressing the button," explains Dean of Students Larry Wielk. "However, without the police officer's presence, the students are crossing without using the button," Wielk added.

"We were spoiled having a police officer to stop the traffic for us and now it just seems pointless to wait for the light to change if there are no cars coming, so we just cross," commented Shelley Russo, a sophomore from Cheshire, Connecticut.

Other students like Liz Amend, also a sophomore, agreed. "I think it was necessary for safety purposes to put up the light, but people really don't use it as it's intended and just go when traffic is clear." This can be a very serious problem.

"We have had a number of close calls," says Wielk, "and many neighbors have called us in concern for the safety of the students."

In addition to the safety of the students, there is also the concern for the safety of the drivers on Park Avenue.

"What some students don't understand is that the cars coming from the south are actually traveling at pretty fast speeds and if a car is stopped at the top of the hill, even though there is a green light, that puts not only the students crossing in danger, but also the passengers of the cars that are expecting a clear path," said Wielk.

For all those involved, please remember to use the cross light as it was intended and be safe.

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Comedian Happy Cole entertains SHU

By Jennifer Martinetti
Contributing Writer

On Monday night, January 21st, the Student Events Team provided entertainment by comedian, Happy Cole, in the Mahogany Room. His first name "Happy" is an accurate emotion of what you will feel after being in his presence and enjoying his act.

Cole is from Tampa, Florida and has traveled and performed all over the world. Some of his favorite places are England and Hawaii. He started his career fourteen years ago at an Amateur night in Tampa. At that time he didn't have a huge support group of friends and family supporting him in his career path.

"Stand-up wasn't a big thing back then but I knew in my heart that this is what I wanted to do and I still love performing on the stage and making people laugh," said Cole. He entered the comedian field after watching Sin Bad perform. "After the show I met him and that's when I knew I wanted to be a comedian" He said.

Cole says that he admires all the comics of today, especially Bill Cosby, Eddie Murphy, and Chris Rock. He would also love to perform with Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington, "Because they are such great actors and performers," said Cole.

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Students check grades on-line with Blackboard

By Kerry Freed
News Editor

With a few clicks of the mouse, Sacred Heart students are able to access grades from the school's website through a program called Blackboard. No chalk is necessary to post grades.

Sacred Heart students can log onto Blackboard by entering Student ID numbers and passwords, which are social-security numbers without dashes until they change it. Once logged in, students can click on "course schedule and grades" from the "My Institution" tab. After reconfirming ID and password, a student can see all the courses he is registered in and his grades.

"I found Blackboard to be very helpful. I liked how I was able to check my grades online instead of having to wait for them to come in the mail," said Shelley Russo a sophomore from Cheshire, Connecticut.

"It was nice to actually find my grades out as soon as they were sent in. There is always a sense of anticipation after finals to see what your final grade for the semester was," said Bethany Rinaldi of Connecticut.

Blackboard is not just a program; it is also a company. Its main website, www.blackboard.com, explains that the company's "technological roots" can be traced to Cornell University.

The website also explains that Blackboard is used by "thousands of institutions in 140 countries."

Sacred Heart University began offering Blackboard Course management's software in Fall 2000. The software version in use throughout that academic year was Blackboard level 1," explains Robert Tullonge of Information Technology Assistance.

"At the conclusion of the 2000-2001 academic year the Information Technology division decided to upgrade the current version of the software based on feedback from faculty and students. The existing version, level 2 v 5.5, of the application now incorporates a customizable web based portal with the course management software," Tullonge said.

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Approval of New Dorm

The Island Wetlands and Watercourses Agency approved a second ten-story dormitory on Park Ave. The new location is projected to be 1/4 mile north of East hall at 5252 park Ave. The new dorm will hold 384 students. Look for continued coverage in next week’s issue.

Greek Life Dates

Rush information sessions are as follows:

Around the World: Monday, January 28 at 10 pm
January 30 & 31 will be two information sessions
Interviews will be held February 4 & 5
Awards evening will be February 8
Rush Stark will be on February 11

Train to be an RA!

Tuesday, January 21- Thursday, January 24- The RA applications can be found in Residential Life, located on the first floor of East Hall.

Tuesday, January 29- is the one and only information session. It will be held in the East Hall lounge at 1:00 pm. The informational session is not required, but attendance is highly recommended.

Friday, February 15- The completed applications are due to Residential Life by 12:00 PM. If the application is not complete, you can’t take part in the group process.

Sunday, February 17- Group process will be held in two sessions. The first one is from 2:00 to 4:00 the other is from 5:00 to 7:00. All RA candidates must sign up for one group process when they drop off their applications.

Monday, February 18- The individual interviews will be granted. Come on down to Residential Life and see if you have been granted an individual interview. Once you know you are eligible for an individual interview, you can sign up for a timeslot.

Wednesday, February 20 - Friday, March 1- The individual interviews will be held.

Senior Class Mystery Trip- Monday Feb 11

The theme is “I Can’t Believe You Were That!” Tickets are on sale January 28 to January 31 in FLIK. $10 is transportation and a t-shirt. You have to have 21 and have two id’s to prove it. There will be drink specials, food, entertainment and door prizes.

A student’s experience: Curtis Week 2002

By Greg Haney
Contribution Writer

On January 9, Sacred Heart students participated in the beginning of Curtis Week, 2002. I am one of those students.

Not many people know about a life altering service program that is offered by Sacred Heart University.

It is focused on improving the personal well being of its college students as well as the neighboring city of Bridgeport.

Curtis Week is a form of community service aiming to improve the fallen city of Bridgeport.

It is a city that has found itself in the midst of financial distress.

The reward that the volunteers have received is not one that would motivate the average college student to return to school one week prior to the start of the semester.

The reward is far beyond the money they would have made in the last week in their hometowns. The eleven Sacred Heart volunteers came to do something a little more.

These volunteers chose to lend a hand where it is much needed and got more then they expected in return.

In the 1980’s the city of Bridgeport found itself in a major crisis when the local factories, accounting for most the city’s commerce, went under.

This left many factory workers jobless and in need of work to support their families.

Similar to many other cities in crisis, Bridgeport’s condition worsened as the streets became cluttered with the formation of gangs and drug trafficking.

As the city declined, the economic conditions continued to deteriorate and many were forced to moved out of the city.

The women and women of this area were left homeless and had little options.

The “curtis” in Curtis Week is an acronym for “Community Understanding and Reflection thought Inner-City Service.”

It was started by Phyllis Machledt in 2000. The members that took part in the most recent endeavor were a group of student volunteers organized by the two main leaders, Mrs. Phyllis Machledt and Mrs. Noelle D’Argostino.

This group of Sacred Heart students returned to campus a week before school started to take part in this experience.

The group consisted of thirteen people including two staff members Mrs. Machledt and Mrs. D’Argostino accompanied by four student leaders Keri Nastri, Chris Ginty, Marvin Royal, and Sabine Auguste.

This group includes a graduate student, three Sacred Heart Resident Assistants, the current president of La Hispanidad, a member of SET, the current president of the Black Coffee Poets and one of its members, the president and a member of the fraternity of Alpha, a sorority member of Phi, a student mentor at Luis Marin Elementary School, members of the Habitat Campuses Chapter, many members of Circle K, and various athletes and scholars.

Together, these diverse individuals worked together toward the common goal of helping people.

After a brief meeting at the school on the morning of Wednesday January 9, the vans were all packed and left the campus. From the moment that the volunteers moved into the old St. Charles convent, they were all put to the test.

Some days consisted of two or more projects such as working in the Prospect House soup kitchen, Remesa East elderly day care, McKinley elementary schools, the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and painting houses for Habitat for Humanity.

The experience encouraged each individual to question why people are the way they are and why people think the way they think.

The volunteers were forced to look closer into the presumptions and stereotypes that may have existed before the week began.

They were also encouraged to abandon prejudgments, taking each case as separately as they come.

At the end of each day the group met together to reflect upon what they had come across in their day and how they have grown as individuals as a result of it.

The day also ended with a topic of discussion. These discussions raised very good debates amongst the group. Each of the group leaders had a night to raise a question or a statement to the group.

This was a great experience that I am happy to say I had the privilege of attending.

It has made me refocus myself on what should be the priorities in my life and to the rest of the world.

In a world that is controlled mainly by money and greed it is easy to lose track of what is important.

I am very grateful that this experience has made me grow to be a better person, American citizen, and child of God.

Thank you to my group leader, my fellow volunteers, and everyone else that I had come across that has helped me through this tough week.
Library offering students new resources

By Aimie Likens
Copy Editor

Sacred Heart University’s Ryan-Matura Library has undergone some big changes in the past few months. The search for a new head librarian is successfully over, and along with their newest staff addition, the library is offering many new features to the Sacred Heart community.

The new University Librarian is Dennis Benamati, who started working on January 7. Until his employment, the Interim Librarian was Susan Broadstone, who will now return to her previous position as Head of Access Services.

Over the past year, the library has been working extensively to implement a new library system. The new system of innovative interfaces has improved the functionality of the library. This includes a new online public access catalog (OPAC), called “Enterprise.”

By going to the library’s new homepage, www.sacredheart.edu/library, patrons can experience many convenient features.

It is now possible to check a person’s own library record to see what books they have taken out. They can see when their borrowed books are due, and if they owe any fines. For convenience, books can also be renewed as long as they are not overdue.

The library now offers all course reserve articles on the system, and these can be accessed from anywhere on campus. Students and faculty can also e-mail suggestions, request material to be purchased, and search the library databases all via the new “Enterprise” system.

“Everyone in the library has helped work on this project. Our goal was to make a more streamlined and easy to search system,” commented Mary Ellen Bowen, the Reference System Librarian.

“We hope that students and faculty will benefit more from a system that is much easier to access. They can log on from their dorm rooms and their offices now,” she added.

Also on the library homepage are the Ryan Matura Library Trivia Contest rules. The contest allows Sacred Heart students to use their research skills to answer questions and win prizes. The questions and deadlines are also available at the library’s website. All winners will be announced in the library’s new quarterly newsletter, “The Library Lines.”

In the future, the library will continue to institute many more convenient features. Soon library-goers will have e-mail reference help, e-mail interlibrary loan forms, and a world of online accessibility.

The library’s new look hopes to provide students and faculty with a helpful and convenient research atmosphere. If anyone needs assistance with the new features, the reference librarians are available at the reference desk, or by phone at (203) 371-7726.

Holes in windows, cheerleader injures nose, and ankle distress in Annie this week’s Public Safety Incident Report

December 13, 2001 – 12:30 p.m.- A hole was found in a window in the Academic Building. Public Safety filed a report and informed Building and Grounds.

December 12, 2001 – 9:44 a.m.- Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred in the North Lot. Public Safety filed a report. The car was scratched. The student declined to call police.

9:49 a.m.- Suspicious mail was found in the Pitt Center. Public Safety disposed of the letter.

December 15 – 3:39 p.m. – Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred at Parkridge. Public Safety filed a report. Resident filed a report with Police.

December 16 – 4:31 p.m. – A medical injury occurred at the Pitt Center. A cheerleader injured her nose. Public Safety responded. The student was taken to St. Vincent’s Hospital by a friend.

9:36 p.m. – Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred at Parkridge. Public Safety filed a report.

January 2, 2002 – 9:14 a.m. – A motor vehicle accident occurred in the Administration Building Parking Lot. A resident’s vehicle collided into a wall, due to brake failure.

1:32 p.m. – There was a medical illness reported in the Main Building, Room HC109. A resident became ill. 911 was called. She was not transported.

January 3 – 2:17 p.m. – A fire alarm went off in the Main building, Room M102. The fire alarm was caused by paint fumes.

4:44 p.m. – A motor vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in the Library Parking Lot. A student reported she witnessed a motor vehicle accident.

January 5 – 9:09 p.m. – A medical injury occurred in the theater. A member from the play Annie injured her ankle.

January 6 – 11:50 p.m. – There was a power outage at Taft. A Pinkerton officer reported a power outage.

January 7 – 9:29 a.m. – Larceny was reported in the main building. A staff member reported her wallet was stolen from her office.

10:55 a.m. – A medical injury occurred in the main building, in the Faculty Lounge. A construction worker injured his right hand/thumb.

6:57 p.m. – A motor vehicle accident occurred on Park Avenue. The citizen lost control and struck the median.

10:33 p.m. – A fire alarm went off in J-Hill. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

January 8 – 12:00 p.m. – A motor vehicle accident hit and run was reported at Taft. The resident reported someone hit his vehicle while it was parked.

3:19 p.m. – A medical injury occurred in the main building, an employee reported he injured his ankle.

5:15 p.m. – A medical injury was reported at the Pitt Center. An employee reported that he injured his back.

8:24 p.m. – Vandalism was reported in West Hall. A resident vandalized her room door lock.

January 9 – 11:54 p.m. – There was a burglary reported in a Parkridge townhouse. A resident reported the theft of a painting from his room.

January 10 – 3:00 p.m. – Harassment was reported in South Hall. A resident reported he received a harassing e-mail.

January 11 – 12:43 p.m. – A motor vehicle accident occurred on the road in front of the Administration Building. A FLIK van was struck by another vehicle while it was parked.

January 12 – 2:12 p.m. – Larceny was reported at Parkridge. A resident reported the theft of a watch from her room.

January 13 – 10:21 a.m.- A fire alarm sounded in East Hall. The fire alarm was caused by a resident using hair spray.

2:15 p.m. – A fire safety concern was reported in West Hall where a resident reported that his light bulbs burnt out.

2:45 p.m. – A Medical Injury occurred in the Theatre. A member from the play Annie injured her foot.

8:12 p.m. – A medical injury was reported off campus. A resident reported he was injured at an off campus site. He came to campus, 911 was called, and he was transported to a hospital.

January 13 – An officer reported vandalism at East Hall in the form of a rear door being vandalized.
Editorials

Closed out

By Megan Flood
Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart is a school that prides itself on academics. They also focus a majority of their efforts on retaining students. But how can this school retain students if they do not offer enough classes?

Every year, right around registration time students panic. Why, you ask? Because the immense fear of being closed out of a class that you must take can bring even a football player to tears.

Many students during this time period become irrate and emotional with the registrar staff, when they really aren’t the ones to blame.

The people who need to be questioned are those who work in the academic department. It is long overdue for the chairs of the departments to take into consideration certain elements that should determine what classes are offered and even more so how many should be offered.

When seniors go to register for classes that they need to graduate and are closed out, there are serious problems. If a sophomore is higher up on a waiting list than a senior, there are serious problems. If Sacred Heart wishes to retain its students they must learn to accommodate them.

One of the first things that should be taken into consideration is how many students are declared in the different majors. If there are more students than spaces in the required classes for the major, we need to go back into the drawing room and rearrange things.

Who makes these decisions? Do the professors decide which ones will be taught? Something must be done, because there is no reason that a senior should be closed out of a class that he/she must take to graduate in the four year period that the school drove into our minds when we came here for freshman orientation.

Even our own staff writer and senior class president Keri Blair commented that it is a big problem for seniors once they get closed out of classes to part­icipate in end of the year graduation events. The school demands the students to meet certain requirements by the end of their four years inorder to celebrate and walk on graduation day, yet the students are not provided an avenue to obtain such requirements.

Blair continues that when seniors are closed from classes they are forced to spend more money later on to make up their remaining days with those they have built a friendship with over the past four years. It is also hard on the class officers to turn away seniors who hope to purchase a senior week package when they are fully aware that it was not the students lack of effort but rather the academic departments failure to offer enough classes.

Blair finds it noticeable that it is certain academic areas that experience this lock out affect. For the most part those academic areas are promoted by our school as the “strong majors”, i.e. Psychology or Education. Such majors are intum considered academic strong suits when the University looks to persuade high school students to attend Sacred Heart. I see no strong suit when many of those in the respected major are continually locked out of classes. Yeah SHU keep bringing them in. (Even though there is no room)

The SHU Voices

How do you feel about having Martin Luther King’s Day off, but not President’s Day?

Bryan Fogle
Fairfield
Freshman

“I feel we should have both days off, not just one.”

Nakisha Grant
Junior
New Haven

“M.L.K. Day holds semential value to the African American population. The civil rights movement should be celebrated.”

Jennifer Simeonidis
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Dear Editor,

One year ago to the month ten Sacred Heart students took advantage of a truly one-time opportunity. We carried SHU across the Atlantic. Our school often boasts of progressive advancements—the building of East Hall, our Division I Athletics, wireless communications—but please do not be misled, within the last month the institution you pay thousands upon thousands to attend, greatly devolved.

Last year the History and Political Science Departments accepted under­graduate applications to study abroad at Sacred Heart's satellite school in Luxembourg. The program existed and SHU's only self-proclaimed study abroad program in which all funds from students' Financial Aid Awards, Packets (including all scholarships and grants) would be allo­cated. This meant students could partake in a truly worldly semester for virtually the same cost of a semester here in Fairfield. The program set an incredible prece­dent for our rapidly growing University. Our school made an unbiased offer to challenge and redefine the college experience. And then they cut the program.

Be jealous. For one year and one year only SHU offered the opportunity to study on another continent, to travel across the Atlantic, to participate in an experience with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.
By Christina Tantillo  
*Features Editor*

Last weekend's blizzard left many students daydreaming about warmer weather and the warm weather event of the spring semester — spring break.

To those who have not already booked a flight to a tropical paradise, it's not too late.

According to Stacy Grossman, a Travel Agent with Liberty Travel in Fairfield, the most popular locations this year seem to be "the Bahamas, and as always also Cancun and Key West."

She also reports a decline in several Florida locations such as Daytona Beach and Lauderdale attributable this phenomenon to the unpredictable Florida weather in March. According to Grossman, Key West seems to be close enough to the Caribbean to avoid the temperature fluctuations that the rest of Florida can suffer in the winter and early spring.

Grossman says that Spring Breakers traveling to Cancun or the Bahamas can expect to spend $600, while Key West trips may be a bit cheaper. Also, she advises students to consider going for five or six nights rather than a full week, as discount packages may be available.

However, more and more students are turning to the Internet to plan their trips. Many webpages have been set up for the benefit of travelers in general and spring breakers specifically.

Those who have never planned a spring break trip before and want to spend the week partying may want to begin their search at www.paradisegetaways.com. This site gives you the option of picking locations in Mexico, the Bahamas, Jamaica and South Padre Island, Texas, with the option of selecting hotels in a variety of price ranges. The site allows you to book online an even add a "party pass" with various discounts at local hot spots.

Joanne Ponder, a Junior from Braintree, Massachusetts, who planned her trip with Ponder, "There are a lot more girls than guys! And female nudity is definitely everywhere." She recommends the trip only to those without serious relationships and says the city is just as crazy as the Girls-Gone-Wild videos make it out to be.

However, not all spring breakers are out for fun in the sun. Many webpages are devoted to those looking to spend their break on the slopes or just hanging out by the beach without the party. A favorite for those seeking this spring break experience might be www.coun­ciltravel.com. Council travel offers discount travel to students year-round and offers package trips during spring break. Students can even take advantage of their time off to travel to Europe for less than $1000.

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By Rony Sarrazin  
*Staff Writer*

"Reading is fundamental!" you have probably heard this saying many times during your childhood years.

Reading is an essential part of our education. Students here at Sacred Heart are reaching out to the Bridgeport community through community service and teaching young children to appreciate reading.

The Read Aloud program at Sacred Heart is run by the Service Learning and Volunteer Programs office on campus, and helps place students within classrooms in Bridgeport.

Phyllis Machedit runs the program along with the help of Angela Bowden a graduate student at Sacred Heart. The Read Aloud program is a volunteer service that students at Sacred Heart can choose to participate in.

A number of professors have incorporated the program into their classes so that the students can be introduced into the Bridgeport community.

Read Aloud emphasizes the value of reading and uses books with themes that have to do with lessons being taught within the classroom at that particular time.

Read aloud works along with two organizations the School Volunteer program and the Bridgeport Parent Center to coordinate activities within the Bridgeport, Stratford communities. Reading to the class usually takes about an hour and the children range in ages from 5-11.

This program has been such a success at Sacred Heart that last semester the program introduced "Guest Reader." Differing slightly from the original Read-Aloud program, in which a short book is read, Guest Reader allows readers the opportunity to read one assigned class a chapter book. This program is designed for children in grades 3 through 6.

Senior Madeline Recknagel of Germany comments, "The kids look forward to you every week. I've really enjoyed it."

The Guest Reader Program allows the Sacred Heart students the chance to become friends with the children and to really be a positive example in their lives.

The next Read Aloud opportunities will be January 25th at the Stratford School, February 7th at the Curiale School and February 12th at the McKinley School.

There are generally about 5 Read Alouds per month. If you are interested in either one of these programs feel free to contact Phyllis Machedit at Macheditp@sacredheart.edu or by signing up at the Service Learning and Volunteer Programs Office in the SC 101.

By participating in service learning events, you can go out in the community and show children that reading really is fundamental.

Green-Up SHU

By Dr. Grant D. Walker  
*Contributing Writer*

During the Fall 2001 semester, twenty-one Sacred Heart University Students conducted research on global environmental issues. On the basis of their findings, they have recommended a number of actions that could be taken on campus that would make a positive contribution to the health of the environment.

They recommend we put greater emphasis on conserving the earth's resources and promote awareness of environmental problems by holding seminars, inviting environmental speakers, and requiring classes about the environment.

They conclude that we should educate the members of the University Community on the impact of their food choices upon the environment and the misuse of antibiotics.

They recommend we further educate the university community as to products that contain compounds that will eventually damage the stratospheric ozone shield. The researchers encourage people to protect themselves against ultraviolet radiation.

The researchers note that there are over 100 native trees and woody shrubs species that could be planted. Such planting will enhance the beauty of the campus, provide more wildlife habitat, and increase the absorption of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
SHU Remembers
Dr. Martin Luther King

By Janine Graffeo
Staff Writer

"...Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." On August 28, 1963 on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. a man named Martin Luther King uttered these powerful words from his most famous speech.

King has shared his dream with us. The principals and philosophy he fought so hard for still linger in our minds today. His quest to stomp out hatred between race, religion, and ethnicity has delivered him the honor and praise that make his presence and soul live on. In his pursuit to obtain equality and respect for all people, he stated his views always in a peaceful, non-violent manner.

American people celebrate his values and strive to keep the peace by living his word. When he spoke, people listened because his words transformed the masses. His desire was to see and live in a world where people knock down the walls of injustice and prejudice in order to understand and care for one another. Each individual is unique and it is of utmost importance to help one another break down that wall a little each day.

Students at SHU remember and pay tribute to this man of integrity, Sarah Alberghini, a junior from Monroe, Connecticut said, "King was a man who fought for civil rights, men and women, black or white all respect him."

Another student, Kaylan Schultz, a junior from Terryville, Connecticut remarked, "He is to be accredited for his high values and he has made a positive impact on the entire world." While still recovering from the 9/11 tragedies, people can grasp his important cause even during times such as this. This indelent lack of respect and lack of understanding one another is what fuels the inferno of hatred and fear permeates throughout the ai.

Oddly enough the Martin Luther King Day that we celebrated Monday was quite difficult to obtain. The Seattletimes.com website explained that "There were petitions carrying more than 6 million signatures, which was the largest petition drive in history and were submitted to Congress in 1970."

Nevertheless, SHU remembers and takes a piece of his soul with us while we wait in anticipation to see his dream come to fruition. We recognize and honor King today and pray that we can overcome our differences that hold us back from the peace and love that await us.

SHU Students Suggest Changes for Campus

Metro Encounter #1

By Brandon M. Graham

I've always thought the circumstances underneath which we met to be most peculiar for the reasons that I actually enjoy riding the metro and u can't stand public transportation even more strangely u were supposed to be in london study abroad for a semester and i

to be quite honest... i wasn't looking but it was one of those forces of nature things when i by chance looked over to the left and u glanced up momentarily to the right and we just stilled in brief moment of intimate silent

where we exchanged goofy grins all one glance u had left me in a trance of curiosity

so i approached

If Sacred Heart would publicize the shuttle routes and schedules more, and make them more convenient and more reliable it would improve the situation. Expand the Commuter Council to all students who drive to campus.

The student-researchers would like to see Sacred Heart find out what would make people more likely to use the shuttle and carpooling, encourage teachers to become more educated regarding car emissions.

The researchers would like Sacred Heart to promote bicycling, rollerblading and walking, provide more bicycle racks and put in lockers for those who wish to roller-blade to campus.

The student-researchers believe that Sacred Heart should provide more containers for paper and other recyclables, and place them in more conspicuous, convenient locations.

The student researchers would like to see the school remind people more frequently what should be recycled and where.

The researchers concluded that we need to purchase paper and other thing made from recycled materials as much as possible. Every week, the University purchases 40 cases of paper for printing and copying, at $5,000 sheets per case. None of this paper is made from recycled materials. Trees are cut down, fuel is burned, and pollution is generated in producing paper.

Recycling reduces new demand on the earth's forests and other resources as well as reducing the amount of use paper burned or dumped somewhere.

The researchers point out that we must recognize that our behavior can change. Efforts to organize a Society and Environment Club among students successful in recruiting 10 active members and numerous other supporters.

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They want to protect the wetland between the University's South Parking Lot and the Fairchild Wheeler Memorial Golf Course. Additionally, the parking lot is frequently littered with trash and beer cans.

The researchers want to monitor the "Flik River." There is often a stream coming from the loading dock area behind the Flik kitchen, flowing across the pavement, down into the South Parking Lot possibly polluting the ground water. Many students that do not drink the water on campus for fear of contamination. Periodic testing might reassure them.

The student researchers recommended that Sacred Heart promote the shuttle and carpooling. More than 3,000 cars come to the campus everyday. This means a lot of polluting and global warming emissions.

If Sacred Heart would publicize the shuttle routes and schedules more, and make them more convenient and more reliable it would improve the situation. Expand the Commuter Council to all students who drive to campus.

The student-researchers would like to see Sacred Heart find out what would make people more likely to use the shuttle and carpooling, encourage teachers to become more educated regarding car emissions.

The researchers would like Sacred Heart to promote bicycling, rollerblading and walking, provide more bicycle racks and put in lockers for those who wish to roller-blade to campus.

The student-researchers believe that Sacred Heart should provide more containers for paper and other recyclables, and place them in more conspicuous, convenient locations.

The student researchers would like to see the school remind people more frequently what should be recycled and where.

The researchers concluded that we need to purchase paper and other thing made from recycled materials as much as possible. Every week, the University purchases 40 cases of paper for printing and copying, at $5,000 sheets per case. None of this paper is made from recycled materials. Trees are cut down, fuel is burned, and pollution is generated in producing paper.

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What is Neo-Soul?

By Brandon M. Graham
Contributing Writer

A revolution is underway. No need to be alarmed or call the police. It is a peaceful musical revolution. A group of young innovative artists have taken the smooth sound of the old-school and meshed it together with a new-school creating a whole new category referred to by many as Neo-Soul.

Neo-Soul is a fresh new sound that was born in the middle of the '90s, resting on the shoulders of classic groups such as Mint Condition and Tony Toni Toné. The sound is a fusion of the best of '60s and '70s soul, jazz and funk in collaboration with the best of modern day soul. Neo-soul artists tend to create music that can be referred to as being "real.

Their music is more edgy than the packaged sound of pop music. The lyrical content in Neo-Soul has a tendency to be more oblique, yet more socially and emotionally relevant than those of gangsta rap. These artists strongly believe that their job is to entertain, however, they also believe in shouldering a certain level of responsibility in the raising of their social consciousness of their audience. When asked about how he felt about this relatively new sound, senior Marvin Royal (Atlantic City, NJ) said, "It is refreshing to hear music that also carries a message.

I believe that all people can gain a sense of empowerment from the lyrical content, this music is progressive in the truest sense."

On the forefront of this musical revolution are artists like Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Macy Gray, and Maxiell whose sounds are distinctive and a bit far from the norm, but have also somehow lassoed the music market having mainstream success without jeopardizing the integrity of the music.

Another interesting aspect of this new soulful sound is that the musician included in this genre often times focus on individualism at a time when the trend in the Black community is away from the individual and toward the mass. The sound of these artists is reflective of the "I" experience. A junior and president of UMOJA, Nikisha Grant, (New Haven, CT) said, "A lot of these musicians are writing about personal trials and tribulation and I think that is why their audiences identify so closely with them."

Crowneled the high priestess of the genre, Erykah Badu, with her afrocentric head wraps, sensual grooves and beautiful voice, captured the attention of record buyers selling more than a million copies of her debut album Baduizm. With the success of her sophomore album, Mama's Gun, Erykah is sure to be around for a long time.

Badu is here to do no less than reclaim decades worth of musical heritage for a new generation. She stands well poised to deliver a singular musical statement that thrives on rich jazz era.

Another Neo-Soul artist that has taken America by storm is Angie Stone. She is known of lacing her eclectic vocals for many artists, such as Common and fellow Philly artists The Roots, and the father of her child, D'angelo who also is making waves in the Neo-Soul movement.

Angie is enjoying her crossover success with her CDs debut single, Brotha, which is a tribute to black men everywhere. The songwriter boldly discards artistic blueprints, achieving an unexpectedly brilliant and satisfying musical fusion.

Other Neo-Soul artists who are steadily climbing up the charts: India Arie, Alicia Keys, Nelly, Portardo, Macy Gray, Amel Larrieux, Glenn Lewis, and Jill Scott.

Twisting moral fable: Vanilla Sky

By Samantha E. DeVita
Contributing Writer

Once again, brilliant director Cameron Crowe joins together with actor Tom Cruise to create one of this year's best films.

In his adaptation of the 1997 Spanish film 'Abre Los Ojos', Crowe twists the plot into a dramatic and psychological thriller that leaves the audience waiting for more and questioning their own lives.

As the movie moves along through a series of flash backs, the viewer is forced to become completely immersed in the story, only to find themselves more confused as another surprise is thrown into the mix.

Cruise portrays David Aames, an early thirties million­aire who seems to have it all: the cars, the incredible penthouse, and a gorgeous playmate named Julie Gianni (Cameron Diaz).

His sexual relationship takes a twisted and drastic turn when Julie drives them off a bridge killing herself and disfiguring Aames.

This scene boasts the film's most memorable lines: 'When you sleep with someone your body makes a promise, whether you do or not.' Yet the promise is not made there, rather at a birthday party for Aames when he meets Sofia Serrano (Penelope Cruz), the Spanish beauty whose "smile will be the end" of Aames.

As the chemistry between these two ignites, the plot takes off on a twisted journey between right, wrong, what seems to be, what is, and what has happened. The car accident launches the viewer into an unknown world where Aames stands accused for the murder of Julie Gianni, or so it seems.

Without giving the outcome away, all one can say is to pay close attention to the story line and certain recurring images, themes, and sentences throughout the movie.

You may have to see the movie more than once to really understand the brilliance of Crowe's construction of human psyche and drive, but it would be worth the money.

After leaving the theater, you can expect to be restless, bewildered, and generally pleased in a yearning sort of way.

We'll have to wait and see if Cruise picks up a nomination for an Oscar with this lastest role in "Vanilla Sky".

The twisted moral fable shows just what human desires can do to a person and just how far the mind will go to achieve them, all the while reminding you that there are serious consequences for your actions.

The question is will Tom pick up an Oscar nomination?
Short but sweet: The 59th annual Golden Globes

By Kathleen Haughey
Contributing Writer

The 59th annual Golden Globes ceremony ran like clockwork, so much that it even ended 19 seconds early, perhaps a record for any award show. Even though some were concerned about security issues, it seemed the celebrities didn't mind coming out in force.

The show started with a montage of the stars walking in on the red carpet, traditional and appropriate. Unfortunately the entrance was coupled with a rendition of Jennifer Lopez's song "Waiting for Tonight" with the lyrics changed to "Waiting for the Globes" complete with lyrics that corresponded with shots of stars on the red carpet.

The satire was most likely the creation of Golden Globes producer, Dick Clark. Then, without a moment of hesitation, the awards were immediately handed out, with Halle Berry first up to give the best supporting actress (drama) award to Jennifer Connelly for "A Beautiful Mind".

Berry, who was nominated for her role in "Monster's Ball," unfortunately lost out to Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom") in her own category of best actress in a drama.

Next up was the award for best actress in a TV comedy or musical. Not so surprising was Sarah Jessica Parker's win for "Sex and the City", but what was surprising, was Parker's short hair cut, hopefully not her new look.

After thanking her other three cast mates and more, Parker made perhaps the most poignant point of the evening with her reference to New York City.

"This is also to the city of New York, who is indeed the fifth lady."

Another one of the most surprising moments of the evening was Kiefer Sutherland's win over "The West Wing"s Martin Sheen for Best Actor in a TV-drama for the show "24".

Things started to pick up considerably when Robert Downey Jr. came out to announce the best supporting actress for TV and told the audience he was so glad to be out here.

"It's getting evil in the green room..." noted Rosie O'Donnell. "Six Feet Under," when Downey announced her win. She was full of energy as she bounced up onstage, cordially thanking the producers, calling them "crazy bastards!".

She added, "A show about dying...sure!"

Another one of the most surprising moments of the evening belonged to Harrison Ford, who received the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ben Affleck came out to introduce a long string of clips from just about every movie Ford has ever made. Ford delivered a marvelous, laconic speech, "I thought it might be a long evening, so I'd give you a short one. Thank you."

It was in fact a short evening, filled with ups and downs, but seemingly appropriate for the year in which it was recapping.

A year to remember, or to forget?

By John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

An interesting title to the very first article of the year 2002, but it can be taken in many different ways.

First off, is it referring to 2002 and what sort of year it will be? Or is it referring to last year, 2001, a year we'd all like to forget but probably never ever will.

Well I'm talking about 2001, a year where everyone was looking for their fifteen minutes, and for that matter, they got it.

In entertainment, 2001 was a widely successful year for the box office.

Films came out one after another to knock each other out of the top spot in Hollywood. The success began in May of 2001 with the "Mummy Returns", only for it to last up top the mountain for just a short period of time.

Just to name a few, there was "Shrek", "Fast and the Furious", "Planet of the Apes", "American Pie 2", "Rush Hour 2", "Lord of the Rings", "Harry Potter" and "Monsters Inc." all topping the box office at some time during the year 2001.

And how could I forget the music industry? The year began with a very controversial start with the Grammy Award nominations and five going to the rather controversial rapper, Eminem.

Eminem went on to play "Stan" alongside the legendary Elton John at last years Grammy Awards and this was just the start of what was a very different year in music.

Bands and performers basically came out of nowhere to top the record charts.

Who knew that Shaggy, Lifehouse, Linkin Park and Alicia Keys would not only be household names by the end of 2001, but also become monsters of the Billboard charts as well.

Last year did however see familiar names in the music industry reek havoc on the charts as well with the Backstreet Boys, Nsync, Britney Spears, Creed, U2 and No Doubt all having their moment in the sun.

But you mostly remember the bad rather than the good, and in 2001 the negative overtook the positive.

Aaliyah, a beautiful 22-year old young woman had her life taken much too early in late August of 2001 after her plane crashed just outside the Bahamas.

Aaliyah was filming a new video for Rock the Boat; a single off her newly released self-titled album, when the plane went down killing everyone on board.

The day after, tragedy struck again, this time it hit just a tad bit more.

September 11th will forever be remembered as the darkest day in American history, but the outpouring of help, especially from the entertainment industry, tried to stitch the wounds so-to-speak.

Countless telethons and charity events helped raise the spirits of the fallen while bringing back the smile this country once grinned from ear to ear.

The second year of the millennium will forever be ultimately remembered for what was lost. But hopefully 2002 will be remembered when its all said and done for what was gained. I guess we'll just have to wait and see.
By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

This past weekend the women's ice hockey team shut out Holy Cross and Salve Regina. Tuesday night the Pioneers skated past Trinity College with a score of 4-0.

"Trinity is not a very tough team for us. We were looking to the win to help us continue up in the standings. Currently we are ranked third in the ECAC Div III East, only one point out of second place and five points out of first," said sophomore defenseman Amor Sihanon.

The Pioneers opened the scoring in the final seconds of the first as Lyndsey Bennett lit the lamp. Sarah Bergin and assistant captain Angela Yuhas assisted on the goal.

While the majority of SHU students were enjoying their popcorn balls and champagne flutes over the break, Pioneer basketball were busy evening their record at 4-4 in NEC leading scorer at Madison Square Garden.

Winning streak continues SHU 4, Trinity 0

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ShU 4, Holy Cross 3

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Men's hockey in third place... heading into weekend series with Holy Cross

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Metcalfe opened the scoring four minutes into the game with a goal by SHU less than a minute into the period.

Bentley would be able to put one pass goaltender Eddy Ferhi with less than a minute left in the opening period.

The second period opened with a goal by SHU less than a minute into play. Reagan tallied his third point of the weekend as he pushed the passed the Falcons netminder. Fournier and Marks both received assists for the assist.

Again SHU scored as junior forward Kyle Messier lit the lamp at 6:24 into the period. Michael Forland and freshman Markly had the assist.

Barclay Folk assisted the goal. Less then a minute later Metcalfe would score another as defense pair Naumann and Jesse Saltmarsh set up the goal.

The Pioneers had a field day with Bentley as they put two more passes the Falcon goalie before the end of the second period would come.

Marks scored a power play goal at the ten minute mark. Paquet and defensemen Les Harpeth were two of the Pioneers on the ice for the assist.

One minute later Larson slapped one in with a pass from Saltmarsh and senior captain Pete McRae.

The third period saw only one goal scored again by the Pioneers. McRae put it in at the ten minute mark. Brenner and Marks assisted. The assist for Marks accredited him with his 100th college career point and set new records for the Sacred Heart University hockey team.

Marks becomes the first SHU hockey player to record over 100 points since the team entered the MAAC division. Marks was named First Star of the game for his performance.

Sports Roundup

Women's Swimming

In the beginning part of the break the women's swimming team faced Siena College. Siena defeated Sacred Heart with a score of 108 to 97.

Christine DePierro, a sophomore from Cromwell, was among those who swam well for Sacred Heart. DePierro placed second in the 1650 freestyle and 500 freestyle. She placed first in the 100 butterfly. Patty Saums, a senior from Edison N.J., placed second in the 1650 freestyle and 500 freestyle. DePierro placed second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke for SHU.

Senior Kimberly Gradale, from Hartsdale N.Y., placed third in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Lauren Testa, junior from Hastings-on-Hudson N.Y., placed third in the 400 Individual Medley. Senior Laurie Honan, from Billerica M.A., placed second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke for SHU.

SHU Posts Back to Back Maryland Wins

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Men's ice hockey in pursuit of advancing to first place in MAAC with two wins on weekend

Marks tallies six points this weekend bringing his college career points to 100

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

Friday night the Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team traveled to the John A. Ryan Skating Arena to defeat Bentley College 6-3.

Sacred Heart opened the scoring with an even strength goal by Chuck Mecafte at 44 seconds into the period. The Sacred Heart 6 assist Bentley 3 Freshman Defenseman Ryan Bremer who was unable to play the first half of the season due to back injuries. Metcalfe scored again unassisted at 8:56 to keep the Pioneers on top at the end of the first.

The second period opened with an even strength goal by senior forward Paul Sposito at 5:41. Defenseman Nick Nutter and forward Richard Naumann assisted on the goal. The Pioneers scored again before Bentley answered back. Marc-Andre Fournier's unassisted goal at 8:20 into the second proved to be the game winning goal for SHU.

Bentley was able to tap in two goals before SHU scored one more to end the period. Junior forward Martin Paquet scored a power play goal with less than a minute left in the second period. Mike Reagan and senior co-captain Lloyd Marks assisted Paquet. Marks' point on the assist was the first of six on the weekend. Marks broke the SHU career point high this weekend with 100 points.

In the third period Sacred Heart scored first with a goal by Reagan at 5:48. Marks and Noel Henck assisted Reagan on the goal. Bentley scored the final goal of the game about five minutes later.

Sacred Heart totalled 45 shots on goal as Bentley totalled 30. SHU goalie freshman Kevin LaPointe recorded the win with 27 saves.

"It was a good game. We completely outplayed them the entire night. All of the guys had their heads in it especially Reagan who played a solid game," said Sposito.

Saturday night the Pioneers returned home to host Bentley in front of a 200-plus crowd. At the Milford Ice Pavilion Sacred Heart crushed Bentley once again by a score of 9-1.

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Wrestlers Pin Victories

By Mike Di Pietro
Staff Writer

While most of the University's students were at home, relaxing over winter break, the SHU Wrestling team was very busy both on campus and on the road competing.

Sacred Heart took the mat on Saturday the 12th against conference rival and defending Division III New England Champions, Trinity College. The Pioneers won 8 of the 10 matches to secure a 38-7 victory.

The winners of their individual matches were Reynolds (197), Derek Venne (HW), Phil Kalil (125), Jason Cuocolo (133), Justin Iannello (149) and Rob Belville (157). Winning by forfeit were Jerry Doyle (174) and Peter Krzyzewski (184). Reynolds and Cuocolo improved their personal dual meet records to the perfect 5-0 mark. Currently the SHU squad has an overall dual meet record of 3-2.

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Women's hoops start and end break with streak

Pioneers improve to 5-2 in league play 9-7 overall

By LaMar Kennedy
Staff Writer

Being picked as one of the top two teams in your conference can be equal parts goods and bad for any team. The good, being that you have earned the respect of your peers. The bad, being that now you have to go out and prove you are worthy of being that you have earned the respect of your peers. The bad, being that you have earned the respect of your peers. The good, being that now you have to go out and prove you are worthy of being that you have earned the respect of your peers.

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