TPZ rejects dorm plan

Officials request master plan

By Shellee Dagoo

Fairfield's Town Plan and Zoning voted unanimously to deny SHU permission to build four on-campus dormitories because they had not seen the university's overall expansion plan. SHU can re-submit the dorm proposal along with an architectural master plan for Dec. 11 meeting, said Joe Devonshuk, planning director. Public hearings will be held on Jan. 2 and Jan. 4. Devonshuk said. The statute requires that notice of both public hearings be advertised over a four week period.

SHU trustees will be reviewing the architectural master plan within the next 90 days, said Paul K. Madona, vice president for finance and administration.

About 65 neighbors petitioned the commission to deny SHU permission to build the dorms. The board is against the dorm plan because they fear property devaluation and traffic congestion. They voiced three concerns at two October public hearings. "We're very surprised that the neighbors reacted negatively," said Angela Ioannou, a senior political science major. "Property values around Fairfield University have not gone down, and they have large dorms."

"It's like adding a room onto your backyard for your mother-in-law," Iannou said. "We're not talking about a commuter university. That would be beneficial to the community."

"We're not talking about putting a prison next door to the campus," Iannou said. Fairfield is trying to maintain a good relationship with the community.

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"This won't be a fraternity house," Iannou said. The $4.5 million project is part of SHU's overall plan to attract more students by changing its image from that of a commuter school to a residential college.

"Students can't afford to buy a condo," Iannou said. "We'll have to take effect, such as the non use of games until 5 p.m."

SHU has asked that anyone who lives in Fairfield sign a petition in favor of the dorm plan. Only about nine of 93 students responded so far, Iannou said. We're also targeting alumni to ask for their support.

Student organizations shuffled

By Kate Keegan

A proposed plan by the administration was announced last week which will involve the relocation of some key administrative and student offices resulting in the loss of student space.

The proposal has the Prologue moving into the Student Government room in the Hawley Lounge, the Director of Housing, Kathy Duggan, moving into the current Student Government offices, Student Government into the Activities office, Director of Student Activities, Tom Kelly, into the gameroom and Chubby's Lounge and the gameroom combining into one facility.

Due to the expanding nature of the school and the push for a large full-time student body, the Admissions offices are moving into the entire bottom floor of the Campus Center. It's this initial move that's resulting in the relocations. The move, which is scheduled to take place during the Christmas break , will free up working offices for some key personnel," said Tom Kelly, who additionally noted that Kathy Duggan is currently sharing an office that's entirely too small.

An original plan which involved the thought of Student Government and the Prologue during an office was quickly altered after both parties expressed concern.

We're concerned because of the open door policy of Student Government and the Prologue needs to have privacy," said Cheryl Pierne, co-editor of the Prologue. Considering the facilities we have to work with, I think things worked out for the better," said Student Government Vice President George Reyes-Gavalan of the change.

But the questions that are on most students minds are about the loss of space available to students. With the gameroom and Chubby's Lounge combining, new rules will have to take effect, such as the non use of games until 5 p.m. like General Electric.

"No stretch of the imagination, this. The Milton Bradley game Twister and a D.J. Bob Newbury kept Sacred Heart students reaching for prizes Thursday, Nov. 29 in the cafeteria."

By Kate Keegan

"It's a shame to see him leave post unfilled," said Thomas Kelly, director between 1984 and 1990, said that he managed to maintain a good relationship with the students and staff by being fair and impartial.

"I hope we can find someone who likes students," said Henry W. Krell, vice president of student services. McCormick established a tradition of mutual support with the students. There are no good guys, bad guys at SHU. This atmosphere is special.

"Two years ago, the students dedicated the silver anniversary Prologue yearbook to myself and the security department," McCormick said. "We were very proud of that. It was the highlight of my seven years at SHU."

"We're security's a better job than many other universities, McCormick said. "It's a high stress job. I hope we can find someone of his caliber."

"When I first started (in 1983) this was a night watchman type of operation, which was not adequate for campus safety," McCormick said. "I shaped and molded a team of 22 officials. We now have high visibility."

The team of 22 people was reduced to 19 because three part-time positions were eliminated due to hiring and relocations.

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Freshmen unopposed in S.G. bid

Steps taken to remedy situation

By Dean Connors

Few people ran for freshman offices this year. The four who had run were literature writing their own names in for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Did the Student Government do an adequate job of informing the freshman class of candidacy and the election itself? Heath Crilly, freshman softball player, stated "I didn't know anything about it." Kari O'Donnell, another freshman softball player added, "Student Government could have done something to make it more exciting."

A.J. Ciesieliski, President of Student Government, replied to this statement by saying, "Student Government forums are trying to make Student Government more visible and show students what we do and we hope and will increase student concerns and participation."

George Reyes-Gavalan, Vice-President of Student Government said: "I think we've been working closely with the freshmen to participate. I sent out a letter to all of the freshmen, inviting them to run for candidacy."

Upper-class students were asked why they thought the turn-out was so poor. Donna Newland said, "Students are more concerned with transferring to and from other universities."

A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "Students are more concerned with transferring to and from other universities."

Student Government does a good job but students aren't using it like they're doing the best they can.

"We'd all doing a good job," said Todd Rose, a S.G. representative. He also added that if students have problems that they should use the comment box to let them know. "The feedback has been good," he said.

"Student Government is an organization of state representatives and there is room for improvement." Tom Kelly, student activities director believes that Student Government is headed in a positive direction to "become more visible."

He mentioned a survey that had been mailed to all full time students, multiple fo-

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NEWS BRIEFS

New appointment
Richard E. Farmer, Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, has announced the appointment of Michael S. Arfield as Director of Sacred Heart University Programs in Stamford. Arnold replaces Dr. Steven Solomon who has resigned to pursue other interests.

Arnold hails from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven where he was the Dean of Continuing Education. He received a B.B.S. degree in Humanities and Social Sciences from the University of Bridgeport, and an M.A. in English from DePaul University in Chicago.

You may reach him at (203) 961-1344 or through the Graduate Studies and Continuing Education office at extension 7830.

Help the Troops
Gamma Omega Delta (Campus Ministry) will be collecting items needed by our troops stationed in the Saudi Desert. There is currently a box in the office across from Chubby's Lounge where you can drop off articles such as: skin lotion, non-aerosol shaving cream, soap, toothpaste, pens, paper, magazines and any other things you feel the soldiers would need. There is also a bulletin board near Chubby's where you can hang stars provided by G.O.D. with the names and pictures of loved ones called to duty.

Both events will continue until the Mid-East crisis has ceased.

Time to dress up...
As you know, it's that time of year again. The Christmas season is rapidly approaching and the Annual Christmas Semi-formal plans are underway. It is a great time to celebrate the end of a semester with friends and loved ones - Sacred Heart style! This year's theme is "Chabby 1992," President Catherine A. Swenson, is hoping to create a new atmosphere for SHU. After all the hard work of a long 13 weeks, the administration and faculty, as well as the students, need a time to dress up, get out and enjoy a social evening of fun and good food.

Date: Dec. 14, 1990
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For the first time in S.G.'s history, a display case with pictures and names of S.G. officials to be created to enhance S.G. visibility, a banner in the cafe for S.G. and a student scholarship awarded by the S.G.

Kelly also said that representatives "need to be more upbeat; reach out with enthusiasm and optimism; be visible." All in all he states, "We're moving in the right direction.

HN 202: Spring Honors Humanities Seminar

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Please see Dr. Loris S - 201 regarding registration for this course.

Climbing higher for education
Notre Dame student Bruno Marinari and friend, Elvio Trovini, reach the third floor of the SHU library in search of Research material.

By Michael Champagne

Student space caught in shuffle

Prospect for graduates caught in shuffle

after 10am and no games on Pub nights for students under twenty-one. Likewise, these proposals are still under consideration. Sue Chap. Programming Board Chairperson, stated "I think it's pretty bad. They want to get more students but how can they when there's no place to put them and two, the students that are here aren't happy and have no place to go.

Chris Derosa, Student Government Representative said "It isn't fortunate, but it can't be avoided due to the expansion that SHU is going through. Everyone is going to have to make due with the cramped conditions until time allows for improvement."

Just when that time might be unclear. When asked about the future of student space Kelly said "There's no immediate plans right now because the limited amount of space and because every square inch is being used." However Kelly did add "The plans are still not finalized and both of us (the administration and Student Government) are here for the students and we have to make the necessary changes but we always keep the students needs in mind.

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Security seeking director

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overtime freeze began in July. At SHU at a time when the peak shift has been increased and security is running smoothly.

McCormick said his worst experience happened in 1896, when a hurricane knocked down three big trees in the Campus Center and ocean waters threatened University of Bridgeport residents.

"The president (Melady) asked about 300 wire students to sleep on campus. We had students sleeping in the auditorium and the art department. They stayed here for 48 hours and we had to transmit students to and forth." McCormick said the most rampant instances of theft and breaking into cars.

"Blame it on drugs," said the former New Haven Police Department narcotic agent.

"Come has increased across the country. People need money to buy drugs."

He said that although the number of cars in the world has decreased, the number of cars being broken into has increased.

"Last year there were six car thefts," McCormick said. "This year we only had three. But last year there were six cars broken into, while this year we had ten such incidences."

Assistant Director Paul Leonard will be the acting director until a replacement is found. Leonard said he did not wish to be director on a permanent basis because of stress and health factors.

A search committee has placed advertisements in the Bridgeport Post, New Haven Register and Starbucks. A new security director will be selected in the next few weeks.

The issue of campus security will become more challenging when the on-campus dormitories are built, Krell said. We will be going from a commuter school where most students left at about 11 p.m. to one where they'll be living here.

"The four officers assigned to work around-the-clock at Tall should be reassigned to work on campus, once the dormitories are built," McCormick said. "Perhaps, the administration might consider enclosing the campus to keep trespassers away."

"When I went to college, everyone on campus was nice and friendly," Krell said. "Now the first thing that people on entering a campus is the guard in the security booth."

"Now security is becoming a major factor in the college budget," Krell said. "We have to have locked doors and escort services, because a lot of people on college campuses are ill, violent or angry."

"The problem is we have many departments such as academics and student activities, which are striving for limited funds."

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University plans to save money, save environment

By Alice Chaves
Contributing Editor

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Merry Christmas to all...

Another semester is, once again approaching its close. Despite how quickly it seems to have passed, many things have happened at SHU this semester.

We now have off campus dormitories and plans are in the works to erect dorms on campus (if the Master Plan is approved by the Fairfield TPZ).

There was a hiring freeze which temporarily depleted our security staff, but "thank you's" to the administration for filling some of the positions in that department. Hopefully, the other departments suffering from poor staffing will soon be relieved.

On a sadder note, the students have lost an important friend with the resignation of Director of Security, Paul McCormick. We wish him the best of luck in his present and future endeavors. Mr. McCormick will truly be missed.

However, things are looking brighter for the future of Sacred Heart University elsewhere. Bishop Egan signed a 90 year lease with the university in September.

Another dim light that we may be seeing is the move of student organizations and student activities from their "homes". Hopefully, Prologue and Student Government along with Activities will be able to work out a workable solution with the administration, and we'll find them where they belong (were they are) when we return from our break.

As we approach finals and prepare for the holiday season, we should remember our troops overseas and particularly those posted in the turbulent Middle East. May they all be returned to our shores of freedom safely and soon.

...and to all a good night.

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Hauntings

By Jason McCleod

On Friday, November 30th, I experienced things beyond my dreams—not my wildest dreams mind you, but beyond my dreams. Eight investigators, including both Ed and Lorraine, journeyed to Vermont to investigate a haunted house. The house was built in the 1700's. Beyond the house on the old road, which is now just a hiking trail, a pregnant woman was killed when her car crashed her. In the same home, a Mr. Agnu died a few decades later.

The investigation went along as it usually does. The psychic's sense presences, and make evaluations as to the personalities of the spirits present. We left for dinner and then returned at 6:30 when the psychic's hours begin. It was a full moon, providing great psychic energies, so our hopes of seeing a spirit were very high. With all of us around the heavy oak dining table, and in total darkness, we began to see ghost lights—as well as figures and forms all about the room. Lorraine and Andy communicted with the most simple-looking woman they have ever seen. They said that they were here to help, and would please try to talk to us.

Communication was established when John said his name is Priscilla. Lorraine began to sing a lullaby, and then revealed the woman's dilemma. Priscilla was in labor and was begging rushed to the mid-wife who would deliver the baby. They were coming from the church feast, and she wanted to return there with her new baby. The carriage tipped and both were killed instantly. The total sadness that this woman feels, can only be imagined. She is lost searching for her baby in total grief and sorrow.

During the communication, John took rolls of high-speed and infra-red film. I said, "Are Andy or Lorraine?" They attempted to coax us to stay a while.

We experienced many more strange happenings that evening: too many to talk about actually, when we were having. Mr. Agnu spoke to Andy in garbled mumblings. Imagine being in spirit for 200 years and finally getting the chance to communicate with the living, and they decide to go home. Imagine the frustration they were experience and cried again. Ed said "She doesn't want you to leave, she and Andy or Lorraine." They attempted to coax us to stay a while.
The yearbook saga continues

By Sara Gauthier

Many Sacred Heart students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of this year's Prologue. The yearbook staff promised a date that was obviously a little optimistic, the book was due out on October 15. The new, and more realistic deadline for the book is sometime in January. Co-editor Kristen Wittmer said, "When the students see the yearbook, they will find a greater quality yearbook than has been seen in past years. We (the staff) felt that we would rather sacrifice time for quality."

In light of last year's reaction to the book, perhaps that was a good decision. Many students seemed critical of the yearbook. Apparently most students felt that the school was depicted as a drunken festival. The common complaint was that the Prologue seemed to feature an elite few students repeatedly. Men's Soccer coach Joe McGuigan commented on why "It is tough to get people to work on the staff past years, it always seemed that whoever was left on the staff after graduation would run the next yearbook."

It seems quite obvious to the observer what is going on. Students seem prepared enough to complain about how lousy the yearbook is, but they do not want to get involved in making it better. Senior Francisco Orrego's comment seems to solidify said theory, "I didn't buy a yearbook, if the staff broke the deadline, they should give the yearbook away for free or reduce the price." He said.

By the way, this year's yearbook was great. It is about time we have promised a date that was once.

Sincerely,
Matthew A. Everson

Hurray for the animals!

To the Editor,

The "Animals" feature (written by Joann Marmin) in the most recent school paper was great. It is about time the students and staff of this school read something in our paper to open their eyes to the reality of all the horrific cruelty that is going on unmonitored throughout the United States. Everything you stated is true, unfortunately. I had truly hoped that by this time in evolution people would no longer be using these types of primitive techniques for medical research. It is through such articles and other writings such as yours that the general populace is gradually enlightened to rise above such abominations.

I've personally never witnessed anything like it.

Sincerely,
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Those who believe, those who don't

To the Editor:

For the past three weeks, I have been keeping up with the paper's new section called "Hauntings." I was so happy to read about someone who did this interesting line of work.

I have met the Warrens and have been to their home. I give them a lot of credit for what they do. I'm glad that I can read about them every week and hear about all their dangerous and exciting experiences.

I also must say that I give the writer Jason McLeod a lot of credit for being so brave as to travel with the Warrens on these dangerous trips. I think the article is great and I hope Jason continues to write for as long as possible.

Sincerely,
Hanna Shabam Freshman

The Student Voice

By Ivan Mikolic

In light of the Fairfield Town Planning and Zoning's rejection of Sacred Heart's form proposal, what are your feelings?

Edward J. Batlin
History Junior

I feel that on-campus housing is an inevitability. The town of Fairfield can only stall for a while but then must give in to Sacred Heart's plans for the future.

Kathi Janiri
Business Continuing Ed

If stimulating competition among other local schools can help the costs to students, I think it's a great idea.

Purvan K. Hotaqalpong
Business Admin. Senior

They should build on campus housing because it's important for foreign students.

Sheryl Novak
Philosophy Junior

I think SHU shouldn't give up. We are a reputable school and deserve the chance to grow, and having dorms would be a tremendous step in the right direction.

Seung C. Kang
Business Admin. Senior

SHU should have done more about on campus housing for the international students.
Jewish club off to good start

By Amy Madison
Staff Writer

On a college campus, everyone needs to have somewhere to turn for support. For this reason, the University asked Rabbi S. Jerome Wallin, a chaplain in the campus ministry, to form an organization to meet the religious and cultural needs of the Jewish population at Sacred Heart.

On October 25th, an initial group, consisting of five students, met with Rabbi Wallin to coordinate the new group. The idea to start such a group was enthusiastically accepted by all in attendance. The initial group met one additional time to plan the details for the first meeting. Letters were sent to the 95 Jewish students as listed on the computer.

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Beat holiday blues and stress

By Joann Mariani
Features Editor

Even the most joyous season of the year has its downside, and our ability to deal with negative emotions during the Christmas holidays can be greatly affected. Some people become deeply depressed because of separation from family and friends, or because of the recent loss of a loved one. But for most people, the holiday blues involve mild- to-moderate irritability due to any number of causes: sleeplessness, shopping in crowded stores and dreading your next credit card bill, or the stress of preparing to entertain a large number of people.

Stress doesn't have to ruin your Christmas season. A few very simple things can make the next few weeks much more pleasant for you and everyone around you.

1) Become a child again. Remember the anticipation that used to build up the whole month of December? There's no adult law that says it can't be yours again. You can make each step of preparation for the holiday a celebration in itself. Get together with your family or friends to decorate your house or tree, or bake something, or write Christmas cards. Some night take a drive around your neighborhood to look at the decorations on other houses. At least once during the next few weeks, go to a shopping mall when you don't have anything to buy. With the hassle of standing in line and lug-ging around shopping bags, you'll be able to enjoy people watching and taking in the decorations.

2) Give of yourself. It sounds corny, but giving to other people can make you feel better about yourself. Some suggestions:
   - if you're at all adept in the kitchen, make some baked goods to give as gifts to your co-workers or neighbors. By actually taking the time and effort to create something for someone, you'll express your care for them.
   - volunteer to man a station for the Salvation Army, the Shriners, or another charity. Giving brings out the best in people, too, and at a time when you tend to see others merely as competitors for the last parking space, it's nice to get evidence of the basic good in human nature.
   - be friendly to the cashiers and salespeople when you shop. You don't get charged extra for being pleasant. For those of you who work in retail, the same goes for you.

3) Take care of yourself. Christmas and New Year's are a time when excess tends to be the rule and not the exception, and that's not too bad - man doesn't live on oat bran and early bedtimes alone. If you're going to indulge, now's the time to do it. But keep your indulgences legal, and though I know you'll hear this left and right during the season, I'll say it anyway: Don't drive drunk, no matter how foolish you feel about not being able to handle it. It's better to pass out and spend the night under someone's Christmas tree than to endanger your life and others. Try to get a half-hour or so of exercise a day - it's not too cold, a short walk is perfect, and even better if you do it with someone else. Stay patient with family and friends; it's too easy to take out your frustration and irritation on those closest to you. In other words, hang the mistletoe, not each other.

Christmas stress is not unavoidable, and the true spirit of Christmas isn't hard to capture. Make the last month of 1990 a joyous and fulfilling one and begin 1991 in a good frame of mind. Merry Christmas!

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SHU debate team in top ten

By Lori Bogue
Assistant Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart debate team engaged in their second tournament appearance of the fall season at Fordham University, Nov. 16 and 17. Debate team A, composed of Angie Iannou and Jodi Thomas, captured eighth place honors and finished in the top ten. Highlights of the tournament included team A's almost perfect 4-1 record, and their impressive victory against Harvard-A in round five of play. Harvard-A also captured first place in the individual public speaking competition. This competition is based on the speaker's ability to generate humor and their ability to speak in public without preparation.

Jodi Thomas, a public relations officer of the debate team, replied, "Beating Harvard-A's team in the fifth round was probably the most gratifying aspect for our (Angie and I) personal victory. But the most gratifying occurrence in general was to be part of a Sacred Heart team capturing first place in individual speaking. Both of these occurrences serve to further strengthen the respect for Sacred Heart Debate that has been mounting since our last victorious season. We are beating Ivy-league schools and placing in the top ten, and other schools on the circuit know our name for it."

The Pioneer Debaters were part of a 40 team competition in which 15 schools were represented. In general, each of the six Sacred Heart teams had good victories after the tournament. Angie Iannou remarks, "We hope this early
Mermaids: a film of change

By Chris Conway

The mystical creatures mermaids are ones who seem to be caught in a transition stage. This is the same type of dilemma which the characters of the New Orion release "Mermaids" seem to have as well. Which is similar to that of a stack in a constant transition state.

Upon her arrival to East Port Mrs. Flax meets the lovable Lou Landsky, played by Bob Hoskins ("Who Framed Roger Rabbit"), a local widower who falls head over heal for her. The romance in this film is not limited to the adults.

"They are in the water, out of the water - Mermaids looking for a place to be."

Academy Award-Winner Cher, ("Moonstruck") plays the outlandish Mrs. Flax, a more than slightly liberated woman who has spent much of her time moving around the country with her two daughters, the mixed up Charlotte played by Winona Ryder ("Heathers") and the 9 year old Swimming Champ Kate, played by newcomer Christina Ricci.

The Flax clan settles in the small New England town of East Port, where we are brought into their world. One Charlotte who says she wants to be a nun ends up falling for the caretaker of the local convent.

Director Richard Benjamin ("My Favorite Year") brings this warm heated story to life with his masterful Directing style. He fills the screen with images of a fantasy world which mirrors the real world we as well as the Flax family lives in. Commenting of the theme of Mermaids Richard Benjamin offers, "The people in this film don't fit into any category exactly. Charlotte is half girl, half woman. Kate is kind of half girl, half 'fish.' They are in the water out of the water - Mermaids looking for a place to be.

One of the "Mermaids" most powerful sequences is the recreation of November 22, 1963, the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. These scenes symbolize the fact that America as whole was beginning its own transition from, a form of innocence to one of utter conflict and chaos.

All of the actors and actresses in the film turn in top notch performances which compliment June Robins simple yet powerful adapta-

Cher and Winona Ryder upclose

By Chris Conway

After screening "Mermaids" in late October, along with other members of the college press had the unique op-
portunity to sit down with the film's stars Cher and Winona Ryder to ask them questions about the film and about themselves. Here's what they had to say.

Q: Cher - How do you think you translated your own experience of your mother to your portrayal of Mrs. Flax?

Cher: I took my childish analysis of my mother and ran it back through my adult version now. I tried to play Mrs. Flax the way I saw my mother. I don't know for sure if it was my mother or if it was just what I thought my mother was when I was a child.

Q: Winona - Was the role of Charlotte Flax redeeming for you in a creative way?

Winona: Yes. I put a lot of work into developing the role, and I was satisfied with what I did with the role.

Q: Cher and Winona - The two of you developed a great friendship during the shooting of the film. How did you get around that while doing the scenes which involved great conflict between the both of you?

Cher: We stayed away from each other and did not hang out with each other like we usually did. I was forced to take on an attitude towards "Nonie". But it was something that had to be done for the scenes to work.

Winona: You also can't help but wonder if Cher was really mad at me or if she was just preparing for the scene.

Q: Winona - Which of your roles have come closest to the real you?

Winona: There has been a little of me in all my roles, but Beronica Sayer in "Heathers" said things I wanted to say.

I would like to take this oppor-
The top 10 Christmas Videos

By Catherine Gingerella
A & E Writer

If you’re tired of Christmas shopping, take the time to sit back and relax, go to your local video store, where a vast array of Christmas classics are available. Here is a guide to the top 10 Christmas videos which are loved and cherished by young and old.

1) It’s A Wonderful Life
   This wonderful 1946, Frank Capra classic, although not originally intended to be a “Christmas” film, is a touching tale of a man (James Stewart) who is shown what the lives of people around him would have been like if he had never been born. This is a must-see!

2) A Charlie Brown Christmas
   This heartwarming Peanuts gang animation is loved by all. Charlie Brown, depressed during the holiday, is taught the true meaning of Christmas, which isn’t aluminum trees or decorated dog houses.

3) How the Grinch Stole Christmas
   A Christmas cartoon classic, narrated by Boris Karloff, starring the irresistible Grinch who hates Christmas. The Grinch plans to ruin Christmas for all the inhabitants of Whoville,” but learns the spirit of the holiday.

4) A Christmas Story
   Set in the 1940’s, this delightfully funny film follows a young boy’s ambitious wish for expensive toys for Christmas. If you want a good laugh, this is the movie for you.

5) Baryshnikov - The Nutcracker
   Although there are many versions of the popular Nutcracker Ballet, this Baryshnikov version is beautiful and charming. Presented by the American Ballet Theatre, the Nutcracker also stars prima ballerina, Gelsey Kirkland.

6) A Christmas Carol
   Of all the adaptations of the famous Charles Dickens story, the best is the 1938 film starring Reginald Owen as Ebenezer Scrooge. a curmudgeon of a man who hates Christmas until he is visited by three ghosts who change his mind. This is a timeless classic.

7) Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
   This animated favorite, loved by young and old, continues to amuse and delight us all year after year. Special appearances by Rudolph and Santa himself give the story a child-like quality that satisfies the child in all of us.

8) Miracle on 34th Street
   Who can resist this story of a young girl (Natalie Wood) who truly believes in Santa Claus (Edmund Gwenn)? This is a classic.

9) White Christmas
   Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye star in this favorite film and sing the popular Irving Berlin songs. They seem to tell little stories about life, love and of course, sex. On the song “Love, You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch", it gets a bit sexy and are probably the reason this album has been posted with the ever-so-popular parental advisory label.

10) Scrooged
    This zany comedy, starring Bill Murray and Carol Kane, is a take-off on the Christmas Carol classic, and is a witty and funny movie. There are many more Christmas videos available to choose from at any video store, but if you use this guide you won’t be disappointed but delighted through the holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Prince crosses Graffiti Bridge

By Paul Molnar
A & E Writer

There aren’t too many artists who have had a great impact on popular music in the 80’s. Names like Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen and Madonna are the ones that come to mind. Another one would have to be Prince. Although he has had a rollercoaster-type career filled with success and downfalls, his musical talent and originality have made him a household name.

His most recent release, “Graffiti Bridge”, is a groundbreaking song compilation to accompany the motion picture of the same name. It is loaded with some familiar sounds from his earlier works like “Purple Rain” and “Sign o’ the Times”. Although he produced, arranged, and composed a large portion of the album only eight of the songs are performed by him alone and his influence is heard on all of them. The others are Prince working with artists such as George Clinton and The Time.

The album is a good mix of new music with a large dose of his old sound. His voice hasn’t changed much over the years, but Prince always seems to find new musical tricks in the studio. The secret on this one is The Time.

As usual Prince is very weird and often offbeat. It is so hard to categorize his music because he is so diverse. Elements of rock, funk, soul and rap stand out on this one. Also, Prince’s latest passion for digital sampling, which we heard on last year’s Batman album is alive and well. The lyrics are also offbeat. They seem to tell little stories about life, love and of course, sex. On the song “Love, You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch”, it gets a bit sexy and are probably the reason this album has been posted with the ever-so-popular parental advisory label.

Even though Prince gives the public what they want with songs like “Thieves in the Temple” and “New Power Generation”, which is great for the clubs, this album is definitely not for everyone. If you never took a liking to Prince this album won’t change your mind. It’s good, but the non-Prince fans will be lost. See if you can borrow it before you buy it.
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Nicholls - all time leading scorer

By Rick Ferris
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart Women's Basketball team is off to a 2-2 start. The two victories represent half the wins the team attained last season. The first five games of the season also saw former Lady Pioneer Kelley Gray's career scoring record of 1,193 points fall to Senior captain Diane Nicholls who in the first half of the season opened against The King's College. score a career high 34 points in last Tuesday's victory over Southampton.

Vicki Kennedy: A hard worker

By Lori Bogue
Ass. Sports Editor

Vicki Kennedy is a 22 year old aspiring in business management who during the past four years has been instrumental to the success of the softball and volleyball teams at Sacred Heart. Kennedy began playing softball when she was six years old, and started her pitching career as a sophomore in high school. Kennedy leads the league in home runs, and turned in an extraordinary pitching career with a record of 38-14-1 and an ERA of 1.23 for the Lady Pioneers. On the volleyball court, Kennedy started for the Spikers for four years, as an outside hitter and illustrated hardwork and determination. Kennedy believes that her competitiveness stems from her families values. Her father stressed the importance of working hard to achieve, while her mother stressed the importance of good morals. Kennedy explained her drive to play softball as, "something inside her. It separates the average from above average, it teaches you to come out on top." "It also makes you a better person through life, by being more intense, and more successful.

Although Kennedy attends a Connecticut school, she definitely favors Long Island. Kennedy was born in Port Jefferson, and believes the environment to be different in Connecticut. She believes the people to be "slower, and not as open or friendly." When Vicki is not playing softball or volleyball, she enjoys riding an exercise bike, running, playing tennis, and her ultimate favorite, "shooting pool.

Scholastically, Kennedy is a hard worker, who enjoys classes such as marketing, and would like to pursue marketing as an occupation.

Kennedy offered advice to freshmen in accomplishing their goals athletically, and scholastically, "Always let the teachers know ahead of time if you're an athlete, and then try to stay on top of the work. Athletically, always give 100% and work hard to be the best.

Kennedy is a successful and sincere person who has little to regret, except for not making the Nationals in softball. One of the most important people in which Kennedy models her life after was her best friend, Lisa Dedrick. Lisa passed away, but Vicki looks to her as her sports model, or model to live. Vicki commented, "Lisa always gave 100%, with no excuses, no talking back, she always just did it."
Sacred Heart University

Sports

By Amy Madison

By Rick Ferris

Men's basketball trying to find the groove

The Men's Basketball team has a new Assistant Basketball Coach and his name is George Foster. Yes, that George Foster who hit 32 home runs for the 1977 Cincinnati Reds and finished his career with 238 home runs in 1996. When asked what his families think of the team, Foster replied, "I am here to help out in any way I can. But hiring is my specialty."

The First Last prosecution will be held on January 3rd in the gymnasium. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should get a physical examination done prior to that date as without a physical, students will not be allowed to practice. The school will reimburse the students for the physical up to $50. The practice is mandatory.

PIONEERS

SHU's stand-out freshman Theo Gadsden (52) pulls in an offensive rebound while a Husson defender tries to swat it away during the first night of the Annual Banker's Classic held at the University of Bridgeport. Photo by Michael Champagne

Intramural basketball news

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3:30 pm CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (Top 2 Teams)

Schedule

- Denotes NEC League Game

Men's Basketball

Fri. 12/7 Post College
Sun. 12/9 Adelphi
Sat. 12/15 C. W. Post
Fri. 12/21 Stonehill College
Mon. 12/24 Assumption
Wed. 12/26 Southern CT

Women's Basketball

Sat. 12/8 Southampton (LIU) Home
Tues. 12/11 Mercy College Home
Sat. 12/15 Stony Brook (1 of 2) Home
Wed. 12/19 Franklin Pierce Home
Sat. 12/22 Keene State Home
Wed. 12/26 Southern CT Home

Pioneer Carol Brown (20) jumps clear of Elaine Agosti (12) after pulling down a defensive rebound. The Lady Pioneers record has now slipped to 2 and 4 after Tuesday nights loss to N.Y. Tech by one point.

Lady Pioneers off and running

The Sacred Heart Women's Basketball team is off to a 2-3 record. Not a staggering total, but when you consider last year's team had a grand total of four wins in 25 games, that makes it more impressive. Head Coach Ed Swanson commented, "all three teams we lost to ranked in the top five of their conference."

Coach Swanson commented of the team's play, "I think it is important to improve each game we play. We have three big games this week." Swanson continued, "I think we're still fighting injuries, Karen Bell hasn't been practicing, Elaine Agosti is playing a good floor game. Diane (Nicholls) is really playing good. and Kim Filia is shooting good in three point range. We have to get in better shape, I've been satisfied with everyone's effort."

The team as a whole is actually shooting better from three point range than from inside. They are shooting 34.1 percent from the floor overall, and 34.4 percent from three point land.

Last Thursday night the Lady Pioneers lost to one of those teams. Assumption 85-50, Senior Diane Nicholls (see article elsewhere in sports pages) led the way with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Sophomore Kim Filia added 14 points with four rebounds and four assists, Junior Elaine Agosti added seven rebounds and four assists.

On November 27, the Lady Pioneers traveled to take on Southampton (LIU) and soundly defeated Southampton 74-57. Nicholls led with a season high 34 points and 14 rebounds. Filia contributed 24 points and tied an Agosti's school record for three pointers in a game with four. Sophomore Karen Bell added ten boards and Junior Jennifer Dankulich added nine rebounds.

On November 24, the Lady Pioneers hosted Stonehill College but the ball was quite rude guests as they trounced the hosts 95-49. Nicholls led the Lady Pioneers with 18 points while Filia added 13 points. Filia also led the way with four assists while Agosti, Bell, and Dankulich led with seven rebounds apiece.

On November 20, the Lady Pioneers fell to Quinnipiac by a score of 90-62. Nicholls led SHU with 26 points, Agosti added ten points and led with nine rebounds.

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