

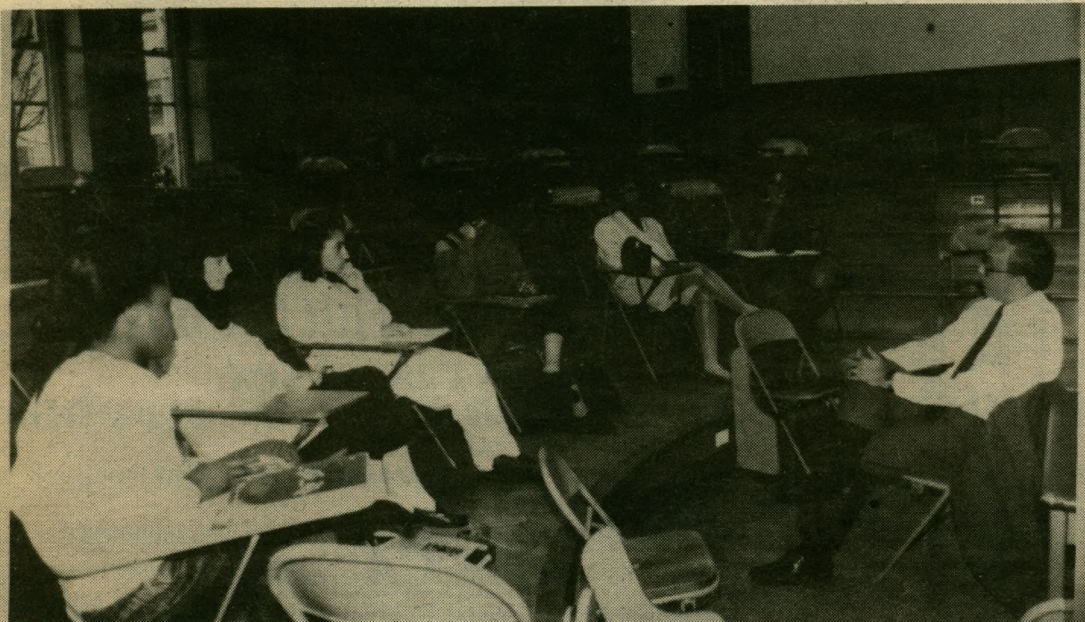
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Students rap on Cernera's door about SHU



President Cernera fields questions from students during the first scheduled Presidents Rap session for the fall semester.

Photo by Diantha Skeeter

By Charo Clark
News Writer

On Sept. 26, in Studio A, SHU President Anthony J. Cernera conducted his first "President's Rap" session of the semester. A concept put into motion last semester, it provides students with an opportunity to have an open dialogue between the president and students. Attendance was poor, but the few students present had serious concerns and asked important and direct questions.

The session began with Sonia Mikolic, history major-junior, expressing her concerns about cultural diversity and fair representation of minority students in the university. "There are 9-10% full-time students, of the total students who are Hispanic, and 9-10% are

Black. I don't think we see ourselves represented in the administration and faculty, and I don't see a 9-10% ratio of Hispanics or a 9-10% ratio of blacks in the administration or faculty. I think that's one thing we should try to do is hire more minorities, because we need someone we can look up to. Another thing is that minorities have basic cultural differences, I feel Sacred Heart is ignoring that fact. There should be special programs which are directed toward our needs, if you take a look at the core courses how is that reflecting our culture. For instance, I am a history major and I am very interested in taking a history course on Africa. Not only is it not a requirement, there is no

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Criminal Justice Majors chosen to represent SHU at annual meeting

By Brenda Luby
Staff Writer

Three Criminal Justice Majors have been chosen to represent SHU at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

The annual meeting, scheduled for March 10-14 in Pittsburgh, Penn. provides an opportunity for college students to come together to discuss the issues that affect the Criminal Justice System.

Participants will be meeting students and professors from all over the country and other parts of the world.

"It is an honor to have been chosen to represent the school," said criminal justice major, Carolyn T. Wilde.

Wilde will be attending along with two other SHU students.

Expenses for the trip during

spring break will be paid by the university, including round-trip airfare and lodging.

Students attending the meeting will prepare papers on the theme "The Legacy of the Conservative Ideology." Specific topics range from deviance criminology, capital punishment, and juvenile delinquency, to local police and law enforcement.

Students must choose one area and submit their final draft to the session chairs of that particular area by Feb. 1, 1992.

Pearl Jacobs, a Ph.D. and director of the criminal justice program at SHU, said, "I am very excited for the students. It really is a great experience. I have met people from Guam and even an Indian chief on previous meets."

According to Wilde, this trip to Pittsburgh will allow her to do two of her favorite things: meet new people and talk about the criminal justice system.

Art Dept. awaits renovations

By Sarah Gauthier
News Writer

Administration first approved a renovation plan proposed by the Art Dept in 1989. The estimated cost of the plan is \$30,000 and it will create a new computer graphics room (necessary for the new computer graphics major) an office for a new full time staff member.

According to Ted Gutsa (associate professor of Art) some-

how nothing has been done. In 1990 the plan was again approved and the Art Department moved all of their supplies out awaiting renovations and was then informed that Dr. Cernera froze spending.

In the spring of 1991 the Art Department was assured that their dream would be realized.

Gutsa said "Mr. Leland Roberts, Head of the Humanities Dept. told me that Dr. Trebon, provost and vice president for academic

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Second year for S.G. President

By Frank Mastrioni
News Writer

Beginning his second year at the helm of Student Government Offices, President A.J. Ciesielski is up for the challenge of representing SHU students.

The chief function of the SG President is to act as the liaison between students and the administration.

According to Ciesielski, "As always, I'm here to handle any pertinent issues that may arise for a SHU student. It is important to me that every student realizes that no problem is too big or too small and that I will consider any problem as my own and see to it that the proper administrators are aware of it."

As part of Ciesielski's presidential routine, weekly meetings are held with SHU's Dean of Students Michael Bozzone.

"I meet with Bozzone regularly to discuss issues that have arisen from Student Government weekly meetings," said Ciesielski. "Although I don't meet with other administrators on a weekly schedule, I am in frequent contact with all of them."

SG is already active in many issues, including those arising from the cafeteria renovation. Ciesielski with SG created a "flood committee" to handle all issues concerning the renovation.

SG is involved in many other happenings this year.

"We are currently in the process of creating a President Gov-

ernment System," explained Ciesielski. "This would be a group of dormitory students who would represent a non-voting faction of the student government."

Ciesielski commented on how SHU is changing from "being a commuter school exclusively" to one that houses students. Because of this, SG felt that dormitory students needed to be "adequately represented."

"Any problems or issues that arise will be brought to our attention through this new committee," said Ciesielski.

Two current issues being investigated by SG concern Financial Aid and the Library.

According to Ciesielski, "Some

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DeRobertis slated to check out of SHU

By Yvonne M. Klemets
Staff Writer

Lynn DeRobertis has been the Director of Health Services for 5 years here at SHU and now comes the time for her to move on. DeRobertis came to SHU from The Stratford Visiting Home Care Nursing Center.

This past summer DeRobertis finished her masters in Public Health where her decided major was Community Health Education.

DeRobertis stated "The part of nursing I like best is teaching, that's why I decided to pursue a graduate degree in health education."

DeRobertis will be leaving on Friday to follow that dream at Fairfield University, where she will be funded by a FIPSE Grant (Funds for the Improvement of

Post-secondary Education) that focuses on wellness.

DeRobertis' new title at Fairfield University will be the Assistant Director of Office for Alcohol and Drug Assistance. She will be coordinating and implementing programs that address issues such as rape, nutrition, drugs and alcohol.

"I am going into a situation where I know the people well and they know me, (but) I have mixed emotions about leaving SHU and starting at Fairfield U. I have had a very productive five years here personally and professionally, but the time has come for me to move on," said DeRobertis.

"The position was open at Fairfield U and it was more of what I was looking for in terms of Health Education. I feel that it will grow into a position that will open opportunities for me," she

continued.

There are eight registered nurses who will continue to cover shifts in the nurse's office from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. but there has not been anyone found for the position of Director of Health Services as of yet. DeRobertis' concern for the department is finding someone to manage the department.

"I don't think the position has been open for search nor has the position been advertised yet. I am disappointed that they're not looking for someone to fill the position, but I do know that they are surveying other universities to see what the staff and facilities are like.

Much of my time and energy has been focused on the Measles Law so I really have been doing

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NEWS BRIEFS

Three Doors for dinner

Sacred Heart University's Mu Delta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and the International Honor Society of Nursing, are sponsoring a dinner/meeting dealing with the "Economics of Health Care: Nursing's Concerns".

The guest speaker at the open dinner meeting will be Elizabeth Carol Polifroni, R.N., Ed.D., associate professor of nursing at the University of Connecticut (Storrs). She will discuss the fiscal changes and impact likely to occur in the health care delivery system and relate the variables of cost, quality, personnel and care.

This dinner/meeting will occur on Wed., Oct. 16, at the Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Avenue Bridgeport. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00, and the program will begin at 7:00. The price of admission is \$25 member, and \$30 non-member.

For additional information, call: Diane Marangelo, R.N., program chairman, 261-9120.

Put on your walkin' shoes

The Greater Bridgeport AIDS Project is sponsoring the 2nd Annual "AIDS Walk-a-thon" on Oct. 6, starting at the Seaside Park Bandshell. Pre-registration is at 12:00 noon and the start of the 10 kilometer AIDS Walk will be at 1:00 until 3:00pm. All walkers will receive water bottles and buttons at registration.

They are expecting approximately 250 participants for the walk. Last year \$6,000 was raised. This year the goal is \$10,000. The purpose of The Greater Bridgeport AIDS Project is to provide AIDS awareness to the community. All pledges and donations will benefit people with HIV/AIDS in need of personal and/or health care needs.

For more information and/or pre-registration please call The Greater Bridgeport AIDS Project at (203) 576-8368. For Tax-deductible donations please mail to GBAP, P.O. Box 8474, Brewster Station, Bridgeport, Ct. 06605

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Our advise to you is...

Dr. Judith Miller, Chair of faculty of Communication Studies, is upgrading student advisement within the English department.

The department presently lists 50 students as English majors, and Dr. Miller plans to "strengthen and improve" the advisement process.

The first step taken has been to form a student committee. Donna Robinson, a senior English major, has been appointed to act as "chair" of the committee. She will be looking for feedback from the students regarding the type of advisement they expect and want.

Currently, students are required to meet with their advisors twice a year to discuss course selections for the following semester. Dr. Miller hopes that the relationships between students and their advisors will become more personal; perhaps attend a lecture or a movie together.

This POYSAAN's good for you

POYSAAN, Peers Offering Youth Substance Abuse Awareness Network, will give a presentation on "Stress Management" on Tues., Oct. 8, 11:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart.

POYSAAN, was established five years ago. It is a community-service, student organization dedicated to educating others on the issues of substance abuse. Members are trained to work with elementary, middle, high school students, along with young adults and parent groups.

This group explores such topics as communication skills, family dysfunction, substance abuse, stress reduction and alternatives to substance abuse.

Lori Lipsitz and Jodi Colucci, current members and juniors at SHU, feel the organization is an extremely close, supportive group. They also agree on the importance of educating people on alternatives to drugs. "If I can help at least one person then I feel my job is done," Lori said.

The group's motto "Taking the negative intensities of daily life and turning them into positive actions and energies," is the essence of POYSAAN.

Human Rights, here and now

Each year the New England Peace Fellowship sponsors a conference to foster and promote social awareness of current peace and justice issues. Sacred Heart University has been chosen to host this year's conference entitled "Think Globally, Start Locally: Human Rights in the 1990's", which will take place on Sat., Oct. 26.

A Committee comprised of staff and students has begun laying the groundwork for the event, but participation by each of us is needed to assure a successful conference. The mission of Sacred Heart University recognizes the importance of "nurturing each one's spiritual and moral growth, and deepening in them a sense of social responsibility".

For more information, contact Karen Pagliuco at 371-7880.



Workers confer in the background of this photo of renovations to the cafeteria for the new Seilers Food Service.
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Continuing Education's Stamford campus receives McKinney grant

By Charo Clark
News Writer

In 1990 The Stewart B. McKinney Foundation, established by Mrs. McKinney, in memory of Congressman McKinney who died of AIDS, founded The AIDS Education Consortium. Its purpose is to assist educational institutions in the fostering of greater AIDS awareness and education.

Last year the Consortium consisted of 5 member colleges, Albertus Magnus, Sacred Heart University, St. Joseph College, University of Bridgeport, and University of New Haven. This year two other colleges became members, Mitchell College and Quinnabaug Community College.

This cooperative effort between the Foundation and the

members of the Consortium provides information for students, educators, and the community. Addressing the numerous AIDS related issues, gathering related texts and information, and making it available through lectures, workshops, courses, programs, and activities.

Michael S. Arnold, Education Coordinator for The AIDS Education Consortium, spoke of the programs past, present, and future of the Consortium.

"Last April, the Foundation, SHU, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges held a Regional Conference on AIDS Education. It was geared toward educators of all different grade levels, and addressed AIDS related issues," said Arnold.

The Foundation provides grants for 10 pilot partnerships between

colleges and local school systems. SHU was fortunate to receive one of these grants for its Stamford campus to work with Stamford public schools.

With the grant SHU professors work with high school and elementary teachers to bring AIDS information and greater awareness to the students. The New Haven and Bridgeport School systems are also participants in this program. The program operates on a voluntary basis.

This semester SHU has new courses being offered in connection with its work with the Consortium. Immunology, and Personal Growth Experience/Sexual Interaction, on it Main Campus in Fairfield. A Seminar on Kids, AIDS, Alcohol and Sex, offered at its Stamford and Lisbon campuses. There are also lectures

scheduled in October on AIDS in the Workplace, and The Plight of the Homeless People with AIDS. For more information on offerings by Sacred Heart or any of the other member colleges contact Michael Arnold at 1-800-288-2498.

Last year on a \$6,000 budget, the Consortium reached over 5000 people through courses and lectures. This year, the budget still has a base of \$6,000, with leeway in excess of that amount, and the aim of reaching a greater number.

Next Spring there are plans to bring together the 10 pilot partnerships to hold a Regional Workshop and share with other teachers and educators what has been done. New Jersey and New York educators will be invited, in the hopes of expanding the program.

The need for the work of the

Foundation and Consortium is of obvious importance. According to Mr. Arnold, Connecticut has the fifth highest number of AIDS incidents per capita in the country. Currently there are at least 200 babies with AIDS at Yale New Haven Hospital.

"I am very excited about the enthusiasm which we have received from the Foundation, and the Faculty of Sacred Heart University," Arnold said in reference to SHU's participation.

The importance of the Consortium, and SHU's involvement in it was best stated by Mitchell Holmes, Continuing Education-Recruiter/Graduate Studies, "For us to be involved in Social Issues that have this kind of an impact is essential. It would be inexcusable for us not to be involved," said Holmes.

Students vocalize worries in Music Room

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such course in existence. How am I supposed to learn about the African culture if I don't have the chance to take a course like that?"

To that the President responded, "This institution is faced with some very serious problems in its ability to recruit African-American, and Hispanic-American faculty and administrators. The number of Blacks and Hispanics with Ph.D's who are qualified to teach at a college or university is not great. We are working very, very hard, but the competition for those minorities with Ph.D's is fierce, and our salary structure does not compete," Cernera said.

Cernera explained that SHU's inability to compete also extends out past professors to include administrators who can obtain better salaries at other universities.

"Last semester, I was at another 'President's Rap' and one student said 'Why don't we see more courses in Afro-American history', and the answer was 'We're working on it but it takes a long time' Sonia added.

"It does take a long time, and if you can't accept that fact I have to tell you that's the fact. The university is beginning a review of it's general education core curriculum, that's going to take two years for that to happen," Cernera responded.

Todd Ross, Student Government V.P. raised points on behalf of the student body. For instance, the offering of more classes in the daytime, and an increase in night classes being offered. Doris Latorre, senior and Legal Administration major, agreed, "Once you get to the level of junior and senior you have a hard time making your schedule."

Marcia Wallace, senior-Legal Administration, was concerned about security in the parking lot on Sunday when students are studying in the library., "My understanding is that there is security now in the parking lots, for students. But I will check on that," Cernera responded.

Two issues in reference to the library were raised, Todd Ross questioned Cernera on the prospect of SHU increasing the hours

the library was open. A.J. Ciesielski, Student Government President, responded that the Library is understaffed and under used by students. They are working on alleviating the staffing problem by hiring more staff. Also concerning students is the lack of material in the library.

Many students were upset with the present condition of the cafeteria. The points of distaste were lack of food, the rudeness of the staff (including the manager), the constant flies everywhere. Commuting students felt that preference was given to resident students. Todd Ross commented, "The conditions in the cafe are really bad. There's flies everywhere, and that's why a lot of commuter students go elsewhere now." Ms. Latorre agreed, "When you go to Trumbull (Shopping Park) to eat, you see a lot of SHU students there." The food service committee has been set up to straighten out some of the problems. They met last week, and will meet again soon. The new cafeteria is scheduled to open Oct. 15.

Another administrative office students had complaints about was

the Registrar's office. They found some of the staff to be rude. "Speaking of being treated rudely the Registrar's is the worst," a student commented.

On the issues of rudeness, "That's not the way we do things." The President stated. He indicated he would be checking into the students' allegations and speaking to the individual(s) involved.

Other issues discussed were Sacred Heart's efforts to raise its academic credentials as part of its 5 year plan. Applications for admissions are now more difficult and more selective. Financial aid from the government has decreased from 2.3 million in 1987-1988 school year, to 1.6 million in aid. Last year the President spent time in Hartford lobbying for more financial aid. In an effort to counter, SHU has increased its aid to cover the governmental decrease.

In reference to the overall session, Marcia Wallace commented, "I felt the session was productive, because it gave the students a chance to air their views about campus concerns." Marcia said.

Ciesielski at the helm

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upper classmen have been concerned about financial aid. Some fear that much of it went to freshmen. So we are currently receiving figures from the Financial Aid Dept."

"As for the Library, some students are upset that the Library hours have been cut in the wake of the newly imposed Library fee."

Ciesielski not only focuses on current issues, but long term goals as well. He mentioned that SG plans to review the status of SHU's fraternities and sororities as one of their major concerns.

"Although memberships have been in the decline, we look forward to soon seeing a strong Greek membership," said Ciesielski.

Along with his foresight of an

increase in Greek school spirit, Ciesielski says that now, "There has been a surge in SG enthusiasm."

"Last year we had a surplus of funds from the activity fees," said Ciesielski. "It's obvious we ran a tight ship here and students are confident that their money will be spent in a quality fashion."

Ciesielski encourages students to run for class offices.

"I look forward to having two or three people running against me in April," said Ciesielski. "This could be the year that SG redefines its role at SHU through my knowledge and the knowledge of the young leaders below me."

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Pay more, get less.

October 1, 1991, marked the first day the imposed state income tax for residents of Connecticut began tithing away paychecks.

As legislators who voted for the income tax levy would argue, the plus side is a reduction of the sales tax from a national high of 8 percent to a more reasonable 6 percent.

At the same time however, it is expanded to a bevy of previously exempt goods and services -- from Turkish baths to tanning salons; debt counseling to diet services; "900" telephone numbers to hair removal, hair weaving and hair replacement services; and, ironically enough, tax preparation services will now be subject to the sales tax.

Since passage of this package, protests have been organized at nearly every town-hall in the state, with residents clamoring for a repeal of the income tax. This weekend will prove to be no exception as a planned protest at the state capital gets up.

So heavily booked were bus companies that Tom Kelly, director of student activities, wasn't sure that he would be able to secure transportation for the planned Away Weekend to Assumption College.

Although transportation was found, it became a moot point earlier this week when it was decided that there just weren't enough people interested in the trip.

We would like to extend our thanks to Tom and the Activities Office for continually providing the students of SHU something to do.

Let's just hope the poor turn-out for the football game is due to everyone's insistence on attending the Repeal the Tax! rally in Hartford.

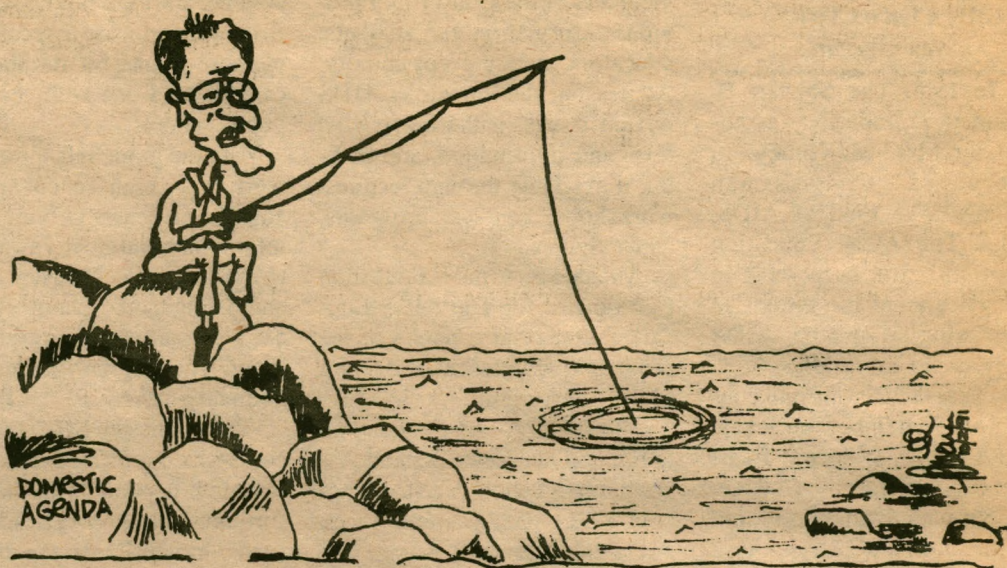
Pay more, get less, part 2

In the wake of a \$10.00 Library User Fee, the administration has simultaneously cut library hours by nearly 14 hours per week.

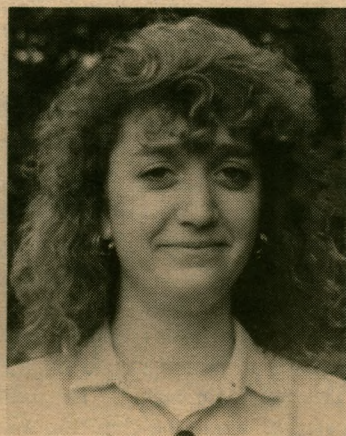
Seems to us that someone's been sneaking pages out of the Weicker manual on how to treat one's constituents.

How about it SHU, are we happy about this?

By Hossein De Jean-Jacques



WHO SAID COMEDY POLITICS IS NOT PRETTY?...



By Denise Kuhn
Columnist

Well, three columns down and many suggestions and questions and concerns have reached me.

One of the major causes of concern to the student body is financial aid. Many students feel that sports players received more financial aid than non-sports playing students. A question of athletic scholarships was also raised.

According to Dr. Cernera, president of SHU, athletic scholarships were not awarded to incoming students. There are some upperclassmen, though, who had been awarded scholarships in previous years which will remain on athletic scholarship during their stay at SHU.

Our financial aid program is now a need-based program with the exception of a few academic based FA awards. The athletic scholarship focused a significant amount of the budgeted financial

aid to a very small group of students. By switching to a primarily need based award system, students are judged by the same criteria.

There are some students whose financial aid is not yet processed who believe the football players, in particular, received preferential treatment in the distribution of FA. Dr. Cernera stated, "the people who received FA first were the people who submitted completed FAF's and other required paperwork on time." If we remember, there was an April 15, 1991 deadline for FAF's to be submitted for the 1991-92 school year.

Another concern which has been voiced revolves around Sacred Heart's policy on class attendance for student-athletes. I will convey to you all a story a student's mother told me about her child who plays a sport. This mother expressed concern because her child's coach stated that if the student has a choice between attending class or attending practice, the student should attend practice. If class cannot be missed than attend the first half of the class and leave for the second half. A note to excuse the student from class will even be supplied upon request.

SHU's Director of Athletics, Dave Bike, firmly stated that the class attendance policy is clearly

stated in the Student Handbook. For those of you who can't put your hands on a copy, I'll quote it for you. "All student-athletes are expected to attend class regularly. Perfect attendance can be achieved and should be the goal of all students...A student athlete should not miss a class, leave a class early, or arrive late to a class because of practice..." It's on page 39 for those of you who need to brush up on it.

A final concern for today is about the food service. Some students are angry because they are not on the meal plan and, therefore, cannot eat hot breakfast, lunch or dinner. EVERYONE can eat the hot food. If you are not on the meal plan you may purchase breakfast (\$3.00), lunch (\$4.00) or dinner (\$5.00). Just go in the cafe and pay at the register. Commuters are not required to eat under the tent.

Also, the hot food is not an "all you can eat" deal. Whether you are on the meal plan or pay for hot food, there is a set portion for entrees. Salad, bread, soup, cookies, and drinks are self-service. If you are not satisfied with the portions or the food there is a Food Committee being created. See MaryAnn Haller or Tom Kelly for details.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am responding to a recent letter sent to resident students of Taft Commons and Parkridge Apartments. In this letter it was stated that there will be no tolerance of alcoholic beverages on these premises. For the students at Taft this is not fair. Some of them are of legal age. They should not be told that they can not drink. If they are of legal age there is no reason for this.

I realize that there are problems with drinking in the housing complexes, but I don't feel that everyone should suffer for a few. All colleges have problems with drinking on campus. If resident students are of legal age there is no way to stop them from drinking.

The State of Connecticut has set the legal age for drinking at twenty-one. No other person has

the right to deny people over the age the right to drink. I would not want this done to me and I don't feel that it should be done to others.

Sincerely,
Allison Murphy

Dear Editor:

Change is the key word around Sacred Heart University. We have a new football team, a new dormitory set-up, and a new cafeteria service. Lockers were ripped out, carpeting was installed and offices were remodeled. Although many changes have occurred, the registration procedure has remained the same—a time consuming process. There are four separate stations—one to "check-in," one to register, another to select a payment plan and the last to pay the cashier—

that students must go through in order to register. Lines leading to each station are usually long. With a 40% increase in freshman admissions the problem can only get worse. Why can't more computer terminals be set up so that lines are shorter and students can get in and out fast? By checking in at the registration table, the first station could be completely eliminated. A more efficient solution would be to link departmental office computers so that students could register for classes when they meet with their advisors instead of making the ritual pilgrimage to Hawley lounge. A change in registration is needed to make life a little easier and a lot less hectic for everyone.

Missy Munrow
Sophomore

Dear Editor:

I feel that certain sports here at Sacred Heart University are much more emphasized and looked at with greater appreciation than others. There should be one coach for each and every sport. The field should be available for all athletic teams. There should be equal usage in order to accommodate all students. It is unfair that the school cafeteria is always held for certain sports until they are excused from their practice, but not others.

For example, the girls soccer team has to practice late in the afternoon to make it more convenient for the coach to arrive on schedule. He is also in charge of the men's soccer team. Once he makes an appearance for the girls to train he is too relaxed with the requirements of practice. The field has to involve all teams. The girl's soccer team is transferred to off-campus areas for scrimmages games. The cafe food is always present for the football team at 6:30 pm, but when the soccer and baseball teams finish at a later time there is no food to be found.

There should be changes made. There is no reason for unfair actions to other sports that may seem of lesser importance.

Sincerely,
Gail Mazzucco

To The Editor,

We wish to respond to certain statements made recently by Spectrum Columnist Phil Trahan ("Pontifications," September 19) concerning the History offerings at Sacred Heart. Mr. Trahan alleged that "a tragic lack of traditional history courses" exists at the University, and further claimed that The History of Sports in America (HI129), a course he evidently disdains, was being "offered in place of European history." Neither of these statements is accurate.

A perusal of the University catalogue reveals a wide variety of history courses, both traditional and innovative, in a number of fields, European among them. Normally our European specialist, Dr. Roney, offers three European history electives during the regu-

lar academic year, one in the fall semester (along with Historical Method and Criticism) and two in the spring. This semester Dr. Roney chose to extend the History Program's range by offering HI 236: History of the Arab World, an ancillary specialty of his, in place of a European course. Next semester he will resume the usual pattern of elective offerings.

As for HI 129, it is not as substitute for any other course, but one that was introduced this year by Dr. Siff entirely on its own merits. The history of sport, a branch of social history, is a relatively new but entirely legitimate field of academic inquiry. It has already given rise to several scholarly journals and a growing number of well-researched and significant monographs. The importance of sports in the modern world is obvious. In HI129 students study the evolution of sports in America not in a vacuum, but in connection with trends in population, immigration, urbanization, media and technology; social-class, racial, ethnic and gender relations, and cultural norms and values.

We trust that the foregoing sets the record straight.

Sincerely,
Thomas D. Curren, Ph.D.
Charlotte M. Gradie, Ph.D.
John B. Roney, Ph.D.
Paul Siff, Ph.D.

To: The Students, Faculty, Administration and Staff of Sacred Heart University.

I wanted to write a letter to the University Community to bring you up to date on what is going on with the Dining Service Program.

Since the selection of the Seiler's Corporation as the Dining Service Company for Sacred Heart University in late August a process has begun that will ultimately lead to fulfilling the University's goal of having a premier, state of the art Dining Program.

The beginning of this process has been difficult for all involved, the patience of the University Community has been tremendous as we have adjusted this program to the circumstances of a kitchen under reconstruction. As you have seen in the last week the building of the new service has begun. We expect that within the next ten days we will begin preparing all of our food here at Sacred Heart, which will allow us more flexibility in what we serve and will improve the quality and freshness of the meals we are serving. Once we begin the on site preparation we will then begin phasing in new products and expanding our services.

Within the next couple of weeks there will be a full page display in this paper that will describe the Dining program that is going to be offered at Sacred Heart beginning later in October. Even though this will offer the details of the program, there are bound to be many questions, comments, and suggestions. We look forward to working with all the members of the University community as we create your Dining Service Program.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Palmer,
District Manager,

PONTIFICATIONS

By Phil Trahan
Associate Editor

As everyone should know by now, Federal District Court Judge, The Honorable Clarence Thomas is before the Senate Judiciary Committee, being reviewed for possible appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

When was the last time you took a good look at the composition of the Senate Judiciary Committee? If it has been a while, allow me to take this opportunity to refresh your memories.

Sitting in judgement of Judge Thomas is Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Massachusetts. Everyone, of course, knows that the good Senator hasn't any skeletons in his closet. He questions Judge Thomas about his possible future rulings (especially on Roe v. Wade), and Judge Thomas' tenure as the head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, but no one dare mention to the good Senator that he was thrown out of Brown University for cheating. No one dare ask him to finally give the American public the truth about the events of the night that his car plunged off a bridge in Massachusetts, killing one of his

aides. Who should be sitting in judgement on whom?

Also on the Senate Judiciary Committee is Senator Joseph Biden, D-Delaware. As a Presidential Candidate during the 1988 campaign, Senator Biden confessed to having plagiarized a speech, once made by Niel Kinnock, the Opposition Leader within the House of Commons of the United Kingdom. Now, it's bad enough that Senator Biden stole the thoughts of another person, but to steal the thoughts of a British Politician! Get with it Joel!

A quick look at the student handbook of Sacred Heart University shows that the penalty for plagiarism is EXPULSION! What is the penalty for a United States Senator? Give him a seat on the Senate Judiciary Committee where he can sit in moral and ethical judgement on people of the calibre of Clarence Thomas, Robert Bork, and the like, with a salary of \$123,000 per year!

What is wrong with this picture? The problem is that the United States, due to the liberal policies of the sixties, is suffering from a severe lack of morality and

ethics. THIS MUST CHANGE! How can it change? It is imperative that the educational systems nationally return to teaching American values, Civics, and how to make an informed decision when voting. It is pathetic that in the New York City school system condoms are given out like candy from a Pez dispenser, but courses in Civics are not offered. Great! Teach them to screw, but not how to think!

The same is true on the University level. Although Sacred Heart University does not distribute condoms, it is sorely lacking in courses which will teach the 18 to 25 year old age group what it means to be an American. Get rid of "The History of Sports in America," and put some money into the Political Science department. Return the curriculum to the basics of the classic ideals of a Liberal Arts education!

One can only hope that the situation within the American Electorate will soon change. If not, we are forever doomed to have people of the same ilk as Joe Biden, Teddy Kennedy and "King Lowell" of Connecticut forever ruling our lives!

Guest Editorial: Tradition and spirit in a Catholic University

One of the greatest challenges facing institutions of higher education, as well as other institutions in our society such as churches and political parties, is to find the way to embody, in a significantly new context, the tradition and heritage that are their foundation. We affirm in our mission statement that "Sacred Heart University is Catholic in tradition and spirit." As a Catholic University, we seek to exemplify, in our life together, the Judeo-Christian values of freedom and the dignity of every human person, values which we believe are God-given.

Inspired by the ecumenical spirit of the Second Vatican Council, it is imperative that we understand our Catholicity in a way that welcomes men and women of all religious traditions and beliefs. Our shared concerns for truth, scholarship, and dignity

of the human person, freedom, and the betterment of human society provide the values for all of us to work together. We value religious diversity as enhancing the University community and creating opportunities for dialogue in the common search for truth.

In light of the apostolic constitution EX CORDE ECCLESIAE of Pope John Paul II and in fidelity to our unique history and nature of Sacred Heart University, I believe that we have the responsibility to deepen the Catholic character of the University. This process of deepening must be inclusive, participatory and ecumenical.

Our Catholic character presupposes that a life dedicated to learning and searching is a valid way to God. It links itself with the Catholic intellectual tradition which has sought the cultivation of the great transcendental values

of truth, beauty and goodness. Our character reminds us that our efforts to assist students to think rigorously are also directed toward the goal that they may act rightly and serve humanity better.

As a Catholic university, we ought to provide the context in which the faith of the church is brought into the academic world to influence and be influenced by the cultivation of reasoned knowledge. Furthermore, the scholarly investigation of the Christian faith should provide our students with an opportunity to appropriate their own religious traditions as their own during their time here. Outside the classroom we have the responsibility to provide living experiences of the religious traditions of the Church through liturgy, prayer and works of justice mercy.

Finally, clearly in this area

when the Catholic Church is attempting to incorporate the spirit and teaching of the Second Vatican Council into its life, a Catholic University must be aware of the growth and development of the Church in the Third World. Our Catholic character reminds us of our responsibility to hear the cry of the poor and the afflicted in order to seek a better and more just way. It challenges us to find the appropriate ways to foster greater religious and ecumenical dialogue and understanding. In this particular regard, I look forward to a group of faculty member from the University participating in a study tour of El Salvador next summer. It challenges us to find the appropriate ways to foster greater religious and ecumenical dialogue.

...from Dr. Cernera's Address to the Faculty, August, 1991.

Club Happenings Page

W.W.P.T.

WWPT 90.3 FM is presenting a series of Coffee Houses, open to the public, at Sacred Heart. The first two scheduled are Oct. 9 and 23, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Chubby's Lounge in the Academic Center. Performers needed include musicians, poets and writers. Admission for the general public is \$5, or \$3 with a student I.D. For more information contact Matthew Everson at 371-7989.

The Club Happenings page is open to all clubs, organizations or groups affiliated with SHU. If you would like to see your club (etc.) listed on this page, submit your listing to *The Spectrum* office in S219 or

drop it in our mailbox in the mailroom (by the exit to the bookstore) or our mailbox in the hallway next to the Activities Office.

We've tried to make this as easy as possible for you, and we now ask for some

help in return. *The Spectrum* is looking for someone to coordinate the incoming "Club Happenings" submissions. For more information, call *The Spectrum* office at 371-7966 or stop by S219.

POYSAAN

Peers Offering Youth Substance Abuse Awareness Network is comprised of dedicated SHU students who educate people on how to transfer the negative intensities of life into positive actions. We help people find alternatives to dealing with life's problems without having to turn to drugs. Some topics that we present to both the school and outside communities are: stress management, self-esteem, communication skills, and dysfunctional families. Membership is open to all SHU students.

For more information call Chyay Mulberg at 371-7720.

Jewish Friendship Organization (JFO)

Dr. Shashi Date of the Management Department will be speaking about how a Hindu looks at the Jewish religion today, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m. Dr. Date has been a member of JFO since its beginning last year. Anyone in the school and the community is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Rabbi S. Jerome Wallin at 371-7841.

Psychology Club

The Psychology Club will sponsor a bake sale today, Oct. 3, in front of the cafe from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

La Hispanidad launches Hispanic Week

By Katherine Bothos
Staff Writer

La Hispanidad, despite a lack of funding, will sponsor Hispanic Week from Monday, Oct. 7 through Friday, Oct. 11. Various activities are planned for the twenty-second year of this event.

Hispanic Week is a great way to show Sacred Heart's students the Hispanic culture. Sonia Mikolic-Torreira of La Hispanidad explained, "This is the main reason why we do it. We do it to unite the Hispanics of Sacred Heart with the rest of the university community." Hispanic week will help people understand the Hispanic culture.

On Monday, Oct. 7, there will be a private showing of the movie *Elcid*. *Elcid* chronicles the life and times of this immortal warrior and liberator. The movie will be shown in the Schine Auditorium at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, Andes Manta will perform folklore music from the Andes in the SHU theatre from 11 a.m. to noon.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, three movies will be shown. The first movie, *Romero*, is a biographical account of the Archbishop of El Salvador who was killed. The

movie will be presented in the language lab (S102) from 10 a.m. to noon. *Romero* will be shown in English.

The second movie on the 9th will be *Carmen*. *Carmen*, a dance drama from Spain, comes from the Bizet Opera. This movie will also be shown in the language lab from noon to 2 p.m., in Spanish with subtitles.

The last movie on the 9th will be *La Gran Fiesta*, a movie that displays political intrigue in Puerto Rico. The movie will be shown in Spanish with subtitles in the audio visual room (S113) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 10, there will be a food festival in Chubby's Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be a chance to taste the Hispanic cuisine prepared by the members of La Hispanidad. All food is free.

Finally, on Friday, Oct. 11, John Mecca will perform with his group of Hispanic artists and Dueto "Los Lejanos" in the SHU theatre at 8:30 p.m.

In addition to the daily activities, the display case outside the language lab will be reset with different artifacts from the Hispanic culture.

La Hispanidad hopes that there

will be a high response from the non-Hispanic students. Charo Clark, another member of La Hispanidad, states, "We are hoping that the entire community will take advantage of this occasion to increase their knowledge and respect of the Hispanic people."

La Hispanidad had a difficult time finding people at SHU to help fund Hispanic Week. Mikolic-Torreira said, "It's hard to get funding for La Hispanidad's events. I think there should be a budget for club activities. Not only would the Hispanics benefit from the university, but the university would also benefit from us."

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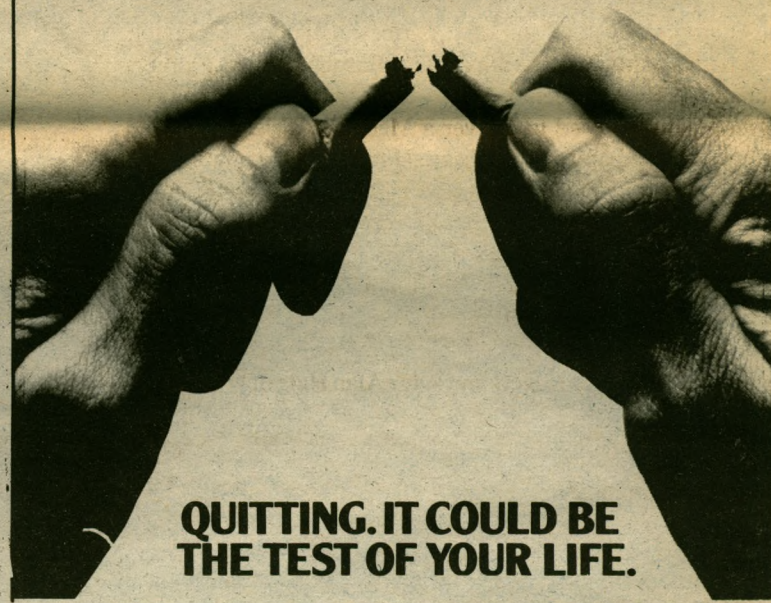
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Langella launches Long Wharf Theatre's 1991 season



By Paul Perillie
A & E Editor

Frank Langella kicked off the 1991-1992 Long Wharf Theatre Season with a powerhouse performance in Austin Pendleton's **BOOTH IS BACK**. Langella returned after a twenty year hiatus, when he appeared in Arvin Brown's inaugural production of **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT**. This time around Langella and Brown added the masterful penmanship of play-

wright Austin Pendleton to create one of the most intense evenings that I have spent at the theatre in a long, long time.

BOOTH IS BACK tells the life story of the famed 19th century Shakespearean actor Junius Brutus Booth. The play opens with Booth returning home for a brief visit to see his illegitimate wife and family. Booth's eldest son Edwin reveals that he knows his father has another wife and son whom he left behind in England. After a brief romantic repast with the mother of his bastard children Booth decides to bring his eldest son Edwin along with his touring company. Edwin is to be his father's dresser and keep him safe from himself.

The young Booth is eventually cast in a minor role in **Richard III**. From here the young Booth follows in his father's footsteps and becomes both an actor and a drunkard. A classic struggle ensues as the young Booth gains

promise as an actor. This conflict reaches its peak when the older Booth chastises his son's performance in the middle of a production, going so far as to actually preventing Edwin from going back on stage, finishing the performance for him.

The young Booth meters out revenge by writing his fathers estranged wife and getting her to come and visit the family at their log cabin home. The aftermath of this struggle finds Junius deciding to give up his career. The young Booth leaves home again, this time alone and for good to pursue his own career as the lead actor in his father's company. Father pursues son to California in attempt at salvaging their relationship, going so far as to agree to audition for a role in his former troupe. He is rejected and decides to return home, dying during the journey.

The play's opening scene is somewhat slow, but what it lacks in pace it makes up for by giving us a good view as to who is the complex, explosive egomaniac that is Junius Booth. While Pendleton primarily focuses on the relationship between Junius and Edwin act I scene I does introduce the audience to Booth's other two children Asia and John Wilkes (who would later make his own mark on history). Their overall impact on the story though deserves little mention.

From here on the play moves with well timed intensity. Act II scene I is deliciously quick and humorous. It retells the story of Edwin's first and less than spectacular performance with his father.

Where the younger Booth initially fails onstage, the actor that portrays him (Raphael Sbarge) succeeds. Indeed Sbarge, as Edwin, grows before the audience eyes into all that he hates about his father. It is no easy task to match a legend like Langella in the craft of acting, but Sbarge possesses both great instincts and the ability to rivet an audience.

Most people remember Frank

Langella from the 70's when he portrayed the evil lothario **DRACULA** on Broadway. A few years older and a little lighter on top Langella is perfectly cast as the drunkard Booth approaching the twilight of his career.

As Booth, Langella is able to draw great similarities with his character. Both Booth and Langella are regarded as great Shakespearean actors. Langella creates terrific dramatic tension as he launches into drunken tirades at one moment and tearfully waxes poetic in the next. Like a fine wine Langella has improved and gained complexity with age. If it wasn't for the wait, one would marvel to see where Langella will be with his craft in another twenty years.

Pendleton writes a complex, profound story about two men and the special, explosive relationship

that they share. He drizzles in humor and humanity at cunningly precise intervals. Admittedly though, there are moments when the action slows and the audience becomes restless to see the story reach another peak.

Other performances worth mentioning are those of Joyce Ebert and Ralph Williams as Page and Mrs. Hill. Ebert is a longtime veteran of the Wharf and adds to every production she is in. Williams is funny as the troupe sad-sack.

The sets and direction are strong as any the Wharf has done. Together Pendleton's script, Brown's direction and Langella's performance create a theatrical triumvirate that leaves the audience feeling as if they just have ridden a rollercoaster that winds through a haunted house of human emotions.



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If you are into poetry you won't want to miss "When Giants Walked the Earth", a free poetry reading at the SHU Library Thursday, October 17, at noon.

The reading is the second in a three-part series featuring Sacred Heart faculty members. It is sponsored by the Library and features the poetry of Michael Sweeny, adjunct professor of English and a member of the Basic Studies faculty. Sweeny has written about family, work, music and sports. His work will detail an imaginative record of growing up in Boston in the 60's, where his roots are firm.

The third part of the series will also be at the library, Thursday, November 14 and will feature the work of professor David Curtis. So don't miss out!

Exposing the human condition at SHU

Area photo-journalists exhibit "LifeStories"

By Paul Perillie and
Michael Champagne

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then Sunday's opening of "LifeStories" in the Hawley Lounge spoke volumes.

Coordinated and planned by Virginia Apple, director of public relations at SHU, photo essays by seven local award winning newspaper photographers premiered with a flourish as a crowd of approximately 500 people turned out for the stirring display.

"I am very impressed with this display of local talent and we're pleased that Sacred Heart University is able to sponsor such a significant exhibit," said SHU President, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera.

Each of the seven artists focused their sights on a specific aspect of human emotion and drama.

S. Michael Bisciglie, of the *Fairpress* took a look at children growing up in various environments and circumstances. His presentation, heavily dominated by the stark realities of life that can often overwhelm the child in us all, was singularly offset by the child one would hope to see in a family album.

Awash in a rainbow of colors, the youthful subject offers up to the viewer the embodiment of all we seek to remember of our own childhoods.

Photographer Bob Luckey, Jr., of *The Bridgeport Post*, presented a variety of portraits of street people and the poor. Luckey forces the observer to see the members of society we often try to blind ourselves to.

Though his pictures are of different people, Luckey said, "These photographs might appear to be unconnected moments frozen in time by lens, camera and film. I, however, like to believe that they are connected on a more spiritual level and evoke a sense of loneliness, powerlessness, sadness, and a feeling that something wrong



The "LifeStories" exhibitors from left to right are Michael McAndrews, Lisa Toto, Stephen Dunn, Bob Luckey, Jr., S. Michael Bisciglie, Susan Warner and Steven Daniel.

needs to be corrected."

The last photo of Luckey's exhibit shows a Marx-like visage seemingly commenting on the ruin of capitalist society through his eyes.

"Watsonville, CA - Earthquake 1989" is the title of a series by *The Hartford Courant's* Stephen Dunn. It is the story of a small community coping with the specter of a devastating earthquake on Oct. 17, 1989.

Amid the photographs of bent buildings and broken dreams is the crass display of the capitalist American spirit. People are shown standing in front of a makeshift store display buying tee-shirts which proclaimed "I survived the great quake of '89."

Another photo shows the facade of a church gaping wide with

the unshakeable cross still standing as a silent testament to the strength of faith.

Susan Warner, from the *Fairfield Citizen-News*, offered her perspective of society's real-life superheroes. The essay, titled "All in a day's work," depict the round-the-clock activities of an Ace Ambulance crew as they respond to various emergencies handled all in a routine day's work.

Of her experience Warner said, "I was amazed at how calm and compassionate these people were — no matter how serious the injury or how difficult the injured — it was an experience I'll never forget."

Steven Daniel, covering Elliot Avenue in Yonkers, New York, takes the viewer through a neighborhood in transition. In 1909, a

blurb in local newspapers touted it as "the latest in suburban living." A dark transition saw it turn into a community overrun by drug dealers and unconscionable landlords in the 1980's.

Finally, the neighbors said, "Enough," and formed a "sweat-equity" project of rehabilitation. Black, Hispanic, and white residents all began to work together for that common end. In Daniel's words, "A new spirit was visible on Elliot Avenue."

This spirit was captured by this *Greenwich Time* photographer in a shot of a female construction worker gazing out a tenement window toward the future.

Michael McAndrews, nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his photo essay entitled "Second Chance," chronicled a Derby man, Ed Ragaini, and his family as they awaited an operation that could mean life or death. Few photo journalists have a chance to get as closely acquainted with their subject as did McAndrews who, in the course of the essay spent several months at the side of the family. He became a part of the family, as their laughter and tears became his.

McAndrews photographs reveal an intimate glimpse of a terrifying ordeal — the agonizing wait for a heart; the actual operation; the tense days of recovery; and the celebration of a life renewed. It is the epitome of human drama and was capped by the appearance of Ragaini and the transplant surgeon at the "LifeStories" exhibit.

Said Ragaini, "I wanted to participate in the story because I wanted to make the issue of organ donation more widely publicized and accepted." Indeed, after the story appeared in *The Courant* ran, people wrote to Ed indicating that as a result of the piece, they were moved to apply for Organ Donor status.

The story of Trumbull High School student Melanie Bike, captured the heart of the entire state. On July 10, 1989, Melanie and her sister Jennifer were among a group of youths on a church camping trip in Black Rock State Park when a devastating storm sent huge pine trees crashing down on their tent. Jennifer, 12, was killed instantly. Melanie was left crippled, resigned to life in a wheelchair.

Bridgeport Post photographer, Lisa Toto, brought Melanie's final year of high-school to life through her dramatic portraits. From the rigors of constant rehabilitation to the joys of the Senior Prom, Melanie's and Lisa's story is an essay that is a testament to the power of pictures.

A true world traveler, Toto has visited the wasteland of Chernobyl and the collapse of the Berlin Wall. She most recently was awarded first and second place for spot news by the Connecticut chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Anybody interested in getting an official exhibit program can pick one up at the Registrars Office in the Hawley Lounge during exhibit hours.

The "LifeStories" photojournalism exhibit is on display in the Hawley Lounge. It will be running through Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday. For weekend hours or more information, please call the office of Public Relations at telephone (203)371-7971.



Michael McAndrews (second from right) attended Sunday's opening reception with heart transplant patient Ed Ragaini and his wife, Gloria, along with the cardiologist and surgeon, Dr. Henry Low.

CROSS TOWN RIVALRY - SHU TACKLES UB

Heads Up



Forward Fernando Fernandes is about to put his head to the ball in Saturday's stunning 2-0 New England Collegiate Conference soccer victory over the University of Bridgeport. The Pioneer's win delighted a Parents Weekend crowd. During the second half of play Fernandes was taken away in an ambulance after being tripped by UB's Rodney Simms.

Photo courtesy of: Public Relations

By Carleta Brown
Sports Writer

Saturday was a big day for the SHU soccer players. They fought a difficult battle against the University of Bridgeport and came out glorious with a 2-0 victory.

"We accomplished everything we set out to do against UB", said coach McGuigan. "The players themselves wanted this game more than any other game", especially since losing to UB last fall

2-1. "I feel great kicking UB's ass," said defender Theo Burnett, who, along with Sekou Davis, Ira Turner, Manuel Olivares and Chris Earle "did an outstanding job limiting UB's offense." The SHU players tackled UB's offense preventing any goals and, according to McGuigan, made goalkeeper Jay McDougall's job easy by giving him only two saves. "We hit them right from the start. Instead of playing around in mid-field we took the ball straight up to the front-line," said McGuigan.

UB was deflated the minute SHU's striker Ira Turner made his spectacular shot 40 feet out and over the head of UB's goalkeeper and into the corner of the goal. The first half went out with SHU ahead in goals and UB with penalties.

The second half pro-

ceeded with both teams geared for battle. SHU found its second goal when Mike Ferreira made a corner shot with less than 20 minutes left in the game.

The clash between the teams had its share of mishaps, accidents and squabbles. There were two ejections from UB's team, and five yellow cards, two of which went to SHU players. SHU also had two wounded players: Fernando Fernandes and Pedro Mayuri, two key players. According to McGuigan, their injuries are quite serious but "we are still waiting for results," especially for Mike who might not be able to play in the upcoming games. Pedro has an ankle injury and may have to sit through the next game. However, McGuigan reassures that everyone else seems to be ok.

"Rivalry seems to be the nature of the game", said McGuigan. "There is a great deal of physical contact and it is up to the officials to take control of the game." However, he continues, "we couldn't ask for a better game... but it is important to go to all the games with the same attitude which the players demonstrated in this game," he said.

According to one SHU player, "that was the best game so far, for 90 minutes we played cohesively, defensively and offensively," said forward Lloyd Richards.

Directions to Assumption College

Come support the Pioneers in their quest to conquer the Assumption Greyhounds this Saturday. Have some pigskin pride!

Take 84 towards Hartford to the Mass. Turnpike, take the Mass. Turnpike to exit 10- Auburn-Worcester after the toll get on 290 E towards Worcester to exit 17. Exit will say Westboro-

Leicester at the end of the ramp take a left go down a little bit and bear right. Cross into the left lane you will be on Concord ST. this will turn into Salisbury St. Assumption College is 500 Salisbury St.

To Mass- 95 N. to 395 towards Worcester, 395 turns into 290 take 290 to exit 17. (see above)

Missives:

From The Madman

We are now five weeks through the NFL season and there are just three undefeated teams; the Buffalo Bills, the surprising New Orleans Saints, and as of Monday afternoon, the Washington Redskins. There are a couple of 4-1 surprises in the Denver Broncos, after a disappointing 5-11 1990 season, and the Detroit Lions, from nowhere and after being drubbed 45-0 in their season opener vs. Skins. **Barry Sanders** for MVP. Any takers?

Once again, the locals all have identical records this week at 2-3. First, the disappointing 2-3 Giants (oh, sorry Rob Cottle, the world champion Giants). Fumbles are killing this team as are mis-

takes on defense (tackling), and on offense (play calling (ho-hum), the fumbles, and holding penalties on the offensive line) so 9-7 sounds generous if they're lucky. Giant fans, stop blaming the Hoss. Now for the 2-3 should be 4-1 New York Jets who have played very well thus far on a whole and appear to be headed in the right direction. **Brad Baxter** and **Blair Thomas** spearhead a solid running game even if QB **Ken O'Brien** gives a Jeckle and Hyde performance from week to week. The Pats are also 2-3 and who knows where they are headed although they are much more compedative this season. They played tremendous in the upset

win vs. Houston then suffered a letdown against Phoenix.

If Colts coach **Ron Meyer** hasn't been fired by the time this article reaches the SHU community, owner **Bob Irsay** should take another look. This team is a joke. They literally hurt themselves.

On the subject of football, the SHU Pioneers are now 0-3 but have played well in many areas in the last two. The team plays hard and coach **Gary Reho** has done a commendable job making a first year team compedative. But on 4th down twice in the 4th quarter with possible field goal attempts of under 35 yards, why not attempt it. Even

if they missed, St. Peters would still have been pinned deep in their own territory. The score could have read 12-0 or 12-6 SHU if you include the first St. Peters touchdown. If the truth is that we don't have a kicker capable of kicking a 35 yard FG, recruitment for one should become priority, this situation may repeat itself. Run defense is excellent and strong play has come from **Mark Scacciaferro** in the secondary with 4 INT's in the last two weeks. Boy, this guy can really read a QB's eyes.

SHU soccer won a biggie over a dirty UB squad (par for the course) 2-0 Saturday in a key NECC matchup which dropped

the Purple Knights three games behind the Pioneers in the playoff hunt. Coach **Joe McGuigan's** troops have rebounded well from the loss of stalwarts **Alan Zuniga** and **Marcos Sanchez** by stepped up play from **Mike Ferreira** and goaltender **Jay McDougal**.

Can you hear the choking sounds coming from the north, specifically Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox. Geez, how many chances do they need anyway. The Sox bullpen couldn't hold a lead against a high school team as indicated over the last two weeks. Bye Bye **Buddy** and **Stump** isn't far behind either.

FIVE SET THRILLER BLOCKS AN AMERICAN VICTORY!

By Becky Eli
Sports Writer

The home crowd was more than pleased with the performance of the women's volleyball team on Thursday night. Fans turned out at 7:00 pm to watch the match up between the Pioneers and American International College.

American seemed non-threatening during warm-ups and were also lacking a setter. During the first game they proved to be more of an adversary than anticipated, but the lady Pioneers pulled off a 15-9 win.

During the next two games the defense struggled to come together for the Pioneers and American was able to pull off wins for games three (10-15) and four (12-15).

Game four became the turning point for the Pioneers and the serving and defense came together perfectly to strike up a (15-7) win.

With a 2-2 set split the teams entered game five. This game proved to be the most exciting as well as heart stopping. Jennifer Dankulich and Elaine Agosti were a threatening force on the net with 8 solo blocks for Jen and 9 for Elaine. Maria Cavaliere and Heather Crilly kept a tight reign on the back court. Heather also contributed 3 service aces. With the score at 13-14 freshmen Elaine Barbiero came in to serve for the lady Pioneers. With all three serves clearing the net beautifully the Pioneers won (16-14).

Another tournament at Southern Connecticut State University is planned for October 4-5 at which the ladies hope to make a great showing.



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Ladies wrap up fall ball

By Lori Bogue
Sports Editor

The lady Pioneer softball team wrapped up fall play Sept. 28 and 29 by shutting out Fairfield University, and struggling against Quinnipiac College.

The Pioneers faced Fairfield and faced no contest as they shut out the stags, 10-0. The Pioneer's played almost flawless ball, committing only one error, and racking up a combined effort of 13 hits. April Ertl pitched five innings allowing only one hit, while Keri O'Donnell pitched the remaining four, giving up four hits in the nine inning event.

Michelle Palmer and Nicole Duback contributed with two hits a piece while Becky Van Ort seemed to do it all. Van Ort went three for three, with a RBI and a sacrifice. One hit accounted for

was a fifth inning triple. Maria Cavaliere also smashed a triple, yielding one RBI. Lisa DiFulvio also vented some frustration (after hitting right back to the pitcher three consecutive times), by lining a triple in the seventh inning and a RBI. Amy Romanas also smashed a triple and a safety. Right-fielder Heather Crilly also added to the festivities with a safety and a RBI. O'Donnell smashed two hits, while Lori Bogue lined a double to right field.

The story was not happy for the Pioneers on their quest to Hamden to face the Quinnipiac Braves. The ladies left 12 base-runners on the paths and only managed to eek out one run on eight hits. Ertl allowed five hits and the Braves capitalized on a single and a two-out double in the fourth inning. The event concluded at seven innings as a tie.

The Pioneers did not wrap up their fall season on a pleasant note as they dropped the last game to the Braves, 5-1. Palmer and Van Ort had isolated hits in the third and sixth innings respectively. The second inning was about the smoothest for the Pioneers. DiFulvio reached on a two-out single and Ertl smashed a double. Romanas poked a single, driving in the lone Pioneer run. "This fall season definitely was a learning process," said south-paw O'Donnell.

Look for the Pioneers in several months with their extensive spring schedule beginning in Orlando, Florida during spring break.

"There were many positive things that came about from the fall season. Hopefully, we'll carry them into the spring and remain the team to beat in the NECC's," said Palmer.

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had seven solo tackles, a broken up pass, and one interception returned for 23 yards. It was Stopkoski's snare that led to the Pioneers' lone touchdown. Marc Scacciafero picked off Minervini for SHU's other interception, broke up two passes, and had five solo tackles. Dave DiVincenzo broke up three passes and had six solo tackles, and Russ Greenberg sacked Minervini twice.

At 0-3, the Pioneers could call this season a starting block, a foundation, or any other cliché imaginable. After all, they are a young team. But again, Reho isn't buying the talk.

Said Reho, "We can't be patient, we want to win now. We don't want to accept the 'young team' excuses. The longer we accept those excuses, the longer its going to take."

Sports Shorts

New Faces

Matthew Melisi has been appointed strength and conditioning coach at Sacred Heart University. In this new position, he will work with the majority of the Pioneer's 11 varsity teams, including football and men's soccer this fall.

The 35-year-old Bridgeport resident begins his second year with SHU, having served as a volunteer coach with the men's basketball team last season. He is also entering his sixth year as strength and conditioning coach for the Harding High School boys basketball team. During his tenure, the Presidents have won two Class L state championships.

In addition, Melisi works with several National Football League stars, including Andre Tippett,

Irving Fryar, Cedric Jones, Lyn Dawson, and John Bagley (of the Boston Celtics) on their strength and conditioning.

Melisi, who operates the "Matty Melisi's Fitness and Karate Forum" in Bridgeport, is completing requirements for a bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut.

Intramural bowling is rolling

Registration for intramural bowling will be held from Oct. 7-11. The season runs from Oct. 17-Nov. 21 from 3:30-5:00 at Nutmeg Bowling Lanes in Fairfield. The event is free so sign up soon in Nick Giaquinto's office next to the gym.

Moonlight bowling

If you are in the mood for something different, then register for a one-night moonlight bowling event. Registration is being held from Oct. 7-11. The event is slated for Oct. 12, 9:30 PM-midnight. If you are in the mood for laughs and lack the money, then this might be the event for you. The event is free to students, staff, or faculty except for a fee of \$1.50 for shoes. Varsity athletes due to NCAA regulations, must pay \$8.00 for the event.

Alright, where are all of you football guys?

Due to lack of early response, registration for the intramural football league will be extended until Oct. 15. There is a manda-

tory captain's meeting on Oct. 16 and the season will begin on Oct. 20. Football season is here so enjoy some competitive fun. Call 371-7632 for more information.

Soccer-hazardous to your head?

An *Omni* 1991 article states that soccer can present dangers not thought of by most. "The American Journal of Sports Medicine," released that using your head to hit a ball can cause, "measurable and irreversible cognitive dysfunction," (*Omni* 30, 1991).

A study at the University of North Carolina in 1989 concluded that heading the ball incorrectly also caused injuries. Incorrect heading of the ball is defined as hitting it off the side or top of the head and not using the forehead.

"The severity of injury depended on such factors as the ball's speeds (which according to the study averages 51 mph) and construction (leather balls become heavier on a wet field, as do plastic balls with worn covers)," *Omni* 1991.

X-Country Places Second

The Women's Cross Country team placed a close second to Albertus Magnus College last Thursday. The Lady Pioneers were led by Diana Cutaia, who finished 9th. She was followed by Elaine Agosti and Shari Wright, finishing 11th respectively. The team will travel to Southern CT State University on Saturday.



SHU PIONEERS VS. ASSUMPTION GREYHOUNDS

Football Preview

SACRED HEART OUTLOOK:

A first year team composed of 94 freshmen and four sophomores is suffering because of its breakdowns, primarily on the offensive side. Head Coach, Gary Reho was extremely disappointed in last week's performance against St. Peter's, citing a lack of offense and costly fumbles. On a positive note, the Pioneers have improved defensively each week, limiting St. Peter's to a low of 13 points.

Players to Watch: Linebackers Tom Brown, Dave LeSage

and Mike Matkovic head a strong defensive unit. Defensive back Marc Scacciaferro has four interceptions in his last two games. Quarterback, Dave Vogt has demonstrated improvement as a field leader.

Quarterback, Joe Verderame has displayed an ability to elude defenders. The starting quarterback position is still open. Running back, Quinn Britto displayed promise versus Iona (103 yards on 19 carries), but was limited to just seven yards on six attempts last week.

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ASSUMPTION OUTLOOK:

The Greyhounds are attempting to build on their 4-4 record of last season. Led by standouts Neild Montgomery and Steve Stuart they are a predominantly running team. In the season-opening 27-21 triumph over MIT, Assumption rolled up a school-record 405 rushing yards, as Montgomery broke loose for 200 yards (21 carries) and four touchdowns. Stuart gained 93 yards on 17 carries that afternoon. Last week's 26-6 loss to Stonehill, the Greyhounds were

limited to 64 yards rushing.

Players to Watch: The backfield tandem of Montgomery and Stuart is extremely talented. Montgomery was named ECAC New England Division III Offensive Player of the Week for his exploits against MIT. Montgomery was then limited to 21 yards on 11 attempts by a very physical Stonehill team. Quarterback Neil Curtin has attempted just 12 passes, completing five for 71 yards. Defensive end Scott Stephens is being hailed as legitimate All-America candidate.

Pioneers lose, but aren't taking excuses

By Brian Kearns
Sports Writer

Maybe St. Peter's knew something when they elected to kick off following the coin toss before Saturday's game.

As it turned out, SHU's offense was stymied throughout much of the afternoon as the Peacocks won the game 13-6.

The Pioneers actually set a few team records, though, when they drew first blood on a one yard touchdown run by John Wells with 6:27 remaining in the third period. Wells' run marked

the Pioneers first rushing touchdown and first lead of their young history. Unfortunately, the two point conversion attempt failed but SHU led 6-0.

St. Peter's quarterback Anthony Minervini's one yard scramble spoiled the Pioneers' lead with 8:10 remaining in the game. The point-after kick was successful and the Peacocks led 7-6.

Minervini's six yard pass to Joe Voley with 2:50 remaining in the game put St. Peter's up for good, 13-6.

It's easy to attribute the Pioneer's offensive performance

(137 total yards; 2.1 yards per play) - or lack of - to the fact that the team consists primarily of freshman players and the program is virtually taking its first steps. But SHU head coach Gary Reho doesn't buy it.

"I'm sick of hearing about how we're a group of young kids. These guys better start playing like football players and not think about what class they're in," said a frustrated Reho after the game.

For the coach, one of the most frustrating aspects Saturday likely was the drop off in offensive performance when compared to the game against Iona a week before. The 137 total yards was a decline from 213, and the 2.1 yards per play was down from 3.1. More frustrating yet was the fact that SHU had improved dramatically in the Iona game when compared the game against SUNY Brockport on September 14. The hope was that the improvement would continue into the St. Peter's game, especially since SUNY Brockport and Iona were considered by many to be the two toughest opponents on the schedule.

Offensive leaders for SHU were: quarterback Dave Vogt (6 comp., 17 att., 1 int., 56 yards); wide receiver John Wells (3 receptions, 35 yards); and running back Ron Stopkoski (16 carries, 41 yards).

The Pioneers' defense yielded 317 yards to St. Peter's, but held them to a credible 3.5 yards per play. Longer SHU offensive drives would help.

"Obviously we have the makings of a good defense, but we have to stop (the other team) when it comes time to stop them," said Reho.

Tom Brown led all defenders with seven solo tackles, nine assisted tackles, one sack, one broken-up pass, and one interception. Rob Stopkoski also



SHU's Jaline Gomez protects the goal from a Mt. St. Vincent opponent.
Photo by Michael Champagne

Women's soccer struggling in it's second year

By Lori Bogue
and Denise Mathews

The women's soccer team was put through its paces this past week in two tough games. SHU fell to 12th ranked Merrimack College 13-0 on Tues., Sept. 24. But improvement was shown in the 6-1 loss to The College of Mt. St. Vincent on the teams' Friday game.

During Friday's game, the two teams were held scoreless until Denise Mathews scored the lone goal with an assist from Michelle Palmer. Although the forward line worked well at moving the ball up field, the SHU kickers couldn't hold them. At the half, it was 3-1. SHU took the field looking to make up for their lack of goals, but wasn't able to pull through.

Coach McGuigan said, "our defense was doing as well as expected, for a total unit that hasn't played more than two games. Despite the problems with communication the girls have done their very best. We need time together to practice and solve the problems which are happening."

"We are working together as a team and have a better sense of objective now. We are coming closer to another victory," said forward Mathews.

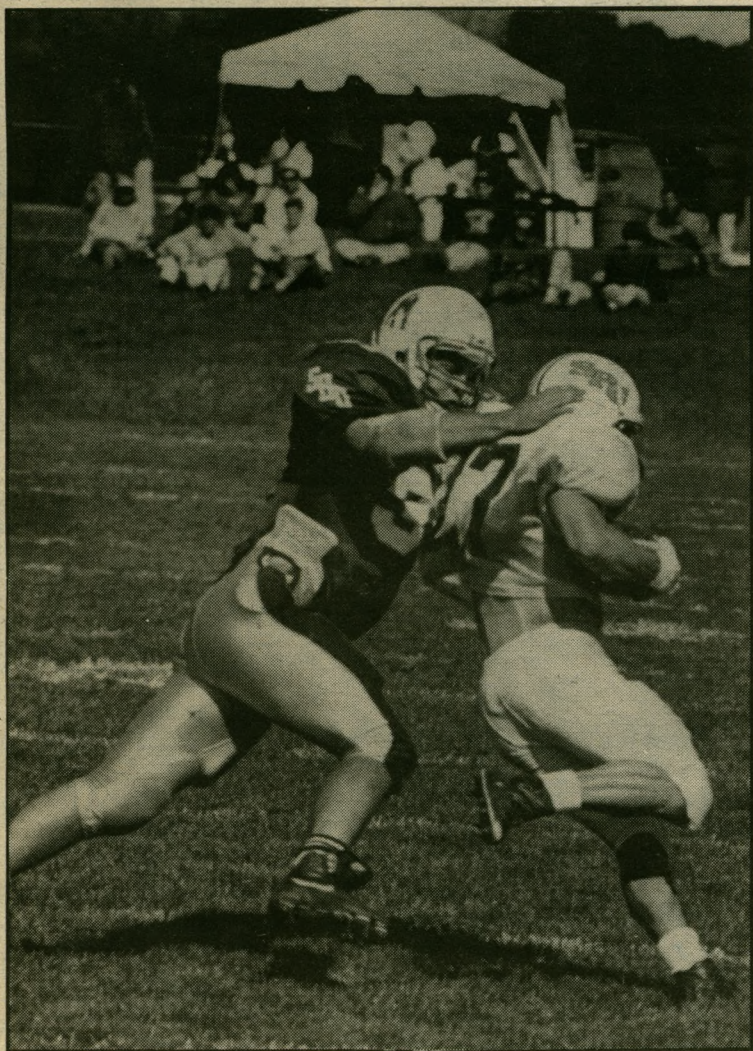
Now that the teams are allowed to use their soccer field for home games, more fans have been coming to support the women's team. "The fans help us to play harder and give us an audience to play for," said midfielder, Alex Dohme.

Palmer and Mathews did an outstanding job holding the front line, while April Ertl and Becky VanOrt did an impressive job of holding down the mid-field. Becky McGuigan, Nicole Duback, and Dohme worked hard at covering such a vast area. Elaine Agosti made her soccer debut with excellent person to person coverage on a St. Vincent forward. Keri O'Donnell, despite her inexperience at goal-keeping is doing well.

"We are not measuring our success by our wins and losses but by the individual and team goals we try to achieve. Those goals include working together to enhance the athletic program of our university," said midfielder, Diana Cutaia.

"We go out and do our best. We are very optimistic. We never go into a game saying we are going to lose rather, we do our best. With our positive outlook we will win down the line," said McGuigan.

The Pioneers will host AIC, Friday at 3:00.



Freshman running back Ron Stopkoski tackles a St. Peter's defender after an interception.

Photo credit: Ed Brinsko

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