Gender awareness topic of event-filled week

Goal is for better understanding in SHU community

By Judy Swenton
Staff Writer

Gender Awareness Week, to be observed Feb. 20-27, seeks to enlighten people about the differences that the genders must realize about the other in an effort to create harmony between the sexes. Jennifer Moran (left) and Arthur Stritch correctly identified themselves as female and male, respectively, but that doesn’t mean Gender Awareness Week isn’t for them, or you.

By Phillip J. N. Trahan
Editor-In-Chief

In conjunction with the commencement of Gender Awareness Week, the Freedom Institute is sponsoring a lecture by Isabelle Katz Pinzler, titled: “Women’s Rights in the 1990’s,” on Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Schine Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Pinzler has directed the Women’s Rights Project of the ACLU since 1978. Her administrative responsibilities include coordination of the ACLU’s activities in the field of women’s rights and leading the development of the Project’s policies and programs.

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Controversy brews over student evaluations

By Frank Mastroilan
News Editor

Last Semester, a resolution passed by the Academic Affairs Committee called for the elimination of the student evaluations as part of the administration’s evaluation of the faculty. According to the committee’s minutes, the document submitted to the senate stated, “A resolution was unanimously approved to request that the Administration cease immediately the use of faculty evaluations by the students as part of the evaluation material of the faculty members by the academic administration.”

By Dr. Raoul DeVilliers, chairman of the academic affairs committee, insists the proposed resolution was not an attempt to silence students’ opinions. “When the resolution was voted on it was an attempt to stop the administration use of these evaluations as a means of determining faculty salaries,” said DeVilliers.

But the current Sacred Heart University Faculty Handbook for full-time professors under the heading “Evaluation Criteria of Faculty Performance and Development” states: “The evaluation process at Sacred Heart University is an important means by which decisions are made regarding appointment, reappointment, promotion, tenure, compensation, discipline, and dismissal.”

“Members of the faculty receive regular evaluation of their performance. The processes of evaluation involve the following elements: an annual written self-assessment, regular peer assessment, regular student assessment of teaching and advising, and an annual assessment by the appropriate faculty chairperson and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.”

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Through the looking glass.

By Phillip J. N. Trahan
Editor-In-Chief

A mystique of power surrounds the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Few people can ignore the significance of Nov. 22, 1963. Was it a plot? A conspiracy? Why is Kennedy’s assassination so compelling? If you are asking yourself this question, you have misinterpreted the purpose of this week.

Gender Awareness Week will begin on Feb. 24th and end Feb. 29th. Some of the highlights of the week are: a mime workshop; Jacqueline Park, author of A Stone Gone Mad, discussing the topic of

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How's that again?

All of the mistakes are visible in the photo (i.e. none are hidden within the folds of the garments).

Photo by Michael Champagne

Lecture: speaker boasts court experience

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She has extensive experience in federal court litigation in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law and employment law.

Among the recent landmark cases she has won are: in 1986, Kilgo vs. Bowman Tracking Co. (Georgia), which struck down the use of experience requirements to keep women out of traditionally male jobs; in 1988, Celli vs. Webb (Maine), which won the right of a female acoustical engineer, employed by the Navy, to go to sea in conjunction with her work on silencing submarines; and in 1989, she won Shafir's N.Y.S. Education Department (New York), which enjoined exclusive reliance on SAT's for the award of state merit scholarships, because the exam discriminates on the basis of gender.

Assassination: evidence suggests CIA plot

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nature of power and the whole connection of this case to other covert actions of the past twenty years.

"The film has a positive impact on people," said Sharratt. "Society has begun to question the nature of power and begun to involve themselves directly in government issues."

Sharratt claims that the facts were distorted to downplay the political aspects of the assassination.

"It is easier for the public to accept that one man went crazy and shot the president than to believe a group of people who were close to the president plotted his death," said Sharratt. He added that, "Many people were involved in the plot to assassinate Kennedy, most of whom were members of the C.I.A."

According to Sharratt, "We are resistant to the idea that a presidential assassination can happen here in the U.S., even though we easily accept the idea of Third World leaders being killed for political reasons."

"I think the most important thing for people to do is to demystify the notion of conspiracy... This is not about the death of one man. It is an assault on truth and democracy," said Sharratt.

Prior to joining the ACLU staff, Ms. Pinzler served as Deputy Director of the New York-based National Employment Law Project, and as staff attorney with the Law Reform Unit of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

A native New Yorker, Ms. Pinzler received her A.B. degree from Goucher College and graduated for the Boston University School of Law.

How many spelling errors can you find among these sweat-togs on display in the SHU Bookstore?
Institute focuses on spiritually and prayer

What's the first thing that occupies most people's time and attention? Money, that's what. Then what else?

After listening to hundreds of men and women throughout Fairfield County, Msgr. Gregory Smith, Director of the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies, found that most are concerned with the meaning of life, how to make sense out of it and how to counterbalance stress with meaningfulness. For the person who believes in God, this is called the quest for spirituality and prayer.

Beginning March 1 and continuing on March 29 and May 3, 1992, the Institute will assist people in coming to terms with their spiritual lives. A School of Spirituality and Prayer will address key issues of the "awakened spiritual self" by offering in-depth sessions which will survey the history of Christian spirituality, schools of spiritual thought as well as offer opportunities for personal continuous prayer, and group discussion on contemporary spiritual issues as revealed through psychology and spirituality.

The faculty consists of Rev. Charles Carr, M.S., who serves as Coordinator of the program and a specialist in spirituality; Mrs. Iris L. Dougherty, M.A., a well-known spiritual and retreat leader; and Dr. Thomas Hicks, professor of psychology at SHU.

Each session will be held at SHU on Sunday afternoons, 1-5 pm and will deepen and broaden one's appreciation of how God touches the Christian life and how the Christian communicates with God. A Certificate in Spirituality may be obtained after completing 48 hours or four semesters of study. Tuition for 3 sessions (one semester) is $79. There is a preregistration and materials fee of $10.

We would once again like to thank "Da Rizz" at WRKI. We couldn't do it without you! (Good enough?)
Here's one for all those bleeding heart Liberals to chew on for a while. This weekend, in Milwaukee, the judicial system scored a point, and lost one. Yes, the dichotomy was baffling.

The jury of twelve jurors concluded that Jeffrey Dahmer had been sane at the time he murdered, dismembered, and cannibalized fifteen men and boys.

This was a point scored for the judicial system. Hopefully this will send a message to other criminals; feigning insanity just won't cut it anymore.

If these institutions serve as the foundation for a return to a concentration on victims rights. For far too long, victims, and their families, have been forgotten by the system.

Additionally, it is refreshing to see that the families of the victims were given the opportunity to speak before the sentencing. Yes, the calypso's skin does matter. I know, because I am Black and I observe daily the suffering of the innocent at the hands of our facile society.

Racists, whether Blacks or Whites, are murderers. They kill in lives and other destroy ideas that could help a nation go forward. Their attitude says the strength and quality of our labor force. Most victims of racism no longer have a will. In the streets, in the shelters, in public housing, you can see people suffering every day. Racism is unprofitable to any nation; it sucks life out of it. But who would not be upset if a fifteen year old member of their family had been forced to suffer the type of ordeal which Black superstar Michael Jackson’s latest released album contains a song called “Black or White.”

It is a call to the heart. But in America, in spite of what Jackson says, the color of your skin does matter. I know, because I am Black and I observe daily the suffering of the innocent at the hands of our facile society.

In the ghettos, one can see the latest revelation in engineering. How to protectable the girl in the shelter could be to her country as a medical doctor! We are wasting America’s greatness. Creativity results from diversity of ideas, and diversity of ideas comes from the diversity of backgrounds. Everyone is vital to the welfare of a nation. Therefore, it seems to me that skin color causes damage to no one. The problem resides in the ideology behind the color. Our society white color represents power, privileges, honesty, and the overall good. Whites constitute the majority of the population and wield the power. Our president, senators and governors have always been Whites. The laws passed by Congress and the conditions of work privilege the class.

And creatively enough, the elements of this dominating group carry with them a label of power. How many of them go to jail; they don’t steal, don’t kill, don’t do they smoke crack. They’re clean!

On the other hand, black skin symbolizes vulgarity, laziness, ignorance, poverty and dishonesty. Blacks need socialization to fit into American society (it means acting, speaking and living like Whites). They receive the benes of advantages laziness because they resent exploitation in the work place.

The point lost came when Dahmer was sentenced to life in prison without parole. In all honesty, what kind of punishment is this? This monster should be removed from society permanently, not be granted free room and board for the rest of his life.

In a civilized society, a judicial system is in place to protect the innocent and punish the criminal. Free room and board for Dahmer is not a punishment, it is a reward. With all the cries of overcrowded prisons, why can’t they make any sense to send an animal like Dahmer to prison for the rest of his life? Would it not make better sense to remove him from society permanently? Even so, in his statement to the court, requested the death penalty.

How many other Dahmers are there either in prison or on the streets? How many other Dahmers are not waiting in the wings to inflict the same type of pain on society knowing that they will be free. Because of their cowardly actions, they see negative images in each other’s eyes. The middle class Blacks dislike their poor congees. Both are afraid of each other. As a result, a lack of violence keeps the black community suffering. Many American Blacks are of the opinion, they’re actors, politicians and business persons. Most of them make generous donations to the needy (black colleges, hospitais, orphanages). I just express a bigger vision. Blacks of the upper, middle and the classes should come together and build their own housing projects, schools, technical colleges, universities and centers for emergency help.

When the Jewish people came to America, they received an education. They were united, found an identity and decided to solve their problem. Today, in their own schools, synagogues, and centers for recreation. They carved a niche for themselves in society. They earned a bigger vision. Blacks of the upper and middle classes are afraid of each other.

The problem of the Blacks in America is not simple. Contrary to Michael Jackson’s opinion, it matters to be Black or White. We have inherited our legacy from slavery days. We must divorce with traditions to build a new Black America. Our neighbors come from a different philosophy of life. They need to know their identity, and that they are a people to be valued. Only then will they care about honor and respect for their actions.

I challenge anyone to say that Dahmer can be rehabilitated. I challenge anyone to say that, given the proper tests, he can be returned to society and take up a position where he will not harm the betterment of the world. Would rehabilitation and returning this thing to society help the families of the victims come to terms with their pain? NO!

There is a workable death penalty now being codified in Texas which is not considered “cruel and unusual punishment,” that is death by lethal injection. Society must ensure that it does not fall to the level of the animals which it must remove.

No matter how well the bills, or the box office. It is a call to the heart. But in America, in spite of what Jackson says, the color of your skin does matter. I know, because I am Black and I observe daily the suffering of the innocent at the hands of our facile society.
Letters to the Editor

Concert Applauded

To the Editor:

Recently I attended the UJAMMA sponsored Gospel Concert, with my mother. We want to extend our praise and congratulations to the UJAMMA Club and all those who participated.

When my mother first asked me if I would accompany her to this event, I have to admit I was hesitant for it was on a Saturday night. After some coaxing on her part, I agreed to go.

Dear Editor:

This past Sunday I went to the library to do some research for my English class. While I was there, I had to use the microfilm machine to look up and print what I needed.

When I got downstairs, only two machines were able to print. I had to wait for an hour and a half for one person to be finished with the machine that printed.

I stayed at the library until 4:30 p.m. Some of the other machines can be used for reading only, not printing. I wondered why only two of the machines could be used for printing?

I saw another machine that had a printer on it but it could not print. I was told that those machines had been like that for a while.

How come the school does not have the other machines fixed so that more people can use those machines?

I would make life much easier for those students who need to use those machines for research papers, term papers and what not.

I greatly appreciate this,

Sincerely,

Mike Nagy

More About Fees

The research Wilson desktop computers are also difficult to use during regular hours.

As it turned out, I went to my local library to do the research I required. Wondering "Why did I pay a library fee, and what happens to those $1.00 fees?"

Sincerely,

Valerie Johnson

Even More About Fees

The machines, but there were students using them then as well. Seeing that we all have to pay a ten dollar fee to use the library, maybe some of that money can go to fixing the microfilm projectors. It would make things a lot easier if we could get in and out of the library instead of making it an all day project.

Thank you,

Christine Lariccia

Observations from a Broad

By J. Broad Columnist

Driving through a residential district on my way to this fine institution recently, I stumbled upon a true testament to modernization in the Western World as we know it — the @$%^&* school bus. The reason for the explicative is that 1) I was late, 2) it was 8 o'clock in the morning, 3) one of my neighbors had had the audacity to tell me to have a nice day.

Anyway, back to the @$%^&* school bus. The yellow school bus is as much a part of American folklore as the prenatal agreement. School buses command respect. I said that the buses command respect, not the drivers. I do realize that last comment was uncalled for, even if it is true: School bus drivers probably get the least amount of respect per aggravational unit (hereafter referred to as "aguess") of any of the educationally connected careers. I saw a second grader come in on career day, clad in an ill-fitting sweatshirt and a cranky disposition. The teachers get more respect, and they don't have to drive at the same time.

Here's a question: why do only do they need saint-like patience (or furniture-like deafness), but also must officially belong to the llth commandment, which states: "Thou shalt not kill..."

To the Editor:

What's wrong with kids? School buses have that one feature that allows the bus driver to get back at all of the surrounding drivers with their cellular phones, and their empty back seats, and their old books when they go over bumps — school buses have that little stop sign that folds out when they stop.

School buses can stop traffic any time they want to, and they do it EVERY TEN FEET!

When I was a kid (a phrase with which I never thought I would say), we had a stop sign for the entire neighborhood. All of the children in said neighborhood knew what the schedules actually are, so that planning our time wasn't totally impossible! Thank you.

Amy Romanus

Resident Student

EIGHTY-FIVE DAYS TO GRADUATION. START DROPPING HINTS FOR THOSE GIFTS!

By Michael Champagne

The Student Voice

What are your plans for Spring Break?

Linda Francocetti
Junior
Psychology

I plan to work my ass off to pay for the vacation I took in January.

Darrin Snihur
Senior
Computer Science

I'll be trying to find a job — a full-time job at that — preferably something in the computer field.

Nicholas Thomas
Freshman
Accounting

I'm mixed between working or going down to Atlanta with a friend.

Symone Reece
Sophomore
Undecided

Actually, I'm going to be working at Pacelli's Bakery.

By Alpa Mehta
Senior
Accounting

I'm going to England with my sister Snie for 10 days.
Proposal: AAC to meet with Faculty Senate
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AAC Passes Resolution To Eliminate Evaluations, Then Votes To Reconsider

According to DeVilliers, "The Academic Affairs Committee unanimously passed the resolution that would eliminate the evaluations. Three weeks later the committee voted to reconsider the resolution. "I refused to change my vote because it would appear that I was yielding to pressure," said DeVilliers.

Sacred Heart’s Academic Affairs Committee consists of 6 faculty members, a representative from the Academic Vice President’s office and one member of Student Government holding full voting privileges. The Academic Affairs Committee is a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate acts in an advisory capacity to the President on all matters that effect the academic process.

According to DeVilliers, the committee he heads, disputes the frequent changes in key administrative positions. "Since 1985 the holder of the Academic Vice President position has changed numerous times," said DeVilliers. He added that, "There can't be a different person every year deciding salaries. This is not how a school should be governed."

The Habboush Controversy

A controversy surrounding the significance of the student evaluations surfaced last semester when the President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Dhhah Habboush, was quoted in a column in the Nov, 21, 1991 issue of the Spectrum as saying, "There is no university where students should be evaluating professors. This is not Stop and Shop where the customer is always right. If we put students as most important, then that is the wrong way."

According to Dr. Habboush, he was misquoted and furthermore he claimed that his comments were taken out of context. "When student evaluations were adapted several years ago, they were not a factor in determining a faculty member's salary," said Habboush "they were designed for the faculty eye."

The motion to reconsider the proposal came about in order to allow for further study. "When the initial proposal was motioned," said Habboush, "Dr. Treben (SHU's Academic V.P. & Provost) was not present. The Faculty Senate felt his presence was vital and that the AAC's decision to eliminate the evaluations may have been premature.

"According to Habboush, "The most important thing in this University is the learning process and the knowledge that comes from teachers." He concluded by stating, "I don't want to see bad faculty teaching at SHU."

With the original proposal overturned, the status quo still exists. There are no evaluations of faculty by administrators, administrators by faculty and faculty by students still imbedded in many faculty member's minds. "The Academic Affairs Committee has continued discussions focusing on a complete review of the evaluation problems," said DeVilliers.

Faculty Member Speaks Out

Not all faculty members at Sacred Heart favor the elimination of student evaluations. One faculty member, who chose to remain anonymous stated, "I feel the evaluations are necessary and important. I don't mind if they're used and frankly wouldn't change them."

The professor continued by saying, "I've never been convinced that the evaluations are accurate. Sure some students may report falsely but the vast majority do not. If professors are doing well then they have nothing to worry about.

"The problem that most professors object to is that there is no salary scale for teachers," said the professor, "with no set guidelines, one professor could get a 20% increase in salary and another no increase...and no one can explain why."

The professor concluded by stating, "I approve of the concept of student evaluations. If they were made optional, I would continue to use them. The teaching mission is what this school is about."

ACA Issues New Proposal

As the latest instalment to the continuing controversy surrounding student evaluations, one proposal was unanimously approved by the Academic Affairs Committee. "The Student Evaluations will be used exclusively in the annual review by the chair of the division for faculty professional growth and development (which includes re-appointment and consideration for promotion and tenure). These evaluations will be distributed officially to tenured faculty in 3 year cycles while non-tenured professors will receive evaluation forms every semester."

The new proposal will be formally introduced to the Faculty Senate in its next meeting.

Goal: eliminate potentially offensive stereotypes
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homophobia from a literary and personal perspective; Michele Paludi, author of "Ivy Power: Sex and Harassment on Campus; showing of the film Thelma and Louise; followed;owed by a panel discussion of the film at the end of the week; and a mock rape trial.

Isabelle Katz Pinzler, director of women’s rights for the American Civil Liberties Union, will deliver the keynote lecture on Thursday, Feb. 20 entitled "Women’s Rights in the 1990s."

Her talk, in the Sacred Heart University Theatre, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

According to Jason Dalrymple, a freshman at SHU and a member of the Gender Awareness Group, "The goal of this week is to open the eyes of students, faculty and the community on how it effects others without realizing it."

The "harm and hurt Dalrymple is speaking about is stereotyping: an action or a comment someone makes may be offensive in some way to another person."

"A joke a male might tell to a female could be extremely funny for the male, but the female may be offended by it," said Dalrymple. "Our goal is to make students, faculty and the community aware of stereotypes and prejudices that exist, and make women and men aware of the bad habits," said Dalrymple. "There are many things that happen in our society that are wrong."

The Gender Awareness Group was founded last semester by Dr. Kristen Wenzel, associate director of the Gender Studies Program and dean of faculty. It began as an open forum due to the Anita-Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings.

"We wanted to take what we learned from those hearings and assess our campus environment," said Wenzel, chair of the 12-member committee which consists of both female and male faculty, staff and students. "We wanted to create an atmosphere to say publicly what we were willing to share privately."

Presently, there are approximately ten members in the group made up of two students and the rest faculty.

"Being a part of this group has been very eye opening for me," said Dalrymple. "I feel great learning more about people. It has changed my view of society and myself."

According to Dalrymple it will take a long time undoing the stereotypes prevalent in our society. A good start would be to participate in this important week on campus.

Gender Awareness Week At Sacred Heart University

Thursday, Feb. 20: Lecture: "Women’s Rights in the 1990’s," Isabelle Katz Pinzler of the ACLU, SHU Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 24: Mine—Workshop/Performance, Chubby's, noon-1 p.m. Film/Discussion, Hawley Lounge, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Lecture: Homophobia: A Literary and Personal Perspective, author Jacquelyn Park, Schine Auditorium, 7:30-8 p.m. Workshop for residents: Tar's 9 p.m.; The Parkridge 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Class Presentation (open to public): "Cross Gender Communication," Dr. Theresa Gonzales, N 210, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; "Isen’s Hedda Gabler," Dr. David Curtis, S 206A, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Workshop: "Blaming the Chilly Climate: Glare of Media Attention" Gay and Lesbian Public FIGURES in Sexual Harassment and Rape Cases," Eve Hendricks, consultant on sex equity, Hawley Lounge, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Lecture: "Ivy Power: Sexual Harassment on Campus," author Michele Paludi, SHU Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Class Presentation (open to public): "Women in the New Testament," Dr. Serenity Young, S 216, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; "Rape," Dr. Christine Taylor, S 206A, 12:30-1:45 p.m.; "Traditional vs. Changing Gender Roles," Dr. Steve Lilley, S 213, 12:30-1:45 p.m.; "Important Key Issues the Constitution," Dr. Gary Rose, N 208, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

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Stamford: program added

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Stamford is cosponsoring an education program with other Stamford institutions," said Arnold, a member of the Chamber’s Education Committee. The program’s mission is providing a quality educational resource center for high school students with serious emotional, personal or educational dysfunction. Referrals will come from a variety of sources, including district schools and private medical and psychiatric facilities. Instruction will also be provided in computer, job-seeking, retention and life-coping skills.
Employment picture grim for those graduating in spring

Judy Filipek-Rittaler, believes that "it is really important to have a positive attitude. Somebody who is graduating this year probably doesn't expect something just because he or she is graduating from college." She adds, "One can't just send out 500 resumes to various companies and say, 'here I am', because things don't work that way.

According to Filipek-Rittaler, "One must do research of the companies and not just sit back and wait for the companies and career services do it." She added, "People with negative attitudes work against you and everything you do.

Unemployment jumped an average of 11.1% in 1990 to 13.4% in 1991, according to the National Federation of Independent Business. The state of Connecticut has an unemployment percent of 7.3.

According to Filipek-Rittaler, "In a smaller company, they can't afford the luxury of having as many people to do various functions, you tend to be a little more of a generalist, allowing yourself to see more of the whole area and making a determination to specialize in one area," said Filipek-Rittaler.

In a study from Michigan State, it was found that 59% of companies and not just sit back and wait for the companies and career services do it." She added, "People with negative attitudes work against you and everything you do.

According to two major studies, the state of Connecticut has unemployment at 7.3%

According to Filipek-Rittaler, "The companies hiring tend to be the smaller companies, which students really don't want. Working for smaller companies has advantages over working for a large company. In large companies, some people have to do one aspect of a job. As you want to progress and move up it is very difficult because your background is very limited," said Filipek-Rittaler.

"In a smaller company, because they can't afford having as many people to do various functions, you tend to be a little more of a generalist, allowing yourself to see more of the whole area and making a determination to specialize in one area," said Filipek-Rittaler.

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Working for smaller companies is beneficial in that they allow students to test whether or not this is something they want to do. Students who are looking for job offers must make good contacts and give themselves the edge in terms of getting placed.

In the Linguist-Endicott study's only bright spot, they report an increase in the average overall starting salary, up a modest 2.7%, with the highest average salary going to engineering graduates. Engineers can expect an average starting salary of $35,000, while graduates with liberal arts degrees can expect the lowest starting salaries at $26,000.

According to Filipek-Rittaler, "The availability of job opportunities will be more prosperous in the smaller companies, which give 1991-92 graduates some hope." The council also says that 342 employers, 61% say they expect to hire more college graduates than last year, an increase of 8.9%.

Student mothers battle tough schedules

By Kathy Bothos and Kelly Phillips Features Editors

College can be an exciting time in one's life, but it provides the opportunity to meet people, become involved in social activities, and enjoy a new freedom. But responsibilities also come into the picture, especially for students who are also mothers.

Besides the student mothers attending classes, completing homework, studying, taking tests, and more studying, some hold part-time jobs to double the workload. Others carry a full-time career of parenting. Can you imagine being a single young mother, trying to raise a child alone, and attend college at the same time?

Being a single parent and a college student is not an easy task to carry out. Trying to juggle time between homework, taking care of the kids, finding a baby-sitter, and maybe working a part-time job, the single mothers sometimes feel separated from the real college experience. To help deal with these feelings of being outcast, Sister Anne-Louise Nadeau of Sacred Heart's Counselling Center, together with a social worker friend from the Young Parents Program at Park City Hospital, worked to create a support group for young mothers at SHU which evolved last fall in the Counselling Center.

Last semester the group consisted of three to six mothers between 18 and 19 years old, mainly freshmen trying to make the transition from high school to college. The purpose of this group is to give support to young mothers on campus through weekly meetings and dealing with issues of importance to them, such as resentment and loneliness.

"These young moms are not attending Sacred Heart only to come to class. They want to feel they are a part of something. They want to feel like they belong," stated Sister Anne-Louise. This program is the perfect thing to help them overcome their anxieties about fitting in and to let them know that they are under-standing. It gives the women a chance to relate their feelings of guilt, of being overwhelmed, and being depressed. At the same time, they are learning that they are not alone, added Sister Anne-Louise.

According to Sister Anne-Louise, seeing how other people deal with the same age live surfaces feelings that make them want to do something that's normal and part of college. They have to deal with guilt about asking relatives or friends to baby-sit when they have school. They deal with the fact that they have big responsibilities raising a baby, and know that maybe they are missing out on an important time in life. Sometimes they feel like they are rotten mothers.

"They are concerned about being role models. They are wonderful role models, but it's very hard for them," said Sister Anne-Louise. These young women should be given a lot of credit for the work they do, trying to squeeze their time into one hectic schedule.

"Being a Single Parent and a College Student" is the support group, provided by the Sacred Heart Counselling Center, which will be starting up again this semester for any single moms around campus. For more information students can contact Sr. Anne-Louise Nadeau at 371-7955.

Sister Anne-Louise supports this program one hundred percent: "This is a wonderful experience for me," she said. "They are great young people who are trying to be responsible. Anything that the university can do to make it easier for them, I'd like to be a part of it."
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Jewish Friendship Organization plants trees in Israel

By Kathy Bothos and Kyle Phillips
Features Editors

Have you ever planted a tree in Israel? If not, a group at Sacred Heart University might be able to help you. As an organization that has not received much recognition, the Jewish Friendship Organization is slowly growing and uniting with the university community to enlighten the SHU family about the Jewish culture. At the same time, it is expanding its activities and holding numerous fundraisers. Founded in September 1990 by Rabbi S. Jerome Wallin with the assistance of students Lori Lipsitz, and Amy and Andy Madoff, the JFO is a nongroup, focused on the Jewish culture, rather than the religion. Consisting of ten members; both full and part-time SHU students, as well as faculty and staff, the JFO is currently participating in many organizational activities, the largest one being the “Plant A Tree in Israel Project,” the much heard about fundraiser advertised around the school.

“Plant A Tree in Israel,” a project done through the Jewish National Fund is a traditional ritual in Israel, representing the beauty of the Jewish culture. Donors pay money to plant a tree in honor of memory of a person or occasion.

“The most important lesson to think about is that you are not planting a tree for yourself; it’s for another person,” says Lipsitz, a junior at Sacred Heart.

“Plant A Tree in Israel” is only one of the many active events presented by this group.

Aside from holidays and other occasions, the JFO also makes weekly visits to SHU’s neighbors at the Jewish Home for the Elderly, taking part in the Adult Day Care Program. Other events include

Common Sense

By J. Broad
Columnist

Dear J: Have been friends with a guy for over two years. A few weeks ago, he told me that he was interested in dating me — I didn’t feel the same way. He accepted my answer, and he hasn’t mentioned me again, which I’ve always been较好的 friends, just as friends, like always. However, I’ve been thinking about him lately, and I’m interested in dating him. He’s a really nice guy, and he’s interesting in dating me, but I told him that I’d be talking to him about it. Then he said “I’d be telling him I want to date him: I’d confide the hell out of him!”

Also, because he never again mentioned dating me after I first said no, I think that he might just have lost interest in me. What should I do? — In and out of love

Dear In and Out: That you are sure this time? I’d hate to tell you to tell him and then have you get upset and again. If you are sure that you would like to date him, then by all means tell him the poor boy! I’m sure he’ll forget all about your past rejection of him.

Here’s what I think happened: You two were interested in each other, he expressed interest in you and you rebuffed him because you “didn’t think of him that way.” You see, since you were “just friends,” you mentally “neutralized” him, and didn’t see him as a potential boyfriend. You took the “boy” out of the “friend,” so to speak. Therefore, you didn’t pick up that he was interested in you.

Meanwhile, he was interested in you, so he probably though he was getting all the right signals. Then you rejected him, so of course he dropped it: his ego was wounded. Now he won’t trust himself to read anything into your actions, even though now you want him back.

Once he put the idea in your head, you took another look at him and PRESTO! he’s attractive! Now you like him and he likes you and neither one of you will admit that you’re interested in the other. P.S. — If you’ve known each other for two years, what the hell took the two of you so long?

Dear J: I recently met a girl through a mutual friend, and I was immediately attracted to her. She is intelligent, funny, easy to talk to, and very pretty. I know for a fact that she has a boyfriend. We’ve started to become friends, but lately I’ve been getting the impression that she is not completely happy with her boyfriend, and that she’s interested in me! Any suggestions? — Tempted

Dear Tempted: Stay out of it! Keep your friendship casual until you know what’s going on between her and her boyfriend. More importantly, keep the friendship casual until she knows what’s going on between her and her boyfriend.

Slightly Off Campus

Tuition dollars at work
A week after announcing that 6,945 University of Mexico faculty and staff members owed a total of $85,137 in unpaid campus parking tickets, UNM administrators admitted they had spent $1,332 to buy books in high volume to keep the prices down. "It does if you’re diagnosed with heart disease. Duke University researchers announced Nov. 12 that the only non-dance music will be played.”

By Craig P. Sigslinger

Sacred Heart University’s Bookstore isn’t really that at all. It is run by Fiskitt College Stores, a nationwide company involved with over 350 Universities. The school leases the building to the company, and receives an undisclosed percentage of the revenue generated by the bookstore.

Students complain about the price of books and the low amount paid for buy-backs. Joe Couto, manager of the university bookstore, says he would like to pass a saving on to students buying books, but it difficult. "I can’t buy books in high volume to keep the prices down," he says. According to Couto, "This way I can avoid the publisher who sets the prices.

Information from teachers is another way to keep more money in students’ pockets. If a professor lets the bookstore know that she/he will be using that book next semester, the buy-back can be as much as 50%.

Couto also said that many students want new books. They may complain about the price, but want unused books anyway.

Jean Pierre Velotti, an English/journalism major, sees things differently. He says, "The lines are so long at the beginning of the semester that some students have no choice but to buy new books because the used ones are gone."

Another problem is the unavailability of some books at the beginning of a semester. Couto attributes this to the many students who register the week before classes begin. There is no worry about overbuying he says, but declares, "I try to get on top of people registering late and prepare for it." Not much money is made on selling textbooks," says Couto. This is why the bookstore stocks everything from sweatshirts to sodas. So where does the money go? "Freight expenses, high overhead and salaried employees," says Couto. He also said that 90% of the bookstore employees are students. Velotti doesn’t like the prices, but is understanding. He says, "The cost of education is astronomical everywhere. If a quality education is what we desire, we must be willing to literally pay the price."
Nigerian sculptor exhibiting at Sacred Heart

Sherinatu Fafunwa, a sculptor born and raised in Nigeria, is exhibiting her clay forms at Sacred Heart University’s Gallery of Contemporary Art through March 5.

Fafunwa’s clay vessels describe the duality of being Nigerian (her father) and American (her mother), redefining traditional shapes, textures and colors. "I am inspired by a natural organic/human quality that invites contact by the viewer," she says. "I want my work to echo the mood of gourds, boulders and polished stone.

The exhibition has opened last week to coincide with Sacred Heart University’s celebration of Black History Month. Fafunwa, who has American citizenship, has exhibited her sculpture in her native country as well as in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She received a certificate of award for excellence in a juried exhibition at Northampton, Mass.

Sheri holds a B.A. in fine arts from the University of ife in Nigeria and an M.F.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She is an instructor of design at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, the community in which she resides.

In conjunction with her exhibit, Fafunwa gave a lecture in Sacred Heart University’s art gallery last Tuesday.

Regular gallery hours are noon-7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

The show, entitled "Intersections: A Matter of Balance," an exhibition of contemporary art through March 5, hosted by Julie Freddino as she spins contemporary classics to you every Tuesday from 9-11.

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THE HORROR SHOW - Join Chuck Cullen and Peter Kreycir for a mix from hardcore to progressive music mixed with some oddities every Thursday from 1-3.

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Touring off new album, the Pixies invade Manhattan

By Koleen Kaffan
A & E Editor

On February 5, The Pixies invaded the Big Apple and were welcomed with open arms. Having been in the business for years, this four piece band rehashed an hour and a half of both old and new songs to a more than eager crowd of city folk.

As you enter New York City’s “The Ritz” you become bombarded with the smoke that saturates the club, making it an optic hell for contact lens wearers. With the barely known band, “Barkmarket,” as the opening act, the excitement of the crowd was evident.

Barkmarket takes the stage and pulses out hard and heavy tunes that make them sound like a garage band version of the Pixies and the audience eat it up. By the time they end their set everyone is pretty much in their little niche for the night in this standing room only club.

As the roadies set up the stage for the headliners I glance around and take in my surroundings. “The Ritz” today is the same building that used to house the popular disco haunt, Studio 54, that mecca of stardom that entertained the likes of Andy Warhol, Bianca Jagger, Liza Millnelli, and so on. Today the building looks like a gothic church with raised ceilings and filled with people decked in black leather and strange hair. Thank God for the nineties!

It’s unpredictable, good rock, but does Pearl Jam’s Ten merit a ten?

By Tom Donato
A & E Writer

Two weeks ago, I reviewed Nevermind, Seattle band Nirvana’s newest album. This week, it’s Pearl Jam who I have the pleasure of writing about (and I do mean pleasure) and critiquing. Pearl Jam just happens to be from Seattle also. I think the thing is, now, if you’d like to make good music, you have to move to Seattle. I think it’s the law or something.

Pearl Jam consists of Jeff Ament, Stone Gossard, Mike McCready, Dave Krusen, and powerful vocalist Eddie Vedder. Some of these guys made up now defunct Temple Of The Dog and Mother Love Bone, but Ten is their first album as Pearl Jam.

Ten opens up with “Once.” You’re initially led to believe that “Once” will be a slow, downbeat, ballad-type song, until the guitar starts. “Once” concerns the total loss of control in a person. Not a typical song topic, but it works. The lyrics fit perfectly to the pace of the song—crazy. Lead singer Eddie Vedder is a perfect front man for this group. He has the most powerful voice I’ve heard in quite a while. Vedder also penned all the lyrics for each of the eleven tracks, and we get a small peek at his mind in each one. Let’s just say that Eddie’s a really interesting guy.

There are a couple of songs about insanity ("Once," "Jeremy," "Woo Go," "Even Flow"), a couple of songs with fun, water-reference names ("Oceans," "Deep") and a song about a boy learning his real father is not dead, as he thought ("Alive"). This really turns out to be the best song on the album.

Mike McCready puts in a surprising long guitar solo, and it just kicks. The lyrics though, are what make this song. ("Son, she said, have I got a little story for you...While you were sitting home alone at age thirteen, your real daddy was dyin’, sorry you didn’t see him, but I’m glad we talked"). Once you hear the chorus, it will be in your head forever, guaranteed.

The first nine cuts are definitely the best. The last two songs are good, but pretty weird. "Garden" is really a beautiful song. "I don’t question our existence, I just question our modern needs." ("Once" still turns out to be the best song on the album.) As you enter New York City’s “The Ritz” today, you’re greeted with raised ceilings and filled with people decked in black leather and strange hair. Thank God for the nineties!

OK, that was sort of off the charts. And now that every riff from every song has been sampled those people have nothing left to do, so they have to let our music take over for a while. Next year I’m sure they’ll be stealing from Pearl Jam, Nirvana, Soundgarden, and all the other rock groups that have really hit it big this year. Okay, that was sort of off the subject a bit. Back to Ten. This is powerful rock. Buy it! Listen to it. Get into it! Watch for Pearl Jam, Nirvana, and The Red Hot Chili Peppers on tour later this year.

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Guilty. That’s the verdict the Indianapolis jurors reached in a more nine hours in the Mike Tyson case. Listening to viewer calls on various sports talk shows, it makes me wonder what is wrong with people nowadays. If it were John Doe on trial, people would be calling for the electric chair. Now because it happens to be somebody famous, we hear everything about racism to Donald Trump wanting to pay cash for a no jail sentence. If Tyson is guilty, which 12 jurors say he is, then he should face the same penalty anyone else would.

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The Purple Pioneers?

By Lori Bogue
Sports Editor

Good things are happening at Sacred Heart! The Pioneers are welcoming in seven new sports and SHU is still negotiating over the merger with the University of Bridgeport.

If the merger is carried out what will the future hold for UB’s athletic programs? UB has worked for years on building up a strong sports program.

Will the University of Bridgeport and SHU collaborate into one athletic program and if so, what will be the ramifications?

UB and SHU athletic events have always been full of tension and competitiveness. Sometimes these elements ignite small brawls. If these sports collaborated would these feelings just fade away peacefully. Would it be that easy to shake and be friends?

Which players would get the chance to take the court? Would coaches be forced to flip coins in order to decide their teams? Scholarships are another issue. This year Sacred Heart has put a hold on giving out scholarships, while UB has always been a scholarship school. Would these UB athletic scholarships remain valid?

I can’t imagine how it would feel for UB athletes to wear a new uniform or form new loyalties, but neither can I fathom those athletes having no sports at all.

Will UB’s coaches be in the unenployment line if such a merger occurs or will coaches be instituted? Will any tensions arise between conflicting coaching philosophies?

If such a merger does occur what would we call ourselves? Will UB athletic scholarships remain valid?

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Last Saturday, the Lady Pioneers were defeated by UMass-Lowell in a 86-50 blowout. Alethia Osbourne had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the loss. Despite a 60-46 loss to Pace University on Monday the Heart regained their momentum.

"I thought we played hard," said Head Coach Ed Swanson. "It was the best defense we have played in a while."

Certain key elements were lacking though. "We didn't hit the open shots," said Swanson.

"We played in spurts," said Lisa Pleban, assistant coach. "It's hard to beat a good team when you play in spurts."

Elaine Agosti led the Pioneers with 11 points. "The little things kill us," she admitted. "We need improvement in many areas, especially offensive rebounding."

Karen Bell followed with 10 points. Freshmen Theresa DeFilippo led the Heart on rebounds, with nine. Kim Filia added nine points.

Pace posts a 20-5 record and throughout the game dominated the Pioneers in most aspects of the game, especially defense. "A better team makes you pay for your mistakes," said Agosti.

On Saturday, the Lady Pioneers will face New Hampshire College at 5 p.m. in the SHU Box. Next Wednesday the SHU Cagers will travel down Park Avenue to confront arch-rival UB.

"Playing good teams helps us in the future," said Pleban.

By Lori Bogue and Amy Madison

Sacred Heart University Sports

Lady Cagers try to gain momentum in NECC

By Amy Madison

Okay Pioneers, nap time is over. It's time to wake up and start winning some basketball games again. You have the talent and the potential. Now all you need is some motivation.

The SHU Men's cagers need something. Last week, the Pioneers lost two more conference games, dropping their record to 8-13, and 1-9 in the NECC.

What's going on? The season started out so well for the Pioneers. They played hard, fought back, and did not give up. They compiled a 7-6 record for the first half of the season. Once league play began, though, the Pioneers simply fell apart.

Last Wednesday, Sacred Heart lost 88-78 to Southern in a game that should have been won by SHU. The Heart held a 40-37 halftime lead and stretched the lead to 11 points in the second half. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out what happened next. Sacred Heart blew the lead. Plain and simple.

The Pioneers played very well for three quarters of the game. They played defense. They rebounded. They shot well. So why did they fizzle out at the end? Good question. Southern did to the Pioneers what the Pioneers did to Keene State. They came from behind, caught up, and kept going.

Darrin Robinson played more like his old self, scoring 31 points and grabbing seven rebounds. He was also 10-for-10 from the foul line.

Phil Howard added 11 points, while Theo Gadsden tossed in 10 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Freshmen Brian Johnson and Johnny Burkte contributed nine points each, with Burkte adding six assists. Southern's Terry Smith scored a game-high 32 points on 13-for-18 shooting.

Last Saturday was more of a blowout, as UMass-Lowell triumphed over Sacred Heart 87-72.

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SHU was able to slightly tighten the score late in the game, but 15 points was about as close as they could manage.

UMass-Lowell grabbed 39 rebounds, compared to a mere 25 by the Heart. Robinson was held to 18 points, but he pulled down seven boards. Gadsden, who fouled out with 4:25 remaining in the game, added 12 points. Howard and Adam Brown tossed in 10 points apiece, and Craig Philp had nine points and seven rebounds for the Pioneers.

The next two rematches on the schedule for Sacred Heart are New Hampshire College on Saturday at home and the "biggie" against UB next Wednesday at the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium.

By Lori Bogue and Amy Madison

Pioneers continue to plunge in league action

Photo by Michael Champagne

The Lady Pioneer's, in the midst of one of their best seasons, bested the Lady Owls of Southern. Shown here is freshman guard Gina Curtin looking to elude an Owl defender.

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