Drunk driving crash ‘kills’ student
Crowd of 250 students and faculty gather in silence to watch aftermath

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

A student died instantly at 2:25 p.m. Monday as a result of a drunk driving crash in the visitor parking lot. Three other students were injured, two of which remain in critical condition. The student who was driving was taken into custody of Fairfield Police and will face inchoitary manslaughter charges.

Life Star helicopter arrived on the scene minutes later, as firefighters used the jaws of life to tear apart one of the cars and remove the victims. A nurse from Spear Funeral Home in Fairfield arrived to remove the fatality from the scene.

"It was a severe head-on collision," said Larry Noga, a Fairfield firefighter. "It was difficult getting the occupants out."

Over 200 students witnessed the aftermath of the crash, perhaps silently thankful, knowing that the event was just a mock accident and part of Alcohol Awareness Week. Though this event, sponsored by the Student Government Executive Board, was just a simulation, it was still quite emotional.

"I killed my brother," screamed Audrey Marone at Melissa Hewett, the drunk driver. "You killed my brother." The victim was played by Pete Trenchard. Other student actors were Holly Burk and Shannon Morris.

Rob McGrath, first-year student from Amityville, N.Y., said, "It was very realistic. One of my friends died this way. He was hit by a drunk driver while crossing the street."

Bridgeport resident Libby Bernard stepped her car while driving down Park Avenue and got out to see what happened as many as possible to the surface and the upset artist prepared to remedy the damage.

"It is a big day for the students and their parents. It is an honor they will have with them for life," said Ketchman. "I think it’s important for people to understand that if we have damaged work for it," said Ketchman.

Ketchman has many outdoor exhibits including Ground for Sculpture in N.J.; Aldrich Museum in Ridgefield; and exhibits in Germany. This is the first display of hers that was vandalized.

"Eidolon" is one of ten pieces included in the Sculpture on the Grounds program at Sacred Heart. Sophia Gevas, director of the Gallery of Contemporary Art, said, "Sculpture on the Grounds program was for the community and I think it’s important for people to understand that if we have damaged work for it," said Ketchman.

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Varay shines in Residential Life

By Elizabeth Hyer
Staff Writer

Diana Varay, administrative assistant for the department of Residential Life, has gone beyond the call of duty for her department. By doing so she has been awarded the prestigious Spotlight of the Month award, which has been given to her through the national Residence Hall Honor Society (NRHH).

She was nominated for this award because of the exceptional efforts she puts into her work in the Residential Life Office and of her overall friendly nature as well.

"Diana goes over and beyond what an administrative assistant does. She takes initiative and always takes time out to say ‘hi’," said Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life. "We are a very busy and chaotic office and grateful and honored to have her aboard."

Varay started her career at Sacred Heart nine years ago as a part-time employee in the MBA department. Soon after, she was moved to full-time status, working with the Financial Studies department and has since spent the past year in the Residential Life department.

"I like working with the students. It is a lot of fun," said Varay. "I am surprised and honored. It is really nice to be recognized."

Varay was nominated by the Sacred Heart University chapter of NRHH and won the North East Regional Spotlight for March 1997. She then beat every nominee in the nation and was named the National Spotlight of the Month for March 1997.

"Diana adds a personal touch to everything. She is a positive, laidback, hard-working woman," stated Katrina Coakley, assistant director of Residential Life and advisor to NRHH.

Varay is busy at work, she always makes time to sit, talk and ask how things are going.

"The main reason I came to work for Residential Life was because of Diana," said work-study student Rachel Esposito.

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By Marianne Cardo
Contributing Writer

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up each student to be officially inducted.

"The members whom we honored today have demonstrated that they are capable of great academic accomplishments and thus also of hard work," they said.

Dr. Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, gave the keynote address. Dr. Brodeur concluded the ceremony with a closing remark to the Inductees. "You are the finest examples of our University's commitment to excellence," he said.

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Students visit site of 'Lean on Me'
Learn how program has urban kids enjoying school

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

As part of their course, Urban Topics in Education, six Sacred Heart graduate students and Dr. Brian Perkins visited East Side High in Paterson, N.J., the inner-city school depicted in the 1989 film, "Lean on Me."

"It was a worthwhile experience and we left with a great perspective of what the school was like," said L.J. Patten, Bridgeport.

Perkins, professor of education, arranged the trip to help students gain further understanding of urban schooling.

"A central focus of the course is to give students exposure to urban issues," said Perkins. "We have texts in the course that deal with drugs and violence and their impact on schools, but the trip gave students the opportunity to be involved in hands-on learning."

"Lean on Me," which was filmed on site at East Side High, is about a school overcome by drugs and violence. It depicts the efforts of Principal Joe Clark, played by Morgan Freeman, to motivate students to enjoy education, instead of fear further away from it.

Eight years after the film was released, Joe Clark is no longer principal. However, current administrators, Principal Charles Lighty and Assistant Principal Sharon Smith have continued to stress the importance of focusing students more toward their studies.

"They (Lighty and Smith) have encouraged students to stay away from drugs by installing Career Academies, which focus on specific interests of the kids," said Perkins.

"Attendance at classes have increased and it is anticipated that test scores will improve and percentage of students who attend college will increase," added Perkins.

The Career Academies offered are Health and Related Professions, Business Technology, Urban Planning and Applied Technology and Renaissance of the Open Mind.

"The kids seemed very eager to learn and the school has turned 180 degrees for the better since 'Lean on Me' was released," said Patten.

Six Sacred Heart students in the Classroom Learning Assistant program addressed 25 faculty and administrators from New England colleges at a regional conference in Burlington, Mass.

The six students attended the Learning Assistance Association of New England conference on Oct. 24 to give presentations on the topic "Peer Tutors in Freshman Core Classes: A Model for Student Support." The program has been operating on specific interests of the kids.

"Being a CLA has helped me enhance my understanding of finance and accounting and has broadened my relationship with my peers," said junior Elina Alves, a finance/accounting tutor for two years.

All of the CLAs that attended the conference thought that it was a valuable learning experience.

"The LAANE conference gave me ideas and resources on how to accommodate different learning styles for tutoring foreign languages," said senior Patrick Callahan, a Spanish tutor for two years.

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Many of the CLAs discussed the multiple roles of their position in their presentations. Knowledge in subject matter, good relations with the students and teachers, and a patient attitude were all necessary tools for the CLAs. In addition, some tutors cited ingenuity as an asset for the position due to the demands students and courses place on them.

"Since I tutor communications, I wanted to impress upon the students the relevance of communication, so I use the laptops, e-mail, and the Internet in my tutoring tools," said sophomore Sara Ignudo, a communication/chemistry tutor for one and a half years.

"When students speak at conferences, it is a way of seeing the value of their work in a broader context. Because the audience at the LAANE conference found the six presentations highly useful for the student support efforts they are making at their own institutions, the CLAs, have an opportunity to have the important work they do here as tutors validated by administrators and faculty from other universities," said Jackie Rinaldi, director of the Jandrisevits Learning Center.

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The Classroom Learning Assistant program has been operating from the Jandrisevits Learning Center for five years under Dr. Jackie Rinaldi. Math and science coordination has been organized by Dr. Rosemary Kinik to meet the needs of students involved in those courses. The program has blossomed to incorporate more introductory courses at SHU.

Public Safety Releases

Public Safety Incidents from Nov. 3 to Nov. 10

Nov. 3: 9:17 p.m.- Staff member reported theft of a computer hard drive from the South Wing.

Nov. 4: 2:35 p.m.- Student reported his vehicle was hit and damaged by an unknown vehicle in the North lot.

Nov. 5: 10:45 a.m.- Minor motor vehicle accident reported in the South lot.

Nov. 6: 2:14 a.m.- Officer observed an activated smoke detector in the Jefferson House; alarm company was notified.

Nov. 7: 10:43 a.m.-Student Union fire alarm caused by someone hitting a fuse.

Nov. 8: 2:39 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm, 4th floor smoke detector activated.

Nov. 9: 11:48 a.m.-Public Safety assisted Jefferson Hill Res. Life staff break up a party.

Nov. 9: 1:48 a.m.-South Hall fire alarm caused by an unattended candle.

Nov. 9: 5:15 a.m.- South Hall fire; piece of paper was set on fire in the hallway, 5th floor.

Nov. 9: 3:08 p.m.-Injured football player transported from the field to the hospital.

Nov. 10: 1:05 p.m.-Public Safety assisted Parkridge Res. Life staff with an alcohol violation.

Nov. 10: 4:00 p.m.- Public Safety staff member reported being threatened by another student member.

Nov. 10: 5:15 p.m.-South Hall fire; piece of paper was set on fire in the hallway, 5th floor.

Nov. 10: 9:44 p.m.- Staff member reported theft of a computer hard drive from the South Wing.

Nov. 11: 11:05 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by an untended candle.

Nov. 12: 10:21 p.m.-Public Safety assisted the Jefferson Hill Res. Life staff break up a party.

Nov. 12: 1:28 a.m.-Taxi cab driver reported he dropped off three students in front of West Hall who ran off from the cab into the building without paying the fare.

Nov. 12: 3:05 a.m.-Suspicious person reported walking through the North lot was checked with negative results.

Nov. 12: 3:16 a.m.-Public Safety assisted the South Hall Res. Life staff with breaking up a fight in the second floor lounge.

Nov. 12: 4:30 a.m.-Parkridge resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

Nov. 12: 6:38 a.m.-South Hall fire alarm received from the first floor.

Nov. 12: 9:58 a.m.-South Hall fire alarm received from the area same room.

Nov. 12: 4:55 a.m.-South Hall residents reported a male in their room who would not leave; Public Safety escorted the male out of the building.

Nov. 12: 5:20 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm received, third floor pull station. Fairfield Fire Department responded, and conducted a room search of the building.

Nov. 12: 5:23 a.m.-While exiting the building, a student suffered a seizure by the front door of South Hall, an ambulance transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 12: 5:44 a.m.-During the room searches, a Public Safety Officer reported finding an unconscious student in a room in South Hall; ambulance staff responded.

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Nov. 12: 6:28 a.m.-The Fairfield Fire Department requested the assistance of the Fairfield Police at South Hall; two police officers responded.

Nov. 12: 6:40 a.m.- Fairfield Fire Department allowed South Hall to be reoccupied.

Nov. 12: 11:17 p.m.-Student vehicle parked in the South Lot was reported broken into; various items reported stolen.

Nov. 12: 12:23 p.m.-Visitor reported their vehicle, while parked in the South Lot, was broken and the radio was stolen.

Nov. 12: 8:35 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

Nov. 12: 11:06 a.m.- Jefferson Hill resident received feeling ill; treatment and transportation declined; requested a roommate take her to the hospital.
Art: Damages costly

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age like this, we won't be able to continue the program."

The incident can shatter the reputation of SHU as a place for artwork for both artists and insurance agencies, according to Gevas. This sculpture was insured for $16,000.

An attempt to repair the sculpture is underway and an estimate of $5,000 will be used for repairs. Buildings and Grounds will remove it before being transported to a studio in Manhattan.

"I believe most students are appreciative of our efforts to enhance their surroundings with quality works of art, both inside and outside the building," said Gevas. "It only takes a few people to ruin it," she added.

"I think it's a disgrace that people have to be destructive. Public Safety should keep their eyes open to situations like this," said Carl Sturino, a junior English major from New Fairfield.

"Both Ketchman and Gevas would like to address the person or people who committed the crime," Ketchman asked. "Did you think about what you were doing? Are you aware that someone put time and effort into it?"

Gevas made a request for the future, "if anyone sees damage, please report it." She would also like to make available information about the art works to Resident Assistants so they can help students better understand it.

Gevas made reference to the Housatonic Museum at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport. A seven-and-a-half million dollar art collection was created by the recently deceased Burt Chernow. No damages were reported. He wanted artwork out where people could see it. Gevas considers him her hero and agreed with his concept that "if you give people something worthy, they would respect it."

Crash: Tragedy strikes SHU

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other passersby did. "I figured, well, you know how the young kids are today. They don't realize the dangers. I figured they had been drinking, definitely," she said of her first impression of the accident.

Respiratory Therapist Debbie Picard, who has been with Life Star helicopter for eight years, and who attended the mock accident said, "The majority of our scene calls are alcohol-related." Picard said that there are an average of four to five calls each day between the two Life Star helicopters of Connecticut.

Brian Rivera, student government president, said, "It was the biggest crowd in Sacred Heart history. They viewed in awe and the 'jaws of life' took apart the car. The Student Government hopes the event touched the SHU community and made them more aware of the effects of driving under the influence of alcohol."

Rivera added that the event was in no way meant to bring back painful memories of those who were closely related to such a tragedy and that the Counseling Center is available to talk with anyone who would like further assistance (371-7995).

Other events for the week are: Today; "The Power of Choice" movie will be shown all day in Hawley Lounge; students will wear black in remembrance of lives lost to alcohol; a special mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel and there will be a Candlelight Vigil outside South Hall at 7 p.m. Friday; "A nightmare on Drug Street" movie will be shown all day in Hawley Lounge.

GOOD NEWS GOSPEL CHOIR

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A GOSPEL CONCERT TO RAISE MONEY FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS IN NEED

SUNDAY DEC 7TH

7:00 pm

at the Center for the Performing Arts

Sacred Heart University

Funds will benefit Sacred Heart University Scholarship Fund & The Hord Foundation

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The Sacred Heart University

Department of Accounting

is hosting its second annual

Academic and Community Consortium

by invitation on November 19, 1997.

The keynote speaker will be

Mr. Edmund L. Jenkins

Chairman, Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Mr. Jenkins is highly regarded by the accounting and business communities.

The purpose of this event is to build a bridge between the academic and the regional business community.

Mr. Jenkins will discuss issues relative to current U.S. and international accounting practices.
Alcohol dangers brought to awareness

Drinking on college campuses is an occurrence that is difficult to avoid. If students continue to drink, they need to do it responsibly and safely.

Alcohol Awareness Week began Monday and continues until tomorrow at Sacred Heart. It features a wide range of demonstrations and events to help increase students awareness of the dangers of alcohol.

On Monday, a mock accident depicted the horror of a fatal car crash. This is a strikingly high cause of death among not only college students, but the United States population in general.

It pains us to believe that people could be so foolish as to put their lives or the lives of those around them in danger for a beer or any other form of alcohol.

Alcohol Awareness Week is an event on campuses across the country and is one that needs student involvement. If just one student attended an awakening from demonstrations such as the mock accident, it will have been worthwhile.

FLIK: On a path of improvement

Chip Kennedy, manager of FLIK and his dedicated staff, have been making changes to improve food quality, prices and increase student satisfaction.

We believe that they have lent their ears to any concerns or criticisms, rather than denying that a problem exists or saying that everything is perfect.

A few particular items that seemed to catch our attention was the pizza, hot sandwiches and breakfast items. In addition to the pick-up in food quality, the Marketplace prices have either decreased, or you get more for your money.

FLIK has created more bundle meals and even added specialty items on the side such as buffalo wings.

We commend FLIK on their immediate response to student needs.

College food may not be like eating a gourmet meal created by Chef Julia Child, but for what it's worth, FLIK could be a lot worse.

A reflection on drinking and making the choice to stop

Alcohol Awareness Week has got me thinking about how great it is to not drink anymore.

When I was a sophomore, for a phase of about five months, I used to sit around with friends and drink on weekends. We had no cars and not much to do, so we drank, as a lot of Sacred Heart students do.

Nothing unusual.

I must say that the time, I thought it was wonderful. I saw nothing wrong with it.

I liked how funny everything seemed. People must have thought it was hilarious when I'd stumble up a flight of stairs or become a loud extrovert and ramble on about everything.

I also enjoyed the feeling of escaping into oblivion for awhile and seeing the world in fast motion (like when the room started to spin).

So what made me stop drinking? Well, I realized that I was acting like a fool.

Besides the fact that I was underage, I hated waking up with a hangover and feeling sluggish and sick to my stomach.

I thought of how the alcohol was doing a number on my liver and making me gain weight.

I found myself wondering what the heck I was drinking for. I had not a single reason to drink, and every reason not to.

So, I decided that I would stop and pray about it. I would find better things to do with my time.

Now, I will only drink an occasional drink here and there, like a margarita or glass of wine, on occasion. I never drink anymore for the sake of drinking. I really feel sorry for people who continually get drunk. They are destroying their health as they act like buffoons. The are acting like someone other than who they really are.

If they stay on that path, it can only lead to destruction. All they have been placed in a situation where they are the minority. They have gone twenty years without ever being a minority, and thus never related or understood how difficult it could be when minorities told their stories, until now of course.

Whoever said things in Spain are cheap was far from right. Having found a store that sells American brand clothing, I was ready to buy a pair of jeans when I noticed the price tag.

Levi jeans here sell for about $100. Skippy peanut butter is about $7, and CDs are $25.

On the bright side, though, at least I don't have to purchase books for classes and the one class that does require a book, it's rented for $10 the whole semester. Obviously, the Spanish have a better way of making suck students dry by charging $150 for a book just to give $10 back at the end of the semester, like some bookstores we know like to do.

Study Abroad Tip #1: If planning to study abroad, attempt to find a student who has studied in the same country before. The transition is much easier if you obtain information first-hand as to what to do, what to see and what to expect.

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For the most part, one's grade is solely based on a final exam, so if you do poorly, then oh well.

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I thought of how the alcohol was doing a number on my liver and making me gain weight.

I found myself wondering what the heck I was drinking for. I had not a single reason to drink, and every reason not to.

So, I decided that I would stop and pray about it. I would find better things to do with my time.

Now, I will only drink an occasional drink here and there, like a margarita or glass of wine, on occasion. I never drink anymore for the sake of drinking. I really feel sorry for people who continually get drunk. They are destroying their health as they act like buffoons. The are acting like someone other than who they really are.

If they stay on that path, it can only lead to destruction. All they have been placed in a situation where they are the minority. They have gone twenty years without ever being a minority, and thus never related or understood how difficult it could be when minorities told their stories, until now of course.

Whoever said things in Spain are cheap was far from right. Having found a store that sells American brand clothing, I was ready to buy a pair of jeans when I noticed the price tag.

Levi jeans here sell for about $100. Skippy peanut butter is about $7, and CDs are $25.

On the bright side, though, at least I don't have to purchase books for classes and the one class that does require a book, it's rented for $10 the whole semester. Obviously, the Spanish have a better way of making suck students dry by charging $150 for a book just to give $10 back at the end of the semester, like some bookstores we know like to do.

Study Abroad Tip #1: If planning to study abroad, attempt to find a student who has studied in the same country before. The transition is much easier if you obtain information first-hand as to what to do, what to see and what to expect.

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Letters to the Editor

STUDENT GIVES SACRED HEART AN A+

To the Editor:

Believe the faculty and staff here at Sacred Heart University are very open and accepting to all student requests and concerns. When I first decided to attend this university, it was because the staff was so open. It starts at the Admissions Office and works all the way to the professors. Their dedication to their job is admirable for every student here at SHU.

It seems like every day, and all hours of the day, there are faculty members here at school. I will always go back to Labor Day Weekend and the Welcome Days. Our president, Dr. Cerrera, seems like he worked 24 hour days that Sunday to get us ready for the first days of classes. In the same respect, Dean Bozzone worked extra time that Sunday to prepare us for our academic load.

My cousin, Denise Sutphin, worked extra time that Sunday to help my selection process to achieve a higher enrollment to make this the best university possible. I believe the faculty and staff at SHU are very open and accepting to all student requests and concerns. This university has its bad seeds, the bullies, punks or whatever. These people have been virtually eliminated by the option of higher education. We realize that life, here on campus is not still early. People have to learn to be forgiving and less greedy in order for this year to turn out good.

Michael Amento first-year student

What's your opinion? What's your mind? Write a letter.

CELEBRATION

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STUDENT LIKES SHU’S ATMOSPHERE

To the Editor:

Although there have been a few unfortunate happenings here on the Sacred Heart campus, I have found it to have a very good atmosphere. There are many changes between life here and life at my high school.

My high school, located in a rural part of upstate New York, was very hostile. It seemed like every day, there was at least one fight over something totally idiotic.

I think that us being forced to live with one or two other people our own age has made us much more accepting. We realize that we better get along well together so that life here on campus is not a year of total hell.

The maturity level is also much higher here. Every high school has its bad seeds, the bullies, punks or whatever. These people have been virtually eliminated by the option of higher education. So, everyone seems to get along pretty well so far, but it’s still early. People have to learn to be forgiving and less greedy in order for this year to turn out good.

Brian Fidler first-year student

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.
FEATURES

Being environmentally sound at SHU

By Gabriel Bonanni
Contributing Writer

It's a small world and more and more people are disrespectfully using it up its limited space with their modern conveniences. This bombardment ultimately leads to pollution of the environment. Much of the pollution that endangers the outdoor environment is a result of indoor life. But, disregarding the earth in other areas than indoors is also a very serious epidemic.

The Sacred Heart community is an ever-expanding population in a relatively small area. It appears threatening to the environment. In students seem to be concerned about the earth, in principle. However in practice, efforts range from wholehearted commitment and abstinence to blatant contravention.

"Pollution is horrible. We're not treating Mother Nature the way she deserves," comments Jennifer Hudson, a junior from Bridgeport.

An obvious example of this effort on campus concerns throwing things away. A random glance reveals metals and plastics in recycling bins and trash in plastic barrels, in accordance with the recycling policy. At other times though, students carelessly throw everything in the trash (as had long been the norm). But, the highest level of defiance is seen in garbage being deliberately tossed in recycling containers.

Larry Wehr, director of Buildings and Grounds, echoes the disgrace. "Instead of finding the appropriate receptacles filled with recyclables, we find them full of anything but that. They become just another garbage can."

Williams' department maintains the entire campus. Maintenance entails keeping track of every daily chemical use, services and ventilation, in addition to disposal. In cooperation with the Residential Life Office, they initiated a campus recycling program, which handles office paper, cardboard and aluminum cans.

These materials are collected respectively in cardboard office boxes, a large on-campus dumpster, and blue bins throughout the Academic Building and residence halls.

William's is concerned due to the fact that carting costs are substantial. "We're not treating Mother Nature with the respect she deserves," comments Jennifer Hudson, a junior from Bridgeport.

The party poison that kills.

By Jennifer Osimanti
Contributing Writer

On September 28th, Scott Krueger, 18, a freshman at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) died as a result of alcohol poisoning after a night of drinking with his fraternity "big brother."

A similar case occurred at Louisiana State University in August. One student died and another was hospitalized in the intensive care unit as a result of a binge that was part of a fraternity initiation.

Here at Sacred Heart, since the beginning of the fall semester, there have been four SHU students that have been diagnosed with alcohol poisoning.

While polling students on campus, a former South Hall resident assistant told me, "It's no surprise. Young students (especially freshmen) come here and have a new freedom. They frequently lose control of their drinking without really realizing it until they are really drunk."

Alcohol poisoning is the result of high blood alcohol concentrations (BAC). You've heard it all before: weight, time, and quantity determine how fast and how drunk you get. A BAC level above 0.3 can lead to unconsciousness, breathing failure, and in extreme cases, death. Krueger, of MIT, had a BAC level of 0.410 percent. Authorities estimate he consumed approximately 16 drinks.

Alcohol is considered a poison. It tastes good because drinks usually have a lot of sugar and other chemicals added to make it appealing to the senses. However, the body knows that alcohol is a toxin and begins to work to counteract the process, that begins with the first drink.

To produce its "drunk" effects, alcohol draws out the fluids from the internal organs to dilute the poison that has been introduced into the body. As this occurs, metabolism and adrenal gland production speed up to help remove the alcohol as quickly as possible. This production of the adrenals, otherwise known as adrenaline, may explain the "buzz" that felt initially. If drinking continues, this internal process will dehydrate the body. Even more alcohol is taken in, the body must make a decision. Does it keep the alcohol in the body and let its destroy brain cells or will it sacrifice its vital fluids, dehydrate, and possibly die, from a lack of fluid? The body is stuck. So what does it do? It vomits. At this point, if any more alcohol is ingested, the body shuts down and passes out.

Alcohol does not act as a stimulant, but as a depressant. It switches off nerve impulses to the area of the brain that controls memory, judgement, and coordination. Besides alcohol poisoning, there are a myriad of things that can happen.

Personal trauma due to accidents or violence, injury to others as a result of drunk driving, and date rape are just a few of the other things that can happen. Abuse of alcohol can also cause permanent mental impairment as a result of the destruction of brain cells.

There are many consequences to alcohol poisoning. One, and the least harmful, is a painful hangover. Headache, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue are some of the symptoms of a hangover.

Alcohol-induced coma can land a drinker in the hospital, or even worse, the morgue.

The visit to the hospital is not a pleasant one. First on the agenda is to have a tube inserted through the throat and into the stomach, so that the contents can be pumped out.

My brother was rushed to the hospital for acute alcohol poisoning while I was stationed in Japan at the same time he was. I..."I tried to recreate their natural habitat..."

...and pass out.

Another Concern of the Environmental Club, that has been shared by many members of the community, regards the utensils in the dining hall.

The club's suggestion to change from styrofoam to washable plastic cups and to maintain the supply of silverware instead of plasticware is reportedly being considered by FLIR.

Senior member Marisa Cadenazzi from Newport, R.I., once heard a friend say, "You know, I think I have to join that club. It seems like you are doing a lot."

One of the group's most ambitious past projects was a mission to nearby "90 Acres Park," or "Park 90," as it is known to many students. A dozen members, within a few hours, picked a total of five tons of trash.

"We're clean and we're green. We're getting it done."

Freshmen member Diana Bishop joined the club "because she was concerned about the environment."

The Environmental Club recently sponsored a bulletin board promoting recycling. This is also the subject of a workshop they will be attending at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby later this month.

In the future they will be accepting contributions towards adopting a manatee, a whale, and a section of the coral reef. All of which are ocean life, endangered by pollutants such as plastic.

..."We're not treating Mother Nature with the respect she deserves."

"Pollution is horrible. We're not treating Mother Nature with the respect she deserves.

Clark, president of the club and a senior from Calais, Maine, has seen membership double since her sophomore year to over a dozen active members.

"We're getting it done."
Senior gives all to community

PERSONAL BACKGROUND: 20; born in Far Rockaway, N.Y.

EDUCATION: Nadia Kendall, a senior at Sacred Heart University, is majoring in biology. She anticipates graduation in May of 1998. In 1994 she graduated from Beach Channel High School in Rockaway Park.

OCCUPATION: Computer lab assistant for the last three years, assisting students with problems they may experience. Problems that Kendall deals with on a daily basis are viruses and application problems. Kendall is a part-time waitress at Ruby Tuesday’s, located at the Trumbull Shopping Park.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: Assists elderly patients with exercises, crafts and games at Saint Vincent’s Medical Center since 1995; girl scout leader once a week, for two hours helping girls with issues dealing with self-esteem. As a girl scout leader, “I try to show them they are capable of doing anything they put their mind to.” Kendall currently gets paid working while working at an animal hospital. However, since 1991 she volunteered at a local animal hospital in Rockaway. “I love volunteering; it makes me feel really good.”

ON JOB OPPORTUNITY: Kendall who wishes to work with animals says, “I’m thinking about opening up a rescue service for cats with the help of a business major from back home.”

FUTURE PLANS: Someday Kendall wants to join the Army Reserve where she hopes to gain experience for veterinary science. Possibly Kendall would like to volunteer with Peace Corps, “I love working with kids and it’s a volunteer program.”

HOBBIES: video games, music, Japanese animation (sailor moon), helping needy.

ON JUGGLING IT ALL: “I always think positive and do everything with a smile no matter how much it may bring me down.”

Compiled by Wayne Kosminoff, Co-Features Editor

To Your Health

By Carmela Chisholm

A Veggie Vaccine

I hate going to the doctor. They’re mean people who like to poke things in their patients for fun. Haven’t you ever noticed that sadistic gleam in their eyes as they fill the syringe? They’re sick. Of course that doesn’t say a great deal about me does it? After all, I’m pre-med (hee hee.)

Phobia of needles is a serious problem. It’s almost as bad as pimplophobia, the fear of being forced to listen to a certain, unnamed radio station.

But fear not fellow sufferers. Science is on its way to finding a shot for the fear of needles. (Please tell me you got that one!)

A few weeks ago, in my infinite search for new column ideas, I was thumbing through an edition of the Connecticut Post. I found a most interesting article. It certainly made my day. But if you’re one of those people who had to be bribed to eat your veggies, you may not be as joyous.

Researchers at Thomas Jefferson University may have found a way for you to get your shots by eating genetically engineered veggies.

As far as I’m concerned, taking a big bite of broccoli infected with measles doesn’t exactly make me feel less nauseous than a shot, but its a start.

First of all, a vaccine is a dose of either a dead or weakened disease that is injected into the body. The body responds by forming antibodies or fighters against the intruders. Once your body knows how to fight a disease, it never forgets. Next time those same intruders come back, your body is ready with the right artillery. It’s almost like a biological game of Battleship!

Vaccines are normally given in the form of a shot; however, that’s not always easy to get. It’s not only expensive, but it’s terribly icky. Eating vaccines would not only be cheaper but a heck of a lot less traumatic for the kiddies.

Scientists take viruses that normally infect certain vegetables, like spinach. They then insert proteins from human diseases into the virus’ genetic material. The virus then multiples inside the plant along with the disease proteins. Hopefully, when eaten, the vegetable will cause an immune response in the same way that a normal vaccine would. Pretty cool huh?

Scientists still aren’t sure whether this approach will work, but it certainly sounds complicated enough to.

So, next time you’re watching those really old Saturday morning cartoons, think for a minute. After all, Popeye was the one who came up with the whole spinach idea in the first place.

A Nightmare on Drug Street

The last in a series of Alcohol Awareness films will be shown all day tomorrow in Hawley Lounge.

A Fact: On an average weekend night, one out of every ten drivers is drunk.
Nicole S. Rodriguez
Her whole life ahead of her
But that's behind her now.
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If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.
Staub's 'If the SHU Fits' is a hit

By Tara S. Deenihan
Assistant A&E Editor

Cartoonist Jeremy Staub has become an instant celebrity on campus. The 21-year-old junior from Mechanicsburg, Pa., is the creator of "If the SHU Fits," an editorial cartoon that made its debut this fall in the Spectrum.

On a weekly basis, Staub's pen-and-ink drawings explore many slices of campus life, ranging from the quality of the food in the dining hall and the public safety department's concentration on parking violations to the new health and recreation center's fees.

"If the SHU Fits" became an instant celebrity on campus. By Tara S. Deenihan

"Jeremy has proven to have a strong satirical wit in both the rendering and conceptual aspects of what he is doing," said Jack deGraffenried, an associate professor of art. "As early as first, second grade, my notebooks were filled with doodles," added Staub.

It was deGraffenried who encouraged Staub to submit his work to the Spectrum. Two of his cartoons appeared in the paper last spring, the first of which ran with a story about athletes and drinking.

When this year's Spectrum editor, Gina Norelli, began to assemble a staff, she filled the cartoonist slot with Staub. As the first semester draws to a close, she is even more impressed by the caliber of his creativity.

"When he began doing work for features, I thought his talent was far above everyone else's," Norelli said. "His work this fall has definitely exceeded my expectations."

Staub, an illustration major, hopes to parlay his "If the SHU Fits" series into a career as an editorial cartoonist, perhaps with a syndicate.

In the meantime, he will continue to scrutinize and portray the life he sees on campus.

Some information was provided by Frank Todaro, Contributing Writer.

"Starship Troopers" proves a fun ride at theaters

By Tara S. Deenihan
Assistant A&E Editor

"Starship Troopers" could be this fall's block-buster. It opened Friday night to packed theaters and proved itself worthy of the audience.

The story, based on the Robert A. Heinlein novel, takes place in the year 2013. The Earth is threatened by an alien race of insects from a distant planet. Klendathu, the insects' home planet, is surrounded by a ring of meteors whose paths are manipulated by the insects to send them hurling into the Earth.

When a meteor destroys Buenos Aires, the Earth declares war on the "archenemies." Forces are sent to the hostile planet, completely unprepared for what is waiting.

Casper Van Dien plays Johnny Rico, the movie's hero. Johnny joins the military straight out of high school along with his girlfriend Carmen (Denise Richards), best friend Carl (Neil Patrick Harris), and football teammate Dixey (Dina Meyer).

In addition to these newcomers, "Troopers" also features Michael Ironside ("Robocop") and Clancy Brown ("Highlander") as military officers.

Although all the actors give solid performances, the plot is weakened by smaller storylines like the continuing saga of Carmen and Johnny. The soap operas were unnecessary for a political war movie.

Get the love triangles out of the way, though, and "Starship Troopers" really picks up. The war with the bugs is fast-paced, aggressive and filled with humor and carnage. The bodies pile up for both the bugs and the humans, and for most of the film no one is sure just who's winning.

"Starship Troopers" is a fun ride, even if the green bug blood gets pretty disgusting. Among the new wave of alien movies, "Troopers" is one of the best.
**‘Nights’ gives a good time**

By Jim Frimpter, Jr. Contributing Writer

Are you tired of the same old, boring, predictable movies that are out in the cinemas now? There is finally a film that is worth seeing that is out in local theatres. The movie is “Boogie Nights,” a great piece of filmmaking.

This is a film that breaks away from the same kind of horror, science fiction and romance movies that seem to be overtaking the cinema now. Here is a film that goes out on its own.

The film has many stars in it. The leading roles are Mark Wahlberg (a.k.a. "Marky Mark"), Burt Reynolds, and Julianne Moore. The supporting cast includes many other stars like William H. Macy ("Fargo," "Air Force One"), Don Cheadle ("Volcano"), Esai Morales ("La Bamba") and several others.

The film opens the late 1970s and early 1980s and runs two hours and 40 minutes, but the film goes along so well that time is insignificant.

The film is about the trials and tribulations of the adult film industry and the people behind it. The lead role is played by Wahlberg and he plays the part so well that you would not have thought that he was a former rapper. He plays Dirk Digler, your basic kid who dreams of being a star and has, in reality, a nothing job and a dysfunctional family. This is the case until Reynolds’ character, a porn-film director, finds a “special” something in Digler that could be used in his films. The rest of the movie goes by having Digler going through the ins and outs of the pornography industry. Digler becomes a star. In turn the star fame goes to Dirk’s head and he becomes full of himself.

The reason why the movie was good was because it dealt with real issues of people getting ahead then falling back.

The movie is an excellent film, but one has to be careful of who you want to bring to the movie. The movie is about pornography so it does have heavy sexual content, graphic language and violence.

Overall, this movie could win awards, especially for Paul Thomas Anderson, writer, producer and director of the film. "Boogie Nights" is rated "R" and is playing in several local theaters.

**Tunes from ‘Life anything but ‘Ordinary’**

By Stephanie Smith A&E Editor

"A Life Less Ordinary" is a Twentieth Century Fox movie, a clever, idealistic phrase and a soundtrack from Polygram Records that is a package of techno, alternative rock and classic tunes.

The film, starring Ewan McGregor ("Trainspotting") and Cameron Diaz ("My Best Friend's Wedding"), is about kid-napping and falling in love.

The soundtrack is reminiscent of fast-paced action and slow, love scenes. Featured artists include Beck, REM, Elvis Presley and Prodigy.

Beck’s "Deadweight" is the catchy tune from the film’s television commercials and the soundtrack’s opening track that draws the listener to a laid back world. Ash, an Irish punk band, performs a song with the same name as the film that is charged with witless, angst-generated energy. Cleverly placed back-to-back are REM’s "Leave" and Fall’s "Don’t Leave."

For techno-pop fans, the soundtrack includes tracks from Luscious Jackson, Folk Implo and The Cardigans.

From the King of Rock and Roll, a love song by my Minif" appears and big-band nostalgia group Squirrel Nut Zippers performs "Put a Lid on It."

Even without seeing the film, it is easy to listen to the soundtrack and imagine a story (the liner pictures of McGregor and Diaz help, too). The album is pieced together in a way that points out the highlights and slow moments of life.

And it is wrapped up with a great big Prodigy bow.

The film is playing everywhere and the soundtrack is available at local record stores.

Ewan McGregor dances the night away in "A Life Less Ordinary".
Captains ready for season
Hoops tries to fill void left by graduated Doyle

With the return of one of the best all-around players in the conference along with experience and depth and the influx of a top-notch recruiting class, the Sacred Heart University basketball squad, 12-16 a season ago, expects to finish high among the ranks in 1997-98: the nation's leading scorer and NECC Honorable Mention Joe Doyle. The 6-foot-6 forward averaged 30.7 per game and last season was the nation's leading scorer and All-American selection last year and scored 1,235 points in his two season's at Mt. Ida.

Skaters take to the ice

The Sacred Heart University women's ice hockey team comes into their second-season with high expectations and a new head coach as Trina Bourget takes over a team that went 9-3-1 last season.

On defense, Sacred Heart is led by sophomore Kristine Raab (Sag Harbor, N.Y.) and Jen Appleton (Framingham, Mass.) and Tricia Pozzi (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.) should also make an impact for Coach Trina Bourget's squad.

In goal, Sacred Heart returns both Anna Alveari (Islip, N.Y.) and Stephanie Marchand (Newtown, Mass.) between the pipes. Alveari received much of the work in goal a year ago, starting all thirteen games and posted a 2.23 goal against average.

The Lady Pioneers take to the ice on Saturday at the University of Maine.

Quote of the Week: "We think our day is going to come. That's my dream. One day, in my lifetime, to have some type of professional league in the United States for women. It's time."

-- Sheryl Swoopes, NCAA Champion Women's Pro Basketball Player

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Lady Pioneers return to the lanes at EIBC journey

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

Riders tie for first

By Corinne Waldheim
Sports Editor

Equestrian will be represented by a team in both conference divisions, Classic and Metro. Classic is a higher averaging division than the Metro, Last season's team captain, Jen Swanson (Shelton), received the Most Valuable Player award in the Metro Division for the second consecutive year. In the final conference week of the year, Cheryl Ninno (Rye Brook, N.Y.) had 30 consecutive clean frames, averaging 191. "I have gained a lot of experience bowling with the other girls on the team," said Ninno, now a senior. "We help each other and work off one another's games!"

Also finishing first was Heidi Berndt in Novice Fences and Channon Ames in Novice-Flat and Fences.

Rounding out the blue ribbons were Alycia Cantelmo in Advanced Walk Trot "T" and Amanda D'Amauro in Novice Walk Trot. Senior Arizbet Arredondo competed in her last collegiate show as her graduation date approaches in December. She finished third in Novice Fences and fourth in flats. Yale followed SHU as the third point team. Equestrian will resume competition on March 1, at the Yale University's Polo and Equestrian Center in New Haven.

WOMEN'S BOWLING

By Corinne Waldheim
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart women's bowling team will throw its first competitive shots of the 1997-98 season Sunday in Syosset, N.Y.

Last year the Lady Pioneers finished second in the Metro Division of the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference and were ranked fifth in the nation by the Bowling Writer's Association of America. "All of the returning members learned a great deal last year," said Coach Becky Kregling. "With more experience there is no telling how far they can go."

In 1996-97, they finished second in a field of eight teams in the predominately male competition. The women were followed by William Paterson and the SHU women's second team.

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Ninno and sophomores Kristy Newman (Point Pleasant, N.J.) and Chrissy Anania (Bristol, R.I.) were named to the second all-conference team.

"You have to work together and depend on each other to be successful in this sport," said Newman, who averaged 191. In the Classic Division, the women will compete with male counterparts from St. Peter's, Bryant and Monclair colleges, as well as St. John's, William Paterson and Sacred Heart universities.

Sacred Heart will look to transfer student Andrea Gardner (Troy, N.Y.), who averaged 193 last season at Hudson Valley C.C. and freshman Jackie Olzewski (Bingon, Pa.) for new blood. "We were a young team last year and now I feel we have a little more experience and a lot more potential," said sophomore Lisa Laursen (Staten Island, N.Y.).

On the national front, Morehead State and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, last year's intercollegiate bowling champions, won the first two bid tournaments respectively, this fall.

This year's EIBC will be held in Wisconsin, contrary to an earlier announcement that Atlanta would host the contest. The next EIBC contest will be on Nov. 22 in Bellevue, N.J.
Women's teams outnumber men's at SHU

Growing up, I was considered different from the rest of the girls in my town. I looked the same, walked the same and even spoke with that tough-girl combination of Brooklyn and Queens accent that everyone in my town possesses, but one thing remained different for a good portion of my adolescence. I got to play with the boys.

There weren't many girls team's in my town and if there were, I was on them. I played soccer and ran track. All my teammates on soccer were girls and I competed in the gender-divided track meets as well. But when it came to baseball, I was the only girl. Sure, there were female softball teams but they were really competing a few miles away, but why should my parents have to travel to support me? But when it came to soccer, we played boys. It was acceptable in that instance.

In the small town of Broad Channel, a mile-long island located between Queens and Long Is­land, N.Y., my participation in boys' baseball was definitely a turning point that opened the flood gates for the establishment of girls' softball. I became the catalyst that pushed Sacred Heart University over the gender edge?

At SHU, women's teams out­number men's, 15 to 14. This was not always the case as women's teams weren't even represented until 1973. 10 years after the school opened. It probably had something to do with Title Nine.

The fall semester encompasses eight of SHU's teams, including field hockey, equestrian and golf. During the same season, just six of SHU's teams compete. This could account for women's teams receiving more coverage in the Spectrum.

This is also the case at the University of Connecticut, where the total female/male team ratio is 10:9. At Fairfield University, men have 11 teams while women are represented by 10.

This was a pleasant change for me. When I came to Sacred Heart, I was looking for an envi­ronment that reminded me of home. The small — but ever-growing — campus and low student/teacher ratio was cer­tainly attractive. I never imag­ined the possibility of participat­ing on a women's ice hockey, rugby or lacrosse team.

Women's ice hockey has had considerable success, returning for its second competitive year after a 9-3-1 record under former Coach Dave LaLiberty. This year, the Lady Skaters have a new skipper at the helm in Coach Trina Bourget.

With the exit of field hockey/ lacrosse team Coach Robin Schwartz last June, the fate of the lacrosse program is still in question as the coaching position remains vacant.

Women's rugby may not be a varsity sport, but its athletes train and prepare for their con­tests with the same determina­tion and vigor as any other team on campus. You have to give women credit for risking life and man­euver to scrum on a daily basis.

Behind the success and ex­istence of one of the largest ath­letic programs in the northeast is Director Don Cook. He over­sees, assisted by Elizabeth Lacklie, the daily victories, de­feats and sometimes drama of 29 teams, as compared to Fairfield University's 24 and UConn's 19.

Lady Spikers under .500 after weekend losses

By Julie Nevero

Assistant Sports Editor

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**Football: Gridders ready for St. John's competition**

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By Corinne A. Waldheim

Sacred Heart men's bowling team begins its season at the first Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Con­ference in Syosset, N.Y. on Sunday.

"The youth of our team makes me very optimistic," said senior Marc Kozak (Albany, N.Y.).

The team, returning just four members from last season, will be represented by separate squads competing in the Classic and Metro divisions.

Last year the Pioneers fin­ished in third place in the Classic division and were fifth in the Metro division.

This year, Sacred Heart will compete with St. John's, Rutgers and Princeton, among others. The Red Storm was ranked second by the Bowling Writer's Associa­tion of America last year.

Led by Kozak, Sacred Heart has journeyed from Connecticut to Reno, Nev., in an attempt to make a name for itself in the collegiate arena. They were seeded 20th in last year's third and final B W A A rankings. Junior Jim White and sophomore Tony Lopes are the only returning members of the varsity squad. Returning sophomore Lance LaValet will also add support to the line-up. This year the team has good team chemistry, something we were lacking last year," said Lopes.

Newcomers Curtis Thompson Jr. (Windsor) and Jason Navao (Brunford) will be vi­sible competitors, bringing con­siderable knowledge of the sport to the team, with numerous Jun­ior Bowling Tournament titles.

The Pioneers will travel to several tournaments during the year with certain goals in mind. The first: capture a bid to the Intercollegiate Bowling Cham­pionships, which will be held in Wisconsin contrary to the George­gia site that was announced at the National Championships last April. In the past few years the competition was held in Carson City, Nev., Knoxville, Tenn. and Kansas City, Mo.

The second goal is to place well enough in the tournaments to earn a higher ranking in the Bowling Writer's Association of America rankings. A third goal is for team members to make the all-team tournament at the competi­tions. This is accomplished by averaging high enough to fin­ish in the top five individual positions.

Two national bids have al­ready been claimed this year by one of SHU's closest rivals, St. John's' and midwestern competi­tor Central Missouri State. Four­teen national seeds remain.
The Pitt Center will house some of bowling’s top male and female professionals as well as lanes.

Despite its 19-7 loss to Pace University last Saturday, the Sacred Heart football team had a good showing. The Pioneers now have a 1-8 record.

"It was a special game for us. Almost all the seniors started," said co-captain Adam Fuller.

One would think the rain was a distraction for both SHU and Pace, but neither team proved it was.

Less than three minutes into the contest, the Pioneers scored on a run by senior quarterback, Peter Flora. A successful kick by junior Lou Monaco gave the team a 7-0 advantage.

"I don't think it (the rain) had either a positive or negative effect because in the last few weeks we have been a team that not only runs, but throws a considerable amount," said Monaco.

"I didn't have an effect on us, therefore both teams had to play under the same conditions."

At 4:55, a fumble by SHU gave Pace the ball. The Setters quickly scored another touchdown and this time the extra point attempt was successful putting them ahead, 13-7.

Stingy defense in the second quarter left the score at its first quarter equivalent heading into the half.

"That's probably the best defensive effort this year," said Pioneer defensive tackle Greg Nota.

"We shut down Pace's inside line and 180 women."

"We played better going into this game," said Coach Tom Radulski added. "We came out early and had a lot of momentum going."

The Pioneers kept pressure on the Setters, but with 8:52 left in the first quarter, a touchdown was made by Pace. The Setters, however, didn't gain the extra point leaving the Pioneers ahead 7-6.

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The Pioneers now host the 1998 U.S. Open at the Pitt Center. The Open will have a unique look compared to past shows.

The U.S. Open comes to SHU

By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

The William H. Pitt Center will be the site for the 1998 U.S. Open Finals from April 8-11.

Sacred Heart will host bowling’s premiere event including 180 men and 180 women.

"I don't believe that people know the sport like football or basketball," said Gary Reho, director of the Pitt Center. "Once it becomes more exposed, I think this will change."

Temporary lanes provided by Brunswick manufacturers will be installed in the University’s Health and Recreational Center for four days during Holy Week.

The pool of bowlers competing will be Pro bowlers and local and state tournament qualifiers. A 90-minute national telecast will be aired covering the Open. The date and time has not been released.

The Open will have a unique look compared to past shows.

The last U.S. Open was held in the fall of 1996. A Pro Am and qualifiers will be held at AMF Milford Bowl’s 60-lane center.

Marketing for the tournament, owned by the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, will be Strike Ten Entertainment who is leasing the Pitt Center from Sacred Heart.

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Members from both the men’s and women’s bowling programs will be employed for the event.

The Sacred Heart football team fell to 1-8 last week against pace University at Campus Field.