Eight gunshots fired at Parkridge

By Elizabeth Hyer
Contributing Writer

Eight shots were fired at Parkridge from a vehicle driving south on Park Avenue on Oct. 22 at approximately 9:24 p.m.

No students were injured in the shooting, however some vehicles sustained damages.

According to William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, "Three vehicles were hit. Two in the street and one in the parking lot."

Kim Kelley, a junior from Annapolis, Md. was one of the students whose car received damage. "I was inside and I thought it was firecrackers. I was devastated when I went outside to find out that my car was shot at," said Kelley.

Razz Lipomi, a junior from Bethpage, N.Y. said, "I am upset it took so long for the police to arrive on the scene. If they would have come sooner, we might have some more of our questions answered," said Marta Grandeo, a junior from Deer Park, N.Y.

There was an overload of concerned students outside of Parkridge after the police arrived on the scene. "I am extremely pissed off that it had to come down to this. You can't even feel safe in the environment in which you live," stated Vincent Marano, a junior from Bethpage, N.Y.

As of Monday, new information has been made available but the Bridgeport Police department is still investigating.

A possible lead is the plate number of a car similar to one used in the shooting.

The meeting was run by Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life and Housing Services; Larry Wielk, Dean of Students; William O'Connell, director of Public Safety; Officer Dwayne Harrison, full-time Bridgeport Police Officer and part-time Public Safety Officer at Parkridge and Sr. Anne Nadeau, director of personal counseling. Other staff members from the counseling centers attended as well.

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The Community Watch that began last week was appreciated by the Administration as well as Public Safety.

"We want to thank all of the students for agreeing to help us," said Wielk. "We are not going to go forward with that project any longer. We feel based on what happened last night it is in the best interest of the student not to put the students in that type of position," Wielk added.

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Officials react to shooting

By Wendi Plescia
Co-News Editor

A mandatory meeting was held in the Mahogany Room last Thursday for all Parkridge residents to inform them of what the University's response was to the shooting that occurred and how they are going to provide better safety and security for the residents.

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The Warrens return

By Bruce Carlson and J. Willow Warren

The recent subject of skepticism and world famous ghost hunters will present their evidence, beliefs and experiences to the SHU community tomorrow night, Halloween, in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center at 9 p.m.

Ed Warren, director of the New England Society for Psychic Research, and his wife Lorraine, a gifted psychic, have investigated more than 420 paranormal phenomena, including 42 exorcisms.

"I feel my job is helping people and to share with people my experiences with this work," said Ed Warren in a recent article in the Connecticut Post written by Mike Patrick.

Warrens spoke of the "White Lady" who allegedly haunts Union Cemetery in Easton.

"She appears to be a white luminescent," Warren said.

In 1991, he filmed her in the middle of the night. Ridley Scott, of "Alien," is making a film containing Warren's footage, which was shown in the 1994 lecture.

The Warrens have taught classes on the paranormal and demonology. With his wife, Ed has written nine books and a nationally syndicated column.

Tickets are $1 for students and $3 for all others. Tickets can be purchased in the dining hall this evening. If you want a real scare!

Editor's note: Bruce Carlson is news co-editor and J. Willow Warren is a contributing writer.
**News Briefs**

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Speakers will include Dr. Derek Davenport of the University of Connecticut, Dr. Paul Jones of Purdue University, Dr. Jeffrey Seeman of Philip Morris Research Center and Dr. Linda Farber of Sacred Heart University.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

**Timber! Metal sculpture worships ground**

The artwork titled "Eidolon" by Niki Ketchman was altered from its original upright position due to weather or vandalism. Here, first-year student Amanda Damour wonders what happened to it.

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**WHRT upgrades signal**

By Brad Wilson

Sacrepected Heart University's station has recently acquired three new transmitters to enhance its signal and reach a larger audience.

"People need to be more aware of our radio station and the first step is to transmit to more listeners," said sophomore Lisa Plo, news manager and disc jockey at WHRT.

Senior Matt Fortney, station manager, submitted a request earlier this semester to the University's finance board stating the need for new transmitters, casting three years ago, it used three new transmitters to enhance its signal and reach a larger audience.

"Nobody at Parkridge has ever been able to listen to our broadcasts," said Fortney. "We need to be able to reach more of the Sacred Heart community.

Since the station began broadcasting three years ago, it used one transmitter that stands at the top of the Admissions Building.

The others will be at Parkridge and across Hill, but will not be serviceable until space to install them becomes available and a telephone will carry the signal. That may not be until next spring.

When the transmitters are installed, the station programs will broadcast to a larger audience and have a much sharper signal," said junior Joe Avino, a sportscaster for the station.

**Pranks cause fires**

By Gina Norelli

A microwave in a fourth-floor South Hall kitchen went up in flames Sunday at 1:57 a.m. after someone placed into it a metal sink strainer, a water bottle and said "start" and ran off.

Though the damages were contained to the microwave, the entire building had to evacuate until the smoke subsided. One resident required medical assistance for smoke inhalation from trying to extinguish the fire.

Now the investigation has been turned over to Fairfield detectives and if they find out who was responsible, the person(s) will face criminal charges for reckless endangerment and possible conspiracy.

We suspect it was a prank," said Bill O'Connell, director of Public Safety.

This fire marked the third consecutive microwave fire in the building.

According to Jennifer Bayly, South Hall RHD, two other fires occurred as a result of someone placing popcorn into microwaves on the fifth floor for well over ten minutes each last Thursday and Friday evening.

Since microwave popcorn takes just a few minutes to cook and no one was tending to it, these incidents appear to be intentional rather than accidental.

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A fire at 170 Unquowa Hill Road in Bridgeport has left five Sacred Heart commuter students unable to return to their home and are temporarily living with friends at the University.

On Oct. 24 at 5:16 a.m., the Bridgeport Fire Department was notified. West Side Assistant Chief Bruce Ponnelt responded, along with a rescue unit, four engines and two ladders. At 5:44 a.m., the fire was declared out of control.

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Critics give library failing grade

By Brian Corasaniti
Assistant News Editor

Lately, there has been great discord from the SHU community over the quality of the Ryan-Matura Library. The library currently contains 172,500 print volumes, compared to over 226,000 at the University of Bridgeport and 260,593 at Fairfield University. "I think it could have more books. It needs to be updated," said Colleen Shaw, a sophomore from Newburgh, N.Y.

Some staff members are upset over what they feel is a lack of support from the Administration.

"It seems like Cemera is putting more money into other things than the library," said Mike Powers, a library staff member and junior from Fairlawn, N.J.

The library budget has not been cut, but it has not been increased either. Given the financial circumstances, I would hope that they (the Administration) could help, because the library needs it," said Dorothy Kijanka, the University librarian.

The Administration says that keeping the library updated and current is a very difficult task.

The prospect of keeping up with all the information is a declining probability," said Dr. Thomas Forget, executive assistant to the president.

Staff members say students at SHU are not the only ones who are hurt by the lack of content in the library. "It is used by a lot of people, not just students. People from St. Vincent's come here too. We need to have the right books," said Dan Fero, a library staff member and first-year student from Waiverly, N.Y.

"I never see us getting new books. We can do the Interlibrary loan, but it is a pain for the people who want the books," added Fero.

The handicap doors are an insult to handicap people. Dr. Harnett knows about this and he doesn't do anything," a staff member said.

"Dr. Harnett, provost and vice president for academic affairs whose jurisdiction covers the library, was unavailable for comment."

But, Dr. Forget says that "as a Humanity Scholar, Dr. Harnett is deeply committed to the library."

"Many in the staff say they cannot do anything to remedy the circumstances at the library until they have support from Administration.

"Cemera is not doing anything and our library cannot do anything if Cemera is not doing anything," a staff member said.

Dr. Cemera was unavailable for comment.

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Public Safety incidents from Oct. 20 to Oct. 27

Oct. 20; 11:24 a.m.- Park Ave. house fire alarm caused by person working; Fairfield Fire Dept. responded.

4:41 p.m.- Bicycle vandalized while secure at the South Hall bike rack.

5:27 p.m.- Park Ave. House fire alarm caused by person working on the system.

Oct. 21: 12:43 a.m.- South Hall resident reported receiving harassing calls.

1:41 a.m.- Public Safety Officer observed a smashed window in exterior doors across from the gym.

5:07 a.m.- Parkridge Officer reports a discharged fire extinguisher; it was replaced.

1:41 p.m.- Park Ave. fire alarm caused by a worker creating dust.

3:37 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by discharged fire extinguisher.

4:14 p.m.- Student reported ill in the South Wing; Public Safety moved student to Health Center.

Oct. 22: 2:18 a.m.- A visitor reported vehicle broken into in the South Lot and cellular phone was stolen.

8:56 a.m.- Taft resident reported being involved in a motor vehicle accident off campus; student was provided with information on contacting the police.

10:11 a.m.- Resident student reported her vehicle was broken into while parked in the Jewish Community Center parking lot.

10:59 a.m.- Minor motor vehicle accident reported in the North Lot.

4:00 p.m.- Staff member reported hazy smoke in the Science Wing; investigation revealed dust on the heating pipes caused the condition.

7:27 p.m.- Student reported his vehicle was vandalized, and property was stolen, in the North Lot.

9:23 p.m.- Parkridge Officer radioed to dispatch a vehicle pulled in front of Parkridge and fired gun shots. Bridgeport Police responded and are investigated (See related story).

10:02 p.m.- Student reported vehicle was broken into and stereo equipment was stolen from it while parked in the Library Lot on Oct. 9.

11:52 p.m.- Student reported suspicious males outside Jefferson Hill; Officer responded and area clear.

Oct. 23: 2:27 a.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by activated smoke detector on 2nd floor; unknown cause.

4:16 p.m.- West Hall resident reported their first floor window screen was bent, and someone may have tried to enter through the window.

11:37 p.m.- South Hall resident reported a domestic dispute with her boyfriend.

Oct. 24: 3:29 a.m.- Officer observed a male sleeping in a vehicle in the South Lot. Investigation revealed he was a friend of a resident; he was told to leave campus.

4:21 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by burn popcorn on the 5th floor kitchen; significant smoke condition encountered. Fairfield Fire Dept. responded.

5:30 a.m.- Resident reported a suspicious vehicle in North Lot; Officer checked lots; vehicle left.

11:15 a.m.- Staff member reported theft of a laptop computer from Academic Building.

4:13 p.m.- Faculty member reported a poster missing from her office in the South Wing.

10:50 p.m.- Parents of female student complained about male students talking to their daughter in the Faculty/Staff Lot.

11:53 p.m.- Pitt Center custodian reported suffering head injury; employee drove her to hospital.

Oct. 25: 1:44 a.m.- Public Safety Officer reported 3rd floor kitchen of South Hall is missing fire extinguisher.

2:43 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm, 5th floor kitchen, caused by burst pop corn in the microwave.

3:58 a.m.- South Hall resident reported a male refused to leave her room; Public Safety responded and escorted the male out.

6:43 a.m.- Public Safety Officer observed the art Work across from the mailroom was vandalized.

Oct. 26: 1:57 a.m.- South Hall student reported a fire in the 4th floor kitchen microwave. One student was treated by the Fire Dept. for smoke inhalation.

2:44 a.m.- Public Safety broke up a fight in front of South Hall between two students.

3:38 a.m.- Public Safety Officers observed additional discharged fire extinguishers in South Hall; all were replaced.

5:45 a.m.- Taft resident reported their vehicle broken into while parked on the street by Taft.

9:01 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm caused by smoking.

Oct. 27: 1:02 a.m.- Public Safety Officer observed a suspicious vehicle with three males in South Lot. Fairfield Police were called; all three males were South Hall residents.

Photo by Kerrie Durans

Laura Fosco retrieves important information from the Library.
Kids to have Halloween fun at SHU

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

Sacred Heart students from Avalon Gates and South and West Halls will be participating in Halloween activities with grade-school children.

Today at Avalon Gates, a party for children whose families reside at Avalon is being sponsored by Avalon Gates management, Resident Assistants and Hall Council. Sacred Heart students living at the apartment complex have volunteered to set-up and facilitate a wide range of activities including bobbing for apples, baking Rice Krispies treats, decorating "trick-or-treat" bags and making cards for kids to give to their families.

"We are looking forward to playing with the children and hopefully bridging the gap between Sacred Heart students and non-Sacred Heart residents at Avalon," said Jennifer Osowiecki, resident hall director at Avalon Gates.

On Saturday, children involved with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Bridgeport will be at the West Hall Great Room for crafts, games and food.

The children will also "trick-or-treat" through South and West Halls, knocking on doors that display a pumpkin. The pumpkin indicates the 42 rooms which residents have volunteered to hand out candy.

"We want the kids to understand that Sacred Heart students care for them and that they also have a safe environment to trick-or-treat in," said senior Karen Gunther, coordinator of the Sacred Heart Chapter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Officials: Parkridge collaborates

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as a deterrent and to help in the on going investigation as to what has been happening. Mr. O'Connell clarified that there had been eight shots fired instead of six which was determined at the scene of the occurrence on Wednesday.

"There is no speculation as to what the motive was," said O'Connell.

Harrison told the students not to let the shooting scare them.

"Go on with your regular routine and procedure of coming in and going out," he said.

Suggestions were made as to what students could do to protect their vehicles.

"I want to stress the fact of different items to get for you vehicles that pay off. One of them is the Club. The second one is to invest in Kill switches. These items will help to deter car thieves," said Harrison.

"Buicks and Oldsmobiles are the easiest and most common vehicles that are broken into, while with Saturns thieves, they have a difficult time breaking in," Harrison added. Sr. Anne Nadeau, director of personal counseling, along with other members of the Counseling Center, informed students that whatever feelings they have about the situation are natural.

"Whether you are angry, scared, or upset, these feelings are natural," said Nadeau. At the end of the meeting, students were able to ask questions about the situation and were able to respond to what they had just been told.

One of the concerns a student expressed was the pay phone which lies in front of Parkridge. The phone invites anyone to come onto the property. The University is going to move the pay phone. A look into seeing what they can do about removing the phone was suggested.

"There will be a blue light phone at Parkridge within the next month that will help in the safety of the students.

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EDITORIALS
A red flag not to ignore
This semester, there have been more crimes than ever at Sacred Heart University. Five cars have been stolen and dozens have been vandalized. A dangerous high was reached last Wednesday night at Parkridge, when three students were outside when a car drove by and fired eight bullets at a car that was severely vandalized a few days earlier and two other cars. What if the students had been the target instead of the cars?
We believe that some of the off-campus locations where students live are outright dangerous, namely Parkridge and Taft. Both of these places are located in Bridgeport, the most dangerous city in the state. The Sacred Heart campus may be within Fairfield lines, but 277 students are actually living in Bridgeport and are not all at immune to the real dangers that go with living in such a high crime city.
Public Safety cannot control outside individuals who pass through these locations with guns. Nor can it control wiseguys who have nothing better to do than make a living destroying or stealing cars.
The time has come for Sacred Heart to seriously rethink where its students are living. The Administration needs to look for safe places to house residents in towns such as Fairfield or Trumbull. This shooting incident, that serves as a giant red flag, is enough to say that no Sacred Heart resident should live in Bridgeport. Period.
Library should reflect 1990s, not 1960s
When a student approaches the Ryan Matura Library, the outside looks like a really beautiful and modern place. But once you step inside, your perception changes.
You go to the library to look up information. However, there are no books on your topic and when there is a book, it is extremely outdated. As far as magazines go, the selection is very limited and basically null.
Sacred heart students attending college is to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Students look to the library for help, but in actuality it just causes frustration and a need to go elsewhere for information.
All kinds of attention has been placed on the Pitt Center. We believe it's now time to attend to the library and bring it into this decade.

Drive-by shooting at Parkridge sparks sad memory
It's funny how the mind works. Some things, you think you'll never forget, and others you try to bury. Then one word or thought will trigger your memory and the pain or joy returns once again with-)
When I first heard about the drive-by shooting at Parkridge, my mind raced back through time to one year ago. I froze in disbelief and felt a strange occurrence of déjà vu.
I could hear a voice talking on the phone, but I couldn't comprehend what was being said. Could it be? Was this really happening again? I finally snapped out of it. Then I listened to the entire story and heard that no one was hurt. But in certain situations, that is not always the case.
A good friend of mine was shot and killed around this time last year. He was one year older than me, and I still hold the utmost respect for him. My sister dated him for many years. His presence in our house made it seem as if he were part of the family, even after their breakup.
Everyone who knew him admired him for one reason or another. I can't say enough about his admirable qualities and his genuine sincerity.
My mind began to wander again. I remember going to a huge party at his house and his father asked him to get another block of ice. A group of us were playing volleyball and had to wait for his return. The response was, "Yes, sir," and the volleyball game was delayed while the ice was retrieved.
Then there was the time when my family held a going away party for him. My backyard was filled with friends of ours from high school. He stayed after the party and helped clean up the entire yard. He returned the next day, before anyone was awake.

The Writer of Seville
Well, tomorrow is probably one of my favorite holidays for you all in the states, and I am going to miss it! These are the times when fall is going to be hardest to deal with, because it is the time of the year when friends are far away. The downside though, is that classes in Spanish are two-hour-long, boring, and you'll never be able to get through them.
Good thing that they do not take attendance because I do not attend too many of them. I am not here to take classes, but rather experience the culture and people and see the country. Yeah, that's it. So past weekend we spent in Morocco (Africa).
Just being there ten minutes made me totally appreciate everything I have and not worry about what I do not.
The country is very pretty in some parts, but most of it covered with garbage and smells horrible. The epitome of a third or fourth-world country. Morocco is quite dangerous and we were warned by everyone not to go, but I'm stubborn and went anyway.
Even though it was dirty and smelled horrible, many things were very fun.
The beaches were incredibly beautiful, the food was wicked awesome and haggling with the local merchants was a blast.

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How will you be spending Halloween?

Amanda Bertorelli
Scarsdale, N.Y.
Junior
"I will be spending the night out with my roommates."  

Jon Fried
Smithtown, N.Y.
Senior
"Going to the Warrens and then the after party to support Greek Life."  

Kelly Gordon
Hauppauge, N.Y.
First-year student
"I'll be out partying and having a good time with my friends."  

Garfield Thomas
Kingston, Jamaica
Junior
"Going out with my friends for a good time."
The United States is, in my opinion, the greatest nation in the history of humanity. We offer the most opportunities, freedoms and possibilities for our citizens. I am not saying that we are free from error, for I am saying that we are perfect, for no nation inhabited by humans can ever be perfect.

I do believe that we have come quite far, yet we still have far to go. It is for this reason that I ask for your attention. One current problem is that our students have grown complacent in terms of political involvement, and this lack of opinion in the guise of cynicism is threatening our future as a country in an ever increasingly hostile world.

My main concern is that students do not have voice, and because of their silence, will not determine their future.

Last year’s attempt by Congress to decimate student financial aid (including drastic reductions of the allocation of money for Pell grants and Stafford loans) was only curtailed because students across the country spoke up.

The answer is not to sacrifice our greatats at the hands of special interests and the most fortunate. But who among us will speak? Should we rely on the actions of others to defend our destinies?

It is clear in the end that Sacred Heart must get involved.

The reason I write to you today is to involve all who care to join in this struggle. I have (with the help of a group of fellow students) organized a club on campus called the College Democrats to foster the ideals of America, and the democratic party. Ideals that are about liberty, equality and prosperity.

We will focus on a wide range of issues concerning students and hopefully help to reintroduce each other to our beliefs.

We will sponsor activities and events, meet new people in the process and have fun in the meantime.

I will write this monthly column and invite anyone to e-mail questions, hopes, concerns and feedback to me personally at 0004391@shu.sacredheart.edu I look forward to your comments, and hope everyone enjoys the column.
FEATURES

Halloween: traditions and superstitions

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

Tomorrow night, ghouls, monsters, skeletons, and witches across the country will travel through neighborhoods to model their costumes and stock up on candy. Not to mention that the famous "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" cartoon airs on TV as part of tradition.

From Halloween parties and haunted houses to pumpkin picking and apple cider, there are many things that have come to symbolize Halloween.

But did you ever wonder how it originated, or where some of those bizarre superstitions began?

I recently stumbled across a 1933 book entitled "Halloween" by Robert Haven Schauffler. After dusting off the pages, I discovered some interesting things about Halloween.

Since it precedes All Saints' Day, the last night of October is known as "All Hallow Eve," or Halloween.

Most Halloween customs have been connected with the old belief that ghosts, witches, goblins, and all sorts of uncanny supernatural creatures of darkness are out and about. Christianity has inherited Halloween from Pagan times. In part, it is a survival of the ancient Britons' autumn festival in honor of the Sun-god.

The holiday also descends from the ancient Roman festival in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit and gardens, which was celebrated around the first of November. Americans symbolize the harvest with bright orange pumpkins. These pumpkins adorn almost every doorstep or walkway with their haunting, carved faces glowing in the night.

Did you know that you can see an apparition of your future mate tomorrow night if you look into a mirror correctly?

At the time this book was written, Halloween wasn't just a celebration of the harvest; it had come to be a time to predict details of a person's future love life.

The following are some superstitions that the book mentions, which were actually carried out on Halloween:

- Attach an apple seed to each eyelid and name each seed after someone you are interested in. In the first seed that drops from the eye is representative of the person whose love is not adhesive. You may help the fates along, if they seem undecided, by winking...
- Fill your mouth with water and walk around the house or block, without swallowing or spilling a drop. The first person you meet is your fate.
- Set three dishes on the floor: one empty, one with clean water, and one with foul water.

Approach them blindfolded and dip your hand at random. If it lands in the empty one, you shall remain unmarried; the foul one shall get someone that is widowed, the clean shall be joined to a virgin.

Roast hazelnuts on a grate over a fire, side by side in pairs and name each for supposed lovers. If a nut burns quietly and brightly, it indicates sincerity of affection. If it cracks and jumps, it tells of unfaithfulness. If they burn together, those they represent will be married.

Place 10 lighted candles on a table. Each blower is blindfolded, turned around three times and told to walk to the table and blow three times. The number of candles left burning shows the number of years before a marriage. If all are blown out, the wedding will be within the year. If none are blown out, the wedding will never come.

By diving or dunking for an apple, one could also predict their future mate. The maiden who is fortunate enough to win the apple is advised to sleep with it under her pillow for she will surely dream of her lover.

The lady eats the apple at midnight while standing before her mirror and combing her hair, her future husband will look over her shoulder into the glass. She must under no circumstances turn her head at this point. Do any of these things sound a bit unnecessary or questionable?

How about just eating a generous portion of Halloween candy, watching Linus get disappointed that the Great Pumpkin doesn't show up, and calling it a night? But if a black cat crosses your path...

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The Paranormal: To believe or not to believe

By Alexis Harrison
Staff Writer

When I was a little girl, I saw a ghost. In the middle of the night, I used to wake up afraid and would go to my parents' room and crawl into bed with them.

One night I awoke suddenly to find a dark figure sitting in the chair by my bed. The figure just sat there quietly, looking at me. I couldn't see her face clearly, but by looking at her profile, something told me it was her. I knew it was her, my dead grandmother.

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One of these places is the Union Cemetery in Easton, which is located near Cornwall, is also sought out by inquisitive people.

The pattern that seems to exist between believers and non-believers is that believers have either had experiences with the paranormal or know someone trustworthy who has. Most unbelievers are those people that have not had these opportunities.

"I don't believe in ghosts or spirits, but maybe I would if I saw one. There isn't substantial evidence that proves they actually exist," said Joe Pecora from West Hempstead, N.Y.

Quinn concluded, "Many people do believe because they have had experiences with the paranormal or they are curious. I have believed since I was a little girl, not because I had seen anything, but because I had a feeling for it."

Whether or not you believe in the paranormal is not important. However, it does make life a lot more interesting. So this Halloween as you walk the dark streets and back alleys of Bridgeport and Fairfield, keep your eyes and mind open. Then you too, may experience the paranormal.
Psychic hotlines and tarot cards abound

By Lisa Pio
Staff Writer

In the seventies there was disco music and John Travolta. In the eighties there was Cindy Lauper and Debbie Gibson. So what about the nineties? It seems like lately we can say that this is the decade of psychic hotlines and Dionne Warwick.

Try this little experiment. Sit in front of a television set and flip through channels for about ten minutes. Count how many commercials there are for psychic hotlines. While I watched at about two in the afternoon, there were five. I'm sure if I did the same thing at about one in the morning, that number would double.

You can find some sort of psychic reader or astrologer in almost any city you visit. Even many small towns have at least one of these places of business. So why all the rage about tarot cards and palm readings, you may ask? Well for starters, many people call these hotlines and visit these establishments for simple curiosity purposes. Most people are skeptical and want to find out for themselves. However, there are a percentage of people who truly rely on these gifted psychics for guidance.

I took the time to visit Guiding Star Astrology, located on Main St. in Bridgeport. The astrologer and owner, Patsy said, "The majority of people who come to me for their readings are doing it for over seventeen years. They'll be on sale today and tomorrow from 5-9 p.m."

Unfortunately for all you adults out there trying to dissuade your children from eating too much candy on Halloween, there are no really harmful effects from eating too much candy on just one night. When you eat a lot of any chemical (sugar), you mess up the body's homeostasis or inner balance. And any time you tip the inner seesaw, you risk illness.

The sugar in candy feeds the little critters that dig cavities into your molars and it also leads to Type II adult onset diabetes. Type II diabetes is the disease that you develop after years of sucking on Tootsie pops and inhaling bar cookies.

Isn't it nice that the body has the ability to wait until you're 45, out of shape, and burdened with a mortgage and kids, before it gives you diabetes? I swear, our bodies are out to kill us. Now for all you fanatics of vampire lore, there is a disease called porphyria or "vampire disease." One of the forms of porphyria has symptoms that are very similar to the signs of being a vampire. This disease causes excess hair growth, pointed canines, undue pain and, drum roll please, a need for blood. Scary, a real life Halloween mystery. But don't get too excited, only 65 cases have been reported.

Have a great and safe Halloween! And beware of the white cat. I hear she's quite the flirt.

First-year fever hits campus

By Wayne Koomnoff
Co-Features Editor

One of the hardest things a parent has to do is to leave their own daughter or son to college. Some have difficulty letting go because they are concerned about their child's contact with their "babies." Others because safety is an issue. But there are more than these few concerns running through the minds of incoming freshmen.

"Early in the year most of us were dealing with students that were homesick," said Sister Anne Louise Nadeau, director of personal Counseling Center. "Another factor was the transition issue; being in a new place and not knowing anybody. They also had to get used to having roommates and living in groups."

Nadeau added that even though faculty members explained to students during orientation what college life is like once they get here "it hits them square in the eyes. They realize it is very different from what they were used to."

Issues discussed during orientation dealt with the awareness of date rape, harassment, and relationship issues. During the course of this semester, 43 students have seen a campus counselor because their reputation," she said. "Because SHU isn't very large, what one person says can travel fast," concluded Almeida.

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"When I first got here I didn't know what to expect. Now I'm concerned about getting good grades so my parents won't kill me."

Alexis Coleman of New Canaan said, "I liked the fact that SHU is a small, pretty campus, which is close to home that had my major of media studies. But I also like having the opportunity to go home. I'm the type of person who needs a security blanket. I get homesick. That's one of the reasons why I like going to Sunday masses. They really cheer me up."

Eric Rutberg, assistant director of Career Services, will be hosting a lecture concerning Recruitment Day on November 5 at 2 p.m. in SC 209. All are welcome to attend! For more information call Andrea at 365-0929.

College Democrats

College Democrats will meet this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Hawley Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Louis at 0904391 at shu.sacredheart.edu.

Career Development News

The Career Development office is a great way to help insure a place in today's job market. Register in the office on the 2nd floor campus center, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact the Career Development office at 371-7975.

Are you afraid of the dark? If not, you will be after the Warrens' lecture. Tomorrow night at 9 p.m. in the Pitt Center, the Warrens, seekers of the supernatural, will put on a show of slides, audio, and stories that will chill you to the bone. Tickets are $1 for students and $3 for all others. They'll be on sale today and tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. in the dining hall. Buy your tickets soon...if you dare!
The Annual Faculty Exhibit is showing in the Gallery of Contemporary Art until November 23. This year's show contains 27 pieces of artwork from both permanent and adjunct professors in the Sacred Heart Art Department.

Jeffrey Smith, assistant to the director of the Gallery, believes that the 1997 exhibit offers a broader range of work than recent years. "I think it's a great variety of works, representing a lot of viewpoints of artistic disciplines," he said. Smith also cited that more adjunct professors participated this year by contributing their work. One such adjunct is Ginny B. Rogers, who contributed three works to this year's exhibit. Rogers' works are all in watercolor, blended while still wet and combined with geometric shapes. Rogers says, "I'm interested in creating a dialogue between the viewer and imaginative spaces in shape."

Another feature this year is the emphasis on color in many of the contributed works. In most of the pieces currently showing, color plays an intricate role in the artwork's aesthetic quality.

Virginia Zic, a professor of art and former chairwoman of the Art Department, says that color plays an instrumental part in her work. Zic also has three paintings in this year's exhibit, using watercolor and other watermedia to create abstract compositions based on nature.

As always, the Faculty Exhibit offers a wide range of artistic mediums. This offers students to see another side of their own professors, and a chance to peek into their personality outside of the classroom.

Ted Gutswa, professor of art and chairman of the Art Department has four works in this year's show. Gutswa describes his work as "abstract" and "not meant to be representational in any way." His pieces are entirely composed of materials found on a beach and are a combination of "barbershop" harmonies to romantic ballads, up-tempo songs and show tunes, is celebrating its fifty-first year as one of the Coastal Chordsmen, an a cappella chorus which brings a blend of "barbershop" harmonies to romantic ballads, up-tempo songs and show tunes, is celebrating its fifty-first year as one of the oldest collegiate a cappella groups in the United States. The group has performed at numerous events, including the NCAA Little League World Series, the World Series of Softball, the YMCA National Boys' State Jamboree, and the National Anthem at the 1988 Olympic Games.

The exhibit is open Sun.-Thurs. from 12-4 and Monday from 12-7.

The 23 Band returns to SHU
'Battle of the Bands' winners still going strong

The 23 Band will be playing in the Outpost on Nov. 5. SHU's annual "Battle of the Bands" event.

The band consists of Lippe, guitar, mandolin and vocals; Ryan Doherty, electric bass and vocals; Tom Senier, percussionist; and Ivan Ward, guitar and vocals. "23 Band produces a home feeling that you don't get from Phish or the Dead," said Maureen Russo, a senior from Portland, Maine.

"I've only seen 23 Band perform three times and I'm glad to say I'm part of this talented and spiritually energetic band," said Jennifer Thorton, a 1967 alumna from Ronkonkoma, N.Y. The following of 23 Band is on the rise. Some people traveled from Rhode Island to hear the magical tunes fly through the air. A mailing list of over seven hundred people has been developed over a period of the year-and-a-half since the band has been together. They play all original compositions and are known to play their own version of a cover from time to time. The progressive, jazz-rock quintet attended Five Towns College in Dix Hills, N.Y., is a night of music and magic at The Center Special to the Spectrum

"An Evening of Music With Coastal Chordmen," will be presented on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at The Center For Performing Arts at SHU.

The coastal Chordmen, an a cappella chorus which brings a blend of "barbershop" harmonies to romantic ballads, up-tempo songs and show tunes, is celebrating its fifty-first year as one of the oldest chapters in the Society of the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

The group has entertained packed houses at Carnegie Hall, received standing ovations at the Hartford Civic Center and performed before thousands at Bridgeport's Barnum Festival. Also appearing that evening will be Ron Perkins, one of the country's top five Science Demonstrators, performing his "Special Kind of Magic" show.

Proceeds from the performances will benefit the University's SMART Center, which offers science outreach programs, and The Center, which has presented professionally produced theatrical productions to area audiences for the past ten years, and popular summer theater workshops for children.

For tickets, which range from $10 for adults to $8 for students and $5 for children under 15, contact the Theater box office at 374-2777.
'Talk Soup' dishes out talk shows best

By Stephanie Smith
A&E Editor,

Americans are fascinated by television talk shows. Morbid curiosity turns people towards the guests on shows like "Jerry Springer" and "Sally Jesse Raphael" as they spill their problems to a fascinated audience. And cable television's "Talk Soup" eats up this phenomenon well.

Since 1991, E!, the cable entertainment channel, has been producing "Talk Soup," a daily show that highlights clips from the most recent talk shows. The show is the answer for anyone who likes to watch talk shows but is either ashamed to admit it, or does not have the time.

In "Talk Soup," Henson introduces the clips with humor, and often, biting sarcasm. Henson makes fun of the talk show guests and also takes part in clip-inspired skits which the "Soup" crew puts together.

"Talk Soup," "Jerry Springer Show," "Leeza" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" are popular targets for "Soup's" jokes.

"Talk Soup" won an Emmy award in 1995 for Outstanding Special Class Program, and has been nominated for other awards, including several Cable ACE awards.

Henson began hosting "Talk Soup" in 1995 when Greg Kinnear ("Dear God," "Sabrina") left the show. Guest hosts often drop by to fill in for Henson, including Frankie Avalon and Roseanne.

A Connecticut native, Henson studied acting at Boston University and now lives in Los Angeles. He has been in theatrical productions such as "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," and has done stand-up comedy on Comedy Central's "Two Drink Minimum," A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour," and several other shows. Henson is also one of "Soup's" writers.

"Talk Soup" airs a daily half-hour show weekdays at 10 p.m. Episodes repeat several times during the day.

A one-hour weekly wrap-up show airs weekends as well.

'Devil' delivers

Pacino and Reeves star in "Devil's Advocate"

By Tara S. Deenihan
Assistant A&E Editor,

Warner Bros. newest release "Devil's Advocate," starring Al Pacino and Kevin Reeves, is the perfect Halloween movie. By combining elements of humor and fear, "Advocate" dishes up a generous helping of entertainment that creatively disguises its message.

Reeves plays Floridian defense attorney Kevin Loman in a role that suits him well. Loman has never lost a case, and his luck shows no sign of running out.

Against the advice of his devoutly religious mother, he moves to New York to pursue a position at a prominent law firm run by John Milton (Pacino). "Advocate" is full of references to classical interpretations of Satan, including naming Pacino's character after John Milton, the author of "Paradise Lost," an epic poem about Lucifer's fall from heaven. In one scene, Kevin's wife Marianne (played by twoThus Days in the Valley's Charlene Tiron) and Milton talk about their families.

"With the father I had, you'd be better off having none," says Marianne.

Milton answers, "I know how that can be."

'Spooky' weekend at Toad's

Women's Studies and the English Club are presenting a screening of the film "Hagstight" and a panel discussion on Nov. 5. The event will take place at 5:15 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

For more details call Nina Clark at x7528.

"Spooky" weekend at Toad's

Jazz band The Rippingtons perform tonight at Toad's. Tickets are $16 at the door, which opens at 7:30.

Tomorrow Toad's presents the WFLR Kooks and Spooks Halloween Party at 8 p.m. The best costumed win prizes. There is a $5 charge.

On Nov. 2, Pat Benatar makes her only Connecticut appearance. The show starts at 9 p.m. and tickets cost $20.

Seven Mary Three performs an all-ages show with opening act The Honeyrods on Nov. 3. Doors open at 7:30 and tickets are $12.

For more information about the shows, call Toad's Place at 624-TOAD.

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Film screening with discussion

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Lady Spikers solid at weekend tournament

By Julie Nevero
Assistant Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart women's volleyball team continues to win, remaining above the .500 mark. The Pioneers defeated Adelphi on Saturday and Molloy on Sunday, but fell to Columbia Union. The Lady Pioneers overall record is now 14-11 after the weekend matches.

Despite the team's recent success, Coach Scott Carter still has some concerns about his team.

"We lost to a team that we shouldn't have," said Carter, referring to Sunday's match. "The team didn't mentally prepare themselves for the game. They weren't thinking about the game until they walked into the gym that day."

The team has recently been plagued with injuries to some of its key players.

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The Sacred Heart women's soccer team dropped to 6-8-2 on the year with a 2-0 loss to Franklin Pierce on Sunday.

FPC is currently the top-ranked Division II team in the nation, remaining undefeated after the Oct. 26 contest. SHU is 2-4-2 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

Michelle Majeski currently leads the team with seven goals, 5 assists and 19 points.

The Pioneers play their final game of the season today at Campus Field against Assumption at 3:30 p.m.

Men's hockey season begins on Nov. 7

The Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team hope to improve its program best 15-10 mark from last year, as they attempt to overcome the loss of eleven lettermen. The program's all-time leading scorer and ECAC South All-Star Jon Yackmack is among the group of graduates.

Coach Shaun Hannah will look to scoring power sophomore Anthony Tedesco, who found the net 10 times last season. He was an ECAC "Rookie of the Week" selection in his freshman year.

Another offensive power will be junior centerman Bill Demetriades, who had 15 points last season.

Defensively, freshman Alexi Binet will get the start in goal. On the backline, SHU returns senior Tim Hefterman and juniors Greg Edwards and Neti Welch.

The Pioneers first competition will be away on Nov. 7 against Alabama-Huntsville at 7:30 p.m.

Ping pong tournament to be held in Hawley

A Ping pong tournament will be held in the Hawley game room on Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. Sign up now for the competition. The cost will be $4 per person and prizes will be awarded to the winners.
Field hockey recovers from rocky beginnings

By Corinne A. Waldheim

September marked the beginning of Sacred Heart's transition to a new era, and it was to begin the make the leap up from Division II to Division I status. On Campus Field, another transition was made that day.

In late summer, the field hockey team approached its fifth season within the confines of head coach, Robin Schwartz. The program's founder, had resigned in late June to accept a position closer to her New Jersey home.

Her style was explosive. She was hard on her players and drove them to be their best. In 1995, the team finished with its best record, 14-5, and had two All-Americans in Ann Marie Lobig and Stephanie Smith. It was named the Division II North Region Coach of the Year. Last season was also successful, 12-7.

In mid-summer, a replacement with strong credentials was hired. Only eight months after Schwartz was named the Division II North Region Coach of the Year. Last season was also successful, 12-7.

"Stephanie Smith's cross country record is 66 and 31 and the team is ranked ninth in the region," said Coach Christian Morrison. "We also have the best winning percentage of any varsity sport at SHU!"

Smith began running in the eighth grade at Charito Regional High School in Hope Valley, R.I. "I've been running competitively for one year," said Smith.

Smith's cross country record has steadily improved over the years in both high school and college.

"One of my greatest moments was watching kids from my first team graduate," said Guastelle. "She holds everyone together." Guastelle thinks it is rewarding to know that the students she has been with for three years are now in the out world.

He believes the quality of players keeps getting better every year, but he feels the transition to Division I will be tough. "I think we will struggle in the beginning, but as long as we do things like we do now, we'll be fine," said Guastelle.

"The best part of my day is when I have to go to practice," says Guastelle. He continued, "I enjoy being captain," said Smith. "At practice my function is to keep the girls focused on workouts, but when they need a friend to talk to about anything, I'm there for them too."

"I enjoy listening to the music while watching the game because they get the crowd involved."

"The band supports their team by playing music, showing up Saturday to cheer for the players on the field," said Paduano.

"Being in the band is a great learning experience because you get to meet different people on and off the field," said Ellen Firevare, a junior from Enosburg, Vt. The group consists of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who perform for their audience, but also show a concern for others in the band.

"Band has helped me feel like a part of the family and community at Sacred Heart Universtiy because it got me involved in different activities," said Paduano.

Fact of the Week: The Campus Field at full capacity holds 3,500 spectators
**Field hockey season comes to a close**

**By Christian Koskorelos**  
*Staff Writer*

This week the Sacred Heart field hockey team dropped its last two games to Southern Connecticut and Springfield. Since their first three losses, the Lady Pioneers won seven in a row. They have worked hard and given tremendous effort on and off the field. As a young team, the Lady Pioneers showed leadership and maturity. For next year, youth is considered a factor.

"Hopefully, they will maintain what they learned this year," commented Coach Harriet Barbaresi. She continued, "They only have one senior. It will be Barbaresi's. She continued, "They only have one senior. It will be a challenge. It will be a rebuilding year for us."

Barbaresi concluded, "Overall, they played very well. They had a new coach and they did really well. I am very proud of what they did."

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**Tennis season ends**

**By Lisa Pio**  
*Staff Writer*

The Sacred Heart women's tennis team finished off its season with a record of 6-8.

They ended the season with the NEC Tournament in Albany, N.Y., coming in third and missing second by only one point.

Jen Galizia won the third singles championship vs. Albany's Jennifer Hahn 6-2 and 6-0.

"I felt the team was much more focused this year and coach was also very positive. I was very excited about my win," said Galizia.

Galizia and Desiree Bu lone won against Stony Brook and New Haven but lost to Albany in second doubles.

Kelly Quinn also gave an impressive performance in fourth singles and Sarah Malloy was excellent at sixth singles.

"I played better than I thought I would. Everyone improved since last year and really pulled through and did their best in this tournament," said Quinn.

Coach Mike Guastelle said, "The girls did a good job. Everyone held their own."

Guastelle was awarded the NECC Coach of the Year award at the tournament. "I was honored, but I don't think I did anything tremendous. The players make me look good. I thank the team," said Guastelle.

Jessica Magri won the NEC, Co-captain of the Year award. She shares the honor with Stony Brook's Delquin Gong. Magri finished fifth in singles 7-6, 6-7(4), 6-3.

Cara Kelly and Lauren McPhee won the consolation match in third doubles against Franklin Pierce 6-2, 6-4.

The tournament was the first time Guastelle was able to fill four out of the six singles spots.

"The whole year was positive. The quality of play is much higher. I have no complaints," said Guastelle.

As for next season, the team is very optimistic. "We keep improving every year," said Galizia.

"We have a very young team. The only player we will be losing is Lauren McPhee, who is graduating," said Guastelle, who feels that the team will do very well next season.