Sacred Heart grieves the loss of a student

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

Sacred Heart University mourns a student who died tragically on November 21.

Paul Loiacono, 21, a junior, died after falling 29 feet from an outside stairwell at Avalon Gates. The accident occurred when a railing gave way.

“All of our hearts are saddened by Paul’s death,” said Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of SHU. “I have come to know his parents and it is a time of their religious faith.”

Loiacono fell along with Peter DeLeary, 21, also a junior. DeLeary sustained bruises and a head injury, according to a police report. He was released later on from St. Vincent’s Medical Hospital in Bridgeport and appears to have recovered.

The accident occurred after DeLeary, a friend and neighbor, attempted to get Loiacono back into his apartment. Loiacono had been knocked on the apartment door of another male student whom he had been in a scuffle with earlier that night at the Sports Page, a bar in Bridgeport.

Loiacono, whose police said was intoxicated, briefly spoke with members of the apartment and then was locked out due to the disagreement.

According to a Trumbull Police report, DeLeary grabbed Loiacono by the waist to get him back into the room. Loiacono lost his balance and fell into the metal railing. The two fell over the edge.

Loiacono fell straight down three stories, striking his head on the concrete hallway main floor. DeLeary fell slightly forward, crashing into the first floor railing before landing on the concrete floor next to Loiacono.

The Sacred Heart University community was notified of the tragedy on the morning of the accident via a global e-mail from Dean of Students Larry Wielk.

An overflow of friends, faculty and staff gathered in the Chapel for the afternoon Liturgy offered for Loiacono.

Several friends and members of the Administration attended the wake and funeral that was held in Smithtown, N.Y., where Loiacono was from.

“The thing that struck me the most was at the cemetery. All of us realized that Paul is no longer with us. Many of the students who were there had never been involved with the funeral of someone their own age,” said Dean Wielk.

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Townhouse burglarized over Thanksgiving break

By Elizabeth Hyer
Staff Writer

On Thanksgiving morning at approximately 2:30 a.m., Townhouse seven located at Parkridge was broken into despite the recent measures to increase safety at Parkridge.

Forcible entry was gained through the front door after an unsuccessful attempt was made at the rear entrance. Several electronic appliances were taken.

“I am frustrated with the situation. A safety proposal has been sent to the Cabinet and nothing has been done,” said Colleen McGirth, president of Parkridge Hall Council and a resident of Townhouse seven. “It is frustrating, not only as a resident, but as Hall Council president.”

The residents are also upset because they were not notified about the break-in until the Saturday night after the incident occurred.

“Proper procedure was not followed. My staff was not notified about the incident,” said Cathy Nieves, director of Residential Life.

“The hall director on duty was not beeped or called. I am not blaming anyone for this, but it is an area that needs to be worked on.

Because of the cutback in overtime, only three officers were present. The current cutback in officers was the result of a decision by the city of Bridgeport. At least one officer is required to be on duty at all times.

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SHU officials confident that East Hall lawsuit will prevail in courts

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

Sacred Heart officials have expressed optimism that a court will allow the University to begin construction of East Hall, a long-delayed 10-story residential and academic facility to be located on the Bridgeport side of Park Ave.

The University was issued a zoning permit by the city of Bridgeport in February 1996, according to Larry Wielk, dean of students.

In April 1996, neighbors filed an appeal attempting to block East Hall’s construction. After the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals upheld Sacred Heart’s permit to build by a 4 to 1 vote, neighbors filed suit in court and have since delayed construction.

A hearing has been slated to appear on docket Monday at the Juvenile Court in Bridgeport.

“A judge has been given four months to rule,” said Wielk. “We hope to start building next fall and to have the facility completed by fall of 1999.”

“We’ve been assured by attorneys that the lawsuit should be won,” said Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of finance and administration. “Upon completion of litigation, East Hall will be built.”

Jack and Bess Halbert of Nancy Drive filed the appeal in April 1996. According to an article in the Connecticut Post, their attorney, George J. Markley, claimed that zoning regulations don’t allow universities to construct buildings in an “A” residential zone unless the institution also is located in Bridgeport.

Residents have been challenging Sacred Heart since it purchased land at 4940 Bridgeport Ave.

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Recruitment Day hopes for success

By Brian Corasaniti
Assistant News Editor

Over 30 recruiters from about 30 companies will be holding interviews with Sacred Heart students during Recruitment Day, sponsored by Career Development.

Around 400 students will meet for interviews with recruiters from various companies coming to campus.

“It is one of the most important events the Career Development office does. These are actual interviews going on,” says Deanna Fiorentino, a career counselor in Career Development.

“I think it is excellent for students to get involved. We stay on campus and they bring the companies to us. It is a great opportunity to interview,” said Kerri Kelly, a senior from Boston, Mass.

Recruitment days are also held early in the fall, and the largest one is held in the spring.

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Gospel Choir performs at Sacred Heart on Sunday

Are you a liar beneath it all? If so, why do you lie? See page 7

Sophomore has a great talent for playing the guitar...see page 9
Accounting Department and Club get grants

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accounts (CSCPA) presented grants to the Accounting Club and the Accounting Department at Sacred Heart.

The presentation was made at the joint dinner meeting of the CSCPA Educational Trust Fund and CSCPA Relations with Colleges and Universities Committee on Oct. 16.

Science Departments receive large donations

The Physicians Health Services donated $215,000 worth of lab equipment to the Science Departments at Sacred Heart University.

The equipment includes environmental chambers, ventilation hoods, eye washes, sinks, cabinets and other laboratory equipment which will be installed in the new Science Wing.

The donation was among several made to local schools and universities totalling almost $500,000 overall by Physicians Health Services.

Alumni' parent establishes new scholarship

Ann Passariello, mother of the late Michael J. Passariello, has established a new scholarship in her son's honor.

Michael J. Passariello, a Sacred Heart graduate, died of a heart condition in 1987.

At the time, he was vice president of C.P.

The $4,000 scholarship will be given out beginning with the Fall 1999 semester. Mrs. Passariello contributed $100,000 to the fund, and another $400,000 will be donated upon her death.

"Both of my sons were given opportunities by Sacred Heart University, and this is my way of giving something back," said Mrs. Passariello.

For more information, call Financial Assistance at 371-7981.

Scholarship available for SHU students soon

Application forms for the Second Annual Alumni Association Scholarship will be made available for Sacred Heart students starting Dec. 15.

The $1,000 scholarship is awarded based on academic performance, leadership, service and financial need.

The scholarship applications are available in the Alumni Relations, Campus Ministry, Financial Aid and Student Life offices.

For more information, call Carol Way at 365-4801.

National Scholarships offered to students

Seventy-five Harry S. Truman Scholarships worth $30,000 each are being offered nationwide to college students.

It is available to be won by U.S. citizens who are juniors in the upper-quarter of their class and are committed to a career in Public Service.

The award money will go towards students senior year and graduate education.

For more information contact Political Science Professor, Dr. John Kikoski at 371-7742 by Dec. 15.

Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

Wield wins trip to Florida

By Wendi Plescia

Mike Wield, director of Athletic Training, won a trip to Florida in a recent drawing sponsored by the Graduate Student Physical Therapy Association.

The trip is three days and two nights at Doral Golf Resorts.

"I couldn't believe it, I thought it was a joke at first," stated Wield.

The association set up a clock and sold seconds of a 12-hour period for a quarter each.

The clock was wound up and the second it stopped at determined the winner.

"I had eight quarters left. I brought students over and they closed their eyes and picked the blocks (seconds) for me," said Wield.

According to Greg Bexon, president of the sponsoring association, the event was a fundraiser which generated about $4,000 for the physical therapy graduates to attend conferences and seminars.

"It was our first time doing a fundraiser and it was very successful," said Bobbi Stanislaw from Reading, Penn.

The Moore Center for Rehabilitation and Robestelli Corp. Services donated the Florida trip.

For the association's next fundraiser they are planning to do a Massage-a-thon, which would require a small fee.

They plan on continuing the drawing for the Florida trip next year as well.

Photo by Wendi Plescia

Mike Wield (center) was presented with plane tickets for a trip to Doral Golf Resorts in Florida.

Rose's words are enlightening

By Alison Sessa

The American presidency is surrounded by hostile forces that weaken it, political science professor Gary Rose said in a recent speech.

Rose recently completed a book, The American Presidency Under Siege, that examines the condition of the United States presidency and the factors that are reducing its power.

He said the declining interest in political parties has weakened the presidency.

A strong presidency requires a strong party system, which the United States no longer has, Rose told an audience of about 40 students at a November forum.

Rose said that his book on the presidency, which he spent three years writing, is his best work to date, and he is optimistic that it will help open the public's eyes to a problem they know exists.

According to Rose, a strong presidency is not only good for the United States, but for the world.

The political science professor also said Sacred Heart students are not as involved in politics as they might be because of their other commitments.

He said the lack of membership in campus political clubs is a sign of disinterest, which he said is also happening at campuses throughout the country.

Loiacono: SHU community remembers a friend

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Wielk commented that the presence of Father Michael McLernon, Sacred Heart's priest, was very comforting.

Wielk said that Loiacono's parish priest reflected on Loiacono's outgoing nature and giving attitude and how he often helped out in the community.

Wielk added that he was also impressed by the tremendous fault of Loiacono's parents. "They were remarkably strong. Any strength we had over the course of the weekend came from them."

Loiacono's suitmates, Bruce Carlson (senior), Brian Falkowski (junior) and Jack Connors (senior) described him as always putting a smile on their faces and having a giant heart.

They said that they will miss him since he was their best friend.

Other friends of Loiacono, Jeremy Staub (junior), Chris Farrugio (junior) and DeLeary said that Loiacono would have done anything for them and that it will never be the same without him.

Dr. Cerrena said, "In the midst of a sad event, the extraordinary outpouring of student sympathy has been outstanding. Also, the staff from Residential Life to the Counseling Center were extraordinarily helpful.

Anyone wishing to send regard cards and condolences may write to: Loiacono Family, 5 Locksley Lane, Nesconset, N.Y. 11767.

East Hall: Hopes to begin building 10-story facility

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Plans for East Hall indicate that there will be two floors of classrooms and eight floors for residential rooms in a suite design, housing 384 students.

"By building the facility we hope to reduce the number of students at Avalon Gates first, and Taft Commons second," said Wielk.

"Right now we pay about $1 million to house students at Avalon."

Townhouse: Break-in has resident students frustrated

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Ginny Marques, residence hall director for Parkridge, was not made aware of the situation until Sunday, "I feel bad for the women of Townhouse seven, that their holiday weekend was ruined by the break-in."

According to William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, no new information has surfaced, but they are working on the case.
Watch out for the barriers

By Samuel Santiago, Jr.
Contributing Writer

Barriers have been placed on the roadway in front of South and West Hall prohibiting automobiles access and making it a pedestrian only zone.

"This will create a safer pe­destrian walkway," says Edmund Garrick, director of Human Resources.

"This was done as part of the University's effort to enhance the aesthetics of our grounds and provide for safer and increased pe­destrian usage," Garrick stated in a memo which he e-mailed to the campus community last week.

"The elimination of vehicu­lar traffic will enhance the quali­ty of life by allocating this re­serve area to people," states Garrick in his memo.

The only time vehicles will have access to the road is in case of emergencies.

During the beginning and end of the semesters when stu­dents are going home or return­ing to school, Public Safety will unlock the barriers.

To accommodate this change, Garrick stated in his memo, "The road from the cor­ner by the Administration Build­ing at the North Lot will become a two-way road. Access to the mailroom, Jefferson Hill and the Pitt Center will now be obtained through this route. Paving­ment­ painting, traffic and direc­tion­al­ signs will be installed to indicate these changes.

"All the comments that I have received have been posi­tive. The campus community thinks this is a good idea," added Garrick.

Public Safety Releases

Public Safety incidents from Nov. 15 - Dec. 1

Nov. 17: 12:34 p.m.- Resident student reported receiving harassing phone calls. 7:56 p.m.- Student reported chemicals were splashed in her face in the Science Wing; her eyes were irrigated with water; student was transported to Health Services.

Nov. 19: 15:54 a.m.- West Hall fifth floor fire alarm reported; no cause found.

8:41 a.m.- Buildings and Grounds employees reported the theft of a leaf blower from the Faculty/Staff lot overnight.

Nov. 20: 5:05 a.m.- Discharged fire extinguisher found at Parkridge; unit was replaced.

8:33 p.m.- Employee reported being injured the day before in the Faculty Lounge.

Nov. 21: 15:50 a.m.- Vehicle was reported vandalized in the South Lot (broken window).

3:21 a.m.- Two students fell from a third floor hallway to the ground floor at Avalon Gates; one student died of his injuries, another received treatment for his injuries. Trumbull Police investigated the incident.

2:16 p.m.- West Hall student reported the theft of his laptop computer from his room.

2:27 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm caused by student accidentally hitting a smoke detector.

6:24 p.m.- Students reported being stuck in the West Hall eleva­tor; students were released a few minutes later, and the elevator was taken out of service.

9:12 p.m.- Sick South Hall resident was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 22: 12:21 a.m.- West Hall resident received treatment from Public Safety for a lacerated hand.

3:00 a.m.- South Hall resident reported vandalism to the fifth floor bathroom.

5:15 a.m.- Officer observed a lamp post knocked to the ground at Jefferson Hill.

1:52 p.m.- A spectator at the UNH football game, at Campus Field, suffered a cardiac arrest. The ambulance crew on the field for the game responded, along with the police and fire departments; the spectator was revived.

10:23 p.m.- Public Safety assisted the Residence Life staff with an alcohol violation at Jefferson Hill.

Nov. 23: 10:05 a.m.- Vandalism was reported at the Pitt Center.

Nov. 24: 11:07 a.m.- Parkridge student being injured a week prior due to a fall outside of the Townhouses.

7:52 p.m.- South Hall fire extinguisher was found discharged; it was replaced.

Nov. 25: 1:02 a.m.- South Hall fire alarm reported; no problems found.

9:27 a.m.- Student reported her vehicle was hit and damaged in the Commuter Lot.

11:55 a.m.- Avalon Gates resident student reported damage to their vehicle at Avalon Gates.

10:39 p.m.- West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

Nov. 26: 4:11 p.m.- Resident student reported his vehicle broken into and radio and speakers stolen from the North Lot.

7:51 p.m.- Taft resident reported confronted someone who en­tered their room via the sliding glass doors, then ran back out the same way. Bridgeport police notified.

Nov. 27: 2:11 a.m.- Parkridge Officer found a townhouse had been burglarized and electronic equipment taken; Bridgeport Police notified.

Nov. 28: 5:46 a.m.- Main Academic building fire alarm received; no problem found.

Nov. 29: No incidents reported.

Nov. 30: No incidents reported.

Dec. 1: 12:25 a.m.- Avalon Gates resident reported receiving harassing phone calls. 1:57 a.m.- West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Write for News!!!!!
Call Wendi or Bruce at 7966 or 7963.

Performance to "sing good news"

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

You don't have to travel South to hear soul-inspiring gos­pel music. In fact, you even don't have to leave campus. This Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart University Center for the Performing Arts, a gospel perfor­mance will be given by a local group called the Good News Gospel Choir. The theme will be "Singing for Scholarships" and will benefit the SHU Scholarship Fund.

"They would like their rev­enue raising ability to support someone interested in education," said Mitch Holmes, director of Career Services, who knows a member of the choir.

The Good News Gospel Choir was founded in 1993 by Chris Coogan, a professional jazz musician and entertainer who lives in Weston with his wife Karen, who is the choir's business manager and also sings in the choir.

The non-denominational and inter-cultural group consists of 60 members from Fairfield and Westchester Counties. It is a vol­unteer based and community-minded. "It brings so many dif­ferent kinds of people together," said Coogan.

The choir performs at church services, special events, commu­nity outreach events and hosts concerts twice a year as a fund raiser for local charities. They also perform at prisons and home­less shelters to spread a sense of joy. "We sing from the heart and make a connection to something other than ourselves to thereby touch the hearts of the audience," said Coogan.

The motto of the Good News is a motto of change. "You will leave feeling better than when you came," said Coogan, who believes that music is his whole life. "I love what I do," he added. "Gospel and religious music is in a blossoming growth phase these last ten years. In Paris, gospel music is all the rage," added Coogan.

Coogan, who is the pianist and director of the choir, said that he first learned to play gospel music when he was a student at Amherst College, where he would spend hours a day in the practice room.

"I wanted to recreate that ex­perience," he said. Coogan adds his improvisational style of jazz to compositions and arrangements for the choir. "I strive to have this choir something fun to be at. It's very friendly," Coogan said the choir is always looking for additional members.

The Good News Gospel Choir's new release "Joy Unspeakable Joy" and T-shirts will be available to purchase after the perfor­mance. Tickets are $5 for students, $10 general admission and $25 for reserved seating.

For more information, call the Career Development Office at 717-7975 or the Good News Ticket Line at (203) 454-4695.

The GoodNews Gospel Choir will perform a benefit concert at Sacred Heart, Sunday night.
EDITORIALS

Be supportive in this time of mourning
Two weeks ago the Sacred Heart community was struck with a terrible tragedy. It arose on the morning of Friday, Nov. 21 to hear that Paul Loiacono, a junior at the University, had been killed in a fall from a balcony at Avalon Gates. Sacred Heart is small, close-knit University and the news was hard-hitting. Each person at this University has been very helpful in supporting one another. For those who knew Paul better than others, we need to be extra-supportive.

Students, faculty and administration attended a service for him Nov. 21 in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Many traveled to his hometown in Smithtown, N.Y. for the wake and funeral.

Upon returning from the services in Smithtown, many expressed the enormous appreciation his family felt to know that so many cared for him.

I was one of those who are having difficulties coping with his loss, try to remember the good times you had with him and understand that God is supporting you every step of the way.

Also, the Sacred Heart Counseling Center is open to all students who need to speak about what they are feeling.

Dance shouldn’t be a drunken display

Tomorrow night, hundreds of students will go to the annual Christmas dance at Sante’s Manor in Milford. They will have paid a lot of money for tickets and clothing for the event. The excitement of Christmas will be in the air and it will be a fun celebration before finals.

In past years, students arrived drunk or became drunk shortly after arriving at the dance. Some students were so drunk that they vomitted all over the floor and onto others clothing. Bathrooms were crowded with people who were sick. A few students were so drunk that they passed out and paramedics had to be called in to transport them to the hospital.

We believe that out of courtesy to fellow students, people should think before they get so drunk at the dance that their drunkenness hinders the fun of other students. After spending so much money for the evening, no student should be vomitted on or have to see other students become sick from overdoing it.

Strengthening prayer is a powerful asset

When I was young my parents always said prayers with me before I went to bed. Unfortunately I didn’t continue night time prayers during my later childhood or teenage years. The ritual of prayer became part of my life.

Late this past May, my belief in the power of prayer and awareness of God’s presence was strengthened by a tragic accident that nearly claimed the life of one of my closest friends.

I awoke on a Saturday morning to the sound of Brian’s alarm clock ringing in his bedroom. I was surprised to hear it. It was normally a signal that I was allowed to sleep in. No, he was not family by blood, but he was family in every other sense of the word.

That drive home with work wasn’t as long and was in an induced coma. Our families are very close. Brian, Keith and myself have been best friends for as long as I can remember.

Brian and I work at a store that his aunt and uncle own and we had just worked together the night before.

I was absolutely devastated. I called my parents to notify them and they instantly drove to the hospital.

I thought about the times Brian, Keith and I played foot ball in the backyard. Or the time we built a snowbank at the foot of my driveway so that their parents’ car wouldn’t be blocked in and another employee was unable to work as well.

When the store closed around 9 p.m., visiting hours were over and I was told that only family was allowed to see him. No, he wasn’t family by blood, but he was family in every other sense of the word.

That drive home from work was the longest and scariest half-hour of my life. While working I didn’t truly realize that my friend might not make it.

I began thinking of the times we had together and I burst into tears.

I thought about the times Brian, Keith and I played football, and in my early childhood years.

The next day Brian’s vital signs were better and his condition improved with every day.

I spent a lot of time with him at the hospital and continued to pray every night. It was just a little over a week after the accident when I walked into his room and heard him say, “Hey Bradley.”

That’s the same greeting he had always given me and to hear him on a monitor was the sweetest sound I had ever heard.

Brian was out of the hospital and working at the store by the end of the summer. I believe wholeheartedly that my prayers played a huge role in his magnificent recovery.

In addition to praying for him, I have begun praying for other people.

Most recently I’ve been praying that the family and friends of Paul Loiacono, who died in a terrible accident at Sacred Heart two weeks ago, are able to handle the loss of their loved one.

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If the SHU Fits

by Jeremy Staub

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BY ANYONE WHO KNEW HIM.
FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY, WE LOVE YOU
AND WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

The SHU Voices

If you could be granted one wish, what would it be?

Marianne Garabedian
Sophomore
'I wish for a long, healthy, stable life.'

Michael Corpus
Colonia, N.J.
Senior
'I wish for world peace.'

Ryan Marion
Putnam, Conn.
Junior
'I wish for monumental nirvanimity with a touch of perpetual erectonomy.'

Debbie Paduano
East Haven
Senior
'I wish for what he said.'
To the Editor:

Personally, I feel that drinking is not that big of a problem on our campus. Yes, some people do abuse their use of the drug, but so do smokers.

All of my roommates drink on occasion, even one of them wrote a letter to the editor about how bad drinking is at SHU. I asked all of my roommates why they drink, and everyone replied, "Because it is what I want to do. Not because it is cool or any of that jazz."

Those individuals who like to bust on students who consume alcohol should stop because we do not bust on you for not drinking. I am not saying that you shouldn't be safe while you are drinking. I am a strong believer in having a designated driver. I have seen what driving drunk has done to individuals and the families of those in the accident. I was not involved in the accident, but I am a friend of a young lady's family whose car was hit from a drunk driver. The lady is still severely injured after twenty years. Her condition is irreversible.

If people are safe while drinking, then I see no problem in what they are doing. I know we live on a dry campus (the Outpost), but how many dry campuses does anyone know of that are actually dry?

Maybe if this school turned the old workout area into a club of some sort, students could have a place to go and shake their tails. A place like that would be great for first-year students who do not have cars and are not interested in ping-pong.

Drinking is something that I like to do on occasion. Many students feel the same way as I do. I have seven other roommates and six of them fully agree to what I have just written. I just want the people who do not drink to stop knocking those of us who do.

Patrick Chiarelli
Sophomore

DRINKING IS NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM

WHEN WILL THE SACRED HEART COMMUNITY START SHOWING REAL SCHOOL SPIRIT?

To the Editor:

School spirit. What is it? Obviously, this school has no idea of the concept. I attended our basketball team's first game at the Pitt Center on Nov. 24, and although the turnout was decent, both events largely failed.

I just cannot understand what can be done to motivate people to show a little school spirit. At a majority of other colleges, the stands are jam-packed with students rooting on their teams, chanting, stomping, clapping, making noise, and even, god forbid, dressing up in their school's colors. In my year and a half at Sacred Heart, I just do not see that kind of spirit present anywhere at this University. Yes, there are isolated 'incidents' of students showing off that SHU pride, but these are few and far between. At this opening basketball game, myself and two other dedicated SHU fans came out at the top of the bleachers and tried our best to get the crowd into the game. Mission not accomplished!

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Only a handful of the sparse crowd followed in our footsteps. I would be embarrassed if someone from another school came to one of our games and saw this bad display of school spirit. As chairperson of the Pep Rally and co-chairperson of Midnight Madness, I have tried my hardest and dedicated countless hours of my busy schedule to bring some excitement and school pride to this campus, but, although the turnout was decent, both events largely failed.

This was the first time that I experienced someone actually taking the initiative to put on a "highschool type" pep rally and big-time Midnight Madness, but what kind of motivation will I, and those who helped me, have to try these events again next year if the student body and more importantly, the faculty, staff and administration are not behind us 110%?

The whole issue of retention has come up in the Student Government, and I feel that a top reason that students are leaving and one thing that we, as a university can work on to improve, is school spirit. If students can be made so that they feel a part of this university and are motivated to express their SHU pride, maybe they will stay.

Ted Miller
Sophomore

Attention SHU Students

Saturday, December 6th is the night YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! It's the 2nd College Bar Out at BEJULLY

$25 Bottles $25 Well Drinks $1.00 Top Shelf Shots $1.00 Pitchers 18 & Over w/College I.D. No Hoodlums will be Admitted so Dress to Impress!

ATTENTION! 4 Bars Open All Night Long! Transportation will be Provided!
True or false? The truths about our lying

By Wayne Kominoff
Co-Features Editor

We do it as often as we comb our hair, brush our teeth, or blurt out information to others. Yet until recently, lying has received little attention from psychologists. Could we really get through life without it?

If, as the cliché would have it, the decade of the 1980's was focused around greed, then the cardinal sin of the 1990's could possibly be lying. Then again, think of all the accusation of deceit leveled at politicians like Bob Packwood, Newt Gingrich, Mayor Marion S. Barry Jr., or Bill Clinton.

And consider Susan Smith, the white woman who killed her two young boys and blamed a black man for it; Michael K. Deaver, in 1989, for lying under oath; or Mike Tyson, when he fought Evander Holyfield and bite his ear. We all heard referee Mills Lane ask Tyson, "Did you bite his ear?" Tyson clearly replied, "No I did not." We even noticed in the film Thelma & Louise how violent a female journalist lying about her sex, or on Carrey's latest release, Liar Liar.

But what about college students, how often do they tell the truth?

"College students lie to their mothers in one of two situations," reports DePaulo. She also added that 85 percent of the couples interviewed in the 1990 study of college students reportedly lied about their past relationships or indiscretions. To make matters worse, DePaulo finds in dating circumstances couples purposely don't tell the truth to each other in about a third of their interactions—perhaps more than they mislead others.

Some people get away with it. How about the untruths they have told, the untruths they have told themselves or hide something.

"Most people lie because it's something they want to hide. We couldn't get through the day without lying. Some people do it and they don't even realize it."

However, by now, lying has gone almost compliantly as a social disease. People are more apt to lie over the phone than they are in person. Some people lie and they don't even realize it.

Taylor feels that people who lie about their social life are lying run the risk of social rejection because people expect that we will protect one another from the truth. For example, if you just got an awful hair cut and you said it looks terrible, you probably won't be very happy," said Taylor.

People are careful to monitor the way that others perceive us. We actually attempt to manage the impressions and perceptions that others form of us, she added.

But what about college students, how often do they tell the truth?

"College students lie to their mothers in one of two situations," reports DePaulo. She also added that 85 percent of the couples interviewed in the 1990 study of college students reportedly lied about their past relationships or indiscretions. To make matters worse, DePaulo finds in dating circumstances couples purposely don't tell the truth to each other in about a third of their interactions—perhaps more than they mislead others.

Maureen Collins, a senior sociology major from Philadelphia, said, "I try not to lie but sometimes I can't help it. If I do it, then it's in the person's best interest. Sometimes I may lie about trying to get out of work. When I was growing up my mom had one rule: if you lie you die."

Nicole Dennis-Lawrence, a junior international business major from Saint Ann, Jamaica said, "Sometimes I lie to my parents, but I do it to protect them from worrying about me."

They may ask me why I'm doing it, I'll tell them fine even though something may be bothering me," she added.

Although lying seems to be prominent in our society and we can't live without it, what would happen if everyone suddenly started telling the truth? If we ponder this idea for a moment, is it in an individual's best interest to tell the truth? Possibly, the world would be a better place, yet on the other hand, perhaps our social lives would collapse beneath the weight of unmerited honesty destroying our ability to bond with others.

But as the saying goes, "The truth is just an excuse for a lack of imagination."

New Residence Hall Directors set goals at SHU

By Marianne Cardo
Contributing Writer

When Ginny Marques and Jim Giudice graduated from college, they knew they wanted to get involved with Residential Life. They both decided that Sacred Heart was the right choice for them.

Ginny Marques, the new Residence Hall Director of Parkridge, graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a degree in Spanish and political communication. In her college years, Marques served as a Resident Assistant as well as a Program Assistant. One of Marques' friends heard of an open position at the University. Knowing of her interest in Residential Life, they informed her of the opportunity. Instantly, she had great vibes about Sacred Heart.

"I liked what they had to offer," Marques said. "This school is similar to Central, and I knew that I would learn and grow in this community and I would be able to see the difference between public and private schools."

Jim Giudice, the new Residence Hall Director of Jefferson Hill, was attracted to Sacred Heart for similar reasons. After graduating from the University of Connecticut with a double major in English and History, he knew he wanted a position in a smaller school.

I had already done the big school thing, and a friend of mine had gone here for undergraduate studies," Giudice said. "I knew Sacred Heart had a small, intimate setting, which was exactly what I was looking for."

Both Marques and Giudice have set goals for their upcoming years at Sacred Heart.

"I would say my goal is to get a different perspective from a different school," Marques said. "I love the way that everyone gets involved. It's a community."

Giudice's goal is geared towards the community.

"I want to make it so that living on campus is more desirable to upperclassmen," he said. "It seems that the trend here is to move off campus once you become a junior or senior. There
Just a byte of technology

The computer/laptop forum held on Nov. 4 was very helpful to the Technology Committee and staff of the Student Mobile Computing Program. Many students came to express their concerns regarding such items as software problems and hardware problems. Other students came to express their concerns regarding the upgrade ability of the laptops and the training of the help desk technicians. The Dean took the students in crucial to the Student Mobile Computing Program and allows the program and the Technology Committee to evaluate the procedures and determine ways of improving the program so it is most beneficial to the students.

Student Questions:
Is there a trade-in program to get an updated computer before we upgrade?
Presently there is no program in place. The Mobile Computing Program, along with the Technology Committee, will look at putting a trade-in program in place. A survey will be taken to determine if there are enough students interested in participating in a trade-in program. The program will cost students some money as the refresh cycle for the computer industry is 90 days.

How do our off-campus residence halls have no data jacks?
The reason the off-campus residence halls do not have jacks is because the University does not own these buildings and therefore the University cannot run wiring through them. At this time the telecommunications and networking staff, along with the Technology Committee, are evaluating possible solutions.

Techno Tip of the Week:
If your screen is frozen and the mouse will not work, press control, alt, and delete at the same time to bring up a task manager. This will tell you if a certain program is not responding and provide the options to end the task, unlock the computer, and cancel or wait for the task to finish.

Web Site of the Week:
Show will be Winzip to download these upgrades. Download Winzip at: www.winzip.com/download.cgi?home
At internet address prompt, type: www.mcafee.com/download/s.asp
Click on the link to download the upgrade. At dialog box click OPEN IT and then click OK. Click I AGREE at Winzip title screen. At next screen click NEXT. When it asks you to copy files to favorite folder, click NO. Click SELECT DIFFERENT FOLDER At flashing cursor hit backspace and type: C:\McAfee\ViruScan. Click UNZIP NOW. Click YES TO ALL to replace old files with new files. Click NEXT and then close to exit out Winzip. Restart your computer.

By Brian Rydstrom and Dennis Fuzie

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Russian coffeehouse
Tonight in the Faculty Lounge at 7 p.m., the second to last coffeehouse will take place. A mixture of Russian and Eastern European, acapella, village music will be performed in traditional folk costumes.

Helping Hands party
On Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. in the Mahogany Room, the Helping Hands party will be held to benefit under-privileged kids.

Night at the movies
"The Lost World" will be shown from Dec. 6 to Dec. 8 in the Schine Auditorium. Showtimes are as follows:
Sat. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sun. 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Mon. at 9 p.m. only

Christmas tree lighting
Come join the SHU community in the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. It will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 on the Library lawn. Cookies and cocoa will be served.

Christmas photos in the Outpost
On Dec. 9 at 9 p.m. in the Outpost, free Christmas pictures will be taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Bring a friend or two to help usher in the season with a holiday photo. All Christmas Week events are sponsored by the Student Events Team.

Toys for Tots
From Dec. 1 to Dec. 19, SHU will be an official collection site for the Greater Bridgeport area for the annual Toys for Tots program for Christmas. A collection box will be placed in front of the service learning office. For additional information, contact Phyllis Machledt at 365-7622.

Turbo Tom
On Dec. 10 at 9 p.m. in the Outpost, Turbo Tom will return once again with his freak show. Only those with strong stomachs should attend!

-Compiled by Wayne Kosinoff and Carmela Chisholm

OOF TATTOO
Yet again, I found myself looking blank and bleary eyed into my television set, in a desperate attempt to trigger my few remaining neurons out of their vacation coma. There, like a winter cold sore, it appeared before me. The voice of Dr. Spock leapt out of the speakers and I knew then what I had to do. Write. Column on tattoos. They're cool, they're fashionable and not to mention just a tad bit painful.

Tattoos are an increasingly common occurrence. It's estimated that one out of every eleven people has a tattoo to some form of body art. Most of the people that get tattoos are between the ages of 20 and 40. Isn't that also the time that most mental disorders occur? Coincidence? I think not.

Even though tattoos are popular, they are quite expensive. Tattoo artists can sometimes charge up to $100 an hour. For that same amount, you can pay a psychiatrist to explain to you why your father's love of sushi worries you. Can you imagine bone lesions caused by an unnatural childhood, which in turn made you want to engrave your ancestors' heads and trade them for a Disneys? Yeah, think not.

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Do you like my tattoo? Am I dedicated or what?
ans saw the Maui people's tattooed faces, they became envious.

A market for the severed, tattooed heads of the natives grew up in European society. Tribes started fighting each other so that they could take their captives' heads and trade them for European guns. Can you imagine what would've happened if the natives had decided to tattoo certain other vital body parts? Uhhhhhh, that could've been really messy.

Gives a whole new meaning to the words "severed head," huh?

Tattoos were not very popular in ancient Rome. They were grounds for banishment. Romans saw them as a betrayal of the purity and cleanliness of the Christian faith. Romans saw them as a betrayal of the purity and cleanliness of the Roman way of life. Of course, the person we're talking about here is probably a rich guy that's got a lot of money to spend on a new outfit that no one could take away. Sort of makes a drastic difference, doesn't it?

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"Printer's Choice" will be opening in the Gallery of Contemporary Art on Dec. 7. The show, curated by artist and independent curator Francine Halvorsen, features artwork which exemplifies the intense collaboration between artists and printers.

The works shown are the choices of 12 master printers who work with artists to develop their vision.

Jeffery Smith, assistant to the director of the Gallery, said, "This show is a little bit different, in that it is a group exhibit chosen by the printers. — these works — represent the interrelationship with the artist to develop the work."

The printers featured include: Sarvottam Dixit, Katharina Brown, Karl Hecksher, Felix Harlan, Carol Weaver, Jennifer Melby, Maurice Payne, Doris Simmelink, Judith Solodkin, Jo Watanabe, Todd Watts and Nina Chernick.

Among the artists whose work the printers have helped create are Yale professor William Bailey, Louise Bourgeois, Sol LeWitt, and Sean Scully.

"Though the artist creates the image, it is the printer that must have the vision to see the print through to its final form and edition," said Halvorsen. She emphasizes the printer's importance, adding, "They offer the best possible choices and techniques for the highest execution of the shared project."

"Printer's Choice" will run in the Gallery of Contemporary Art from Dec. 7 until Jan. 22. The opening reception is Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the gallery.

The Gallery fundraiser will be held Jan. 23 in the Mahogany Room.

For reservations call the Gallery of Contemporary Art at (203) 365-7650.

'South Park' takes chances with controversial topics

By Vanessa Filmow Contributing Writer

Where can you find four foul-mouthed little boys, a sex-crazed chef, gay animals and Jesus in one place?

On Comedy Central every Wednesday at 10 p.m. in the hilarious satirical cartoon "South Park."

"I haven't laughed out loud at a television show in a long time and this show makes me laugh," said Brendan Casey, a SHU alumnum.

Construction paper-cutout animation is used to show the adventures of four unique elementary school boys in the fictional town of South Park.

"Eric is the leader of the group, who leads others. Kenny dies in every episode as a result of some weird accident, Stan is just an apathetic kid if girls talk to him and Eric is the most obnoxious one, but his weight causes him to be the butt of many jokes."

"The show is original and creative," said Stephanie Smith, a senior from Hope Valley, R.I. "The creators take chances that others don't."

A major difference between these boys and other cartoon characters involves the profanities that are continuously uttered from their mouths.

"I've been offending people since the sixth grade," said Trey Parker, one of the creators, in a recent Premier magazine article. "I don't care."

"The cartoon is geared more towards our age group," said Shannon Heald, a senior form Northwood, N.H. "The swearing makes it more interesting and funny. People aren't used to hearing swear words that, especially not from little kids."

The profanities are not the only aspect that makes the cartoon anti-conservative. The content is controversial as well.

"None is safe from the criticism of the kids at South Park," said Casey. "They criticize everyone and everything including blacks, whites, Christians, Jews, young and old."

Past episodes have dealt with Eric dressing up as Hitler and then a member of the KKK for Halloween. Stan's gay dog named Sparky whom no one can accept, and a hunting trip complete with the killing of endangered animals and plenty of beer drinking.

"I am not offended at all," said Frank Todaro, a junior from Queens, N.Y. "It's done in humor, so that's how it should be taken."

Celebrities are also made fun of in each episode. Guest appearances have been made by Patrick Duffy, Kathleen Lee Gifford and Tina Yorath. "The episodes are so weird and random that it makes you wonder how the creators come up with this stuff," said Smith.

The only complaint is many basic cable systems do not include Comedy Central, so viewers have to pay extra to get it. However, many people found a solution for this problem.

"We don't get Comedy Central on our cable network, but we still manage to see episodes that our friends tape," said Smith.

Sassano's great talent

His guitar playing is a hit around campus

By Brooke Hourigan Contributing Writer

Many students have taken musical lessons at some point during their lives, but few pursue their weekly lessons into something that they enjoy doing later in life.

Michael Sassano, a sophomore from Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y., is one such person.

He has been playing the guitar since he was nine years old.

"My father got me into playing the guitar in fifth grade," says Sassano.

"I didn't like it at first, but my dad made me stick with it and I am glad he did," he added.

Sassano believes playing an instrument can be very relaxing and serve as a stress reliever. "It is a way to escape from everyday life and it takes me to another level, mentally," he said.

Sassano is well versed in the guitar. He can listen to almost any song on the radio and in minutes he is able to play along with it.

There are also some people who venture to his apartment at Jefferson Hill to hear him play some popular tunes on the weekends.

Occasionally you may also hear some of his roommates joining in with some background singing.

"I like to go over to his apartment and listen to him play when I am feeling depressed," said Kathleen Hickson, a sophomore from Westfield, Mass. "He cheers me up."

Sassano is also a member of the SHU Jazz Band. He has been a member since his freshman year. They play music ranging from big band to modern jazz and funk.

They are not planning to have a concert this fall, but sometime next semester they plan to organize one for the faculty and students.

Sassano does not have any plans to turn professional, but he does credit his dad with much of his success. "My dad was in a band when he was younger," said Sassano. "Some of his music even made it onto the radio."
Ready, set, go!

By Vanessa Filonow
Contributing Writer

The Sacred Heart women’s indoor track team opens its sea­son at the Collegiate Track Con­ference Relay Carnival at South­ern Connecticut State this Sun­day.

Last season the team defeated seven other schools claiming first place at this same meet.

“We definitely should have our best year ever,” said Coach Christian Morrison. “We have a very strong freshman class and it was already a good women’s team.”

The team is going to face some tough competition this Sun­day, but is optimistic about de­fending its title. “This Sunday is going to be a tough battle,” said Morrison. “The outcome is going to depend on what kind of fresh­man class Southern Connecticut has. If they have one as good as ours then it’s going to be a good meet.”

The Lady Owls of SCSU have always been a rival for the team and last season this meet was the first and only time they defeated them in a competition. In many of the other meets last season, the team would finish right behind SCSU by only a matter of a few points.

“This weekend will be very exciting,” said senior distance run­ner Stephanie Smith. “It’s our first chance to see how the team can perform as a whole. We’ll definitely do as well as last year.”

One of the team’s major ad­vantages is its combination of experience and youth.

“We have a strong variety of freshmen and upperclassmen in all event areas,” said Smith. “It’s also the first year that we have seniors on the team that are going on their fourth year of training with Coach.”

“We look strong this year,” said junior sprinter Julie Nevero. “We’ve had a good base to begin with as far as the older athletes and now we have some good freshmen as well. The team seems to get stronger every year.”

“Quality depth in most events is our biggest strength,” said Morrison. “We’ll do well in distance, throwing and jumping events.”

Much of the team’s success in the past belongs to senior cap­tain, Montoise Bellisle. She was the ECAC indoor shotput cham­pion last season going undefeated in the conference. Her impact on the team this year will be just as vital.

“We have our best one-two punch in the shotput with Monique,” said Morrison.

“Every time we go into a meet, we know she’s going to win,” said Nevero. “She’s a great competitor.”

“This is a good team,” said Morrison. “So good, that if we got thrown into Division I, we could hold our own.”

The women’s team will be looking to defend its title this Sunday at SCSU. The first event will begin at 11 a.m.
The Waldheim Report

SHU Box out: Hoops scores big in the Pitt

Despite the seasonably cold November evening, 20 men were sporting short and taking tops up on the hill on Nov. 24.

In the past, the only sporting event students would venture up the hill for in the winter was a football game or perhaps some competitive tray sliding. This season, basketball has found a new standing ground with the opening of the William H. Pitt Center.

Men's Hoops got first dibs on the Pitt, while many of the hoop women looked on. Both teams were in their warm-up and the media was setting up around the court.

By Corinne A. Waldheim

Opening night would also mark the evening Dave Bike led his Pioneers to their 350th career win (350-220), an 83-72 decision over talented C.W. Post. President Anthony J. Cemera was at the sports complex in jeans and a sweater to witness the event.

He finished with nine points and seven rebounds. The Pioneers took an early command over the Post men with a 10-point run and never looked back. Their opponents didn't score until almost six minutes into the game. With three minutes left in the half, SHU had Post's score almost doubled, leading 33-17.

"I liked the SHU Box," said senior co-captain Louis Frye (Aurora, N.Y.). "It's not nearly as big or glamorous." Frye, who did not start due to uncharacteristic tardiness for a practice, led the team with 19 points. "Once we get that team camaraderie, we start jelling," he said. "We know we're better than what we show sometimes.

SHU out-rebounded Post 23-20 before the break, finalizing the stat, 44-35.

In the second half, Hunter was on fire as he scored a reverse layup, followed also immediately by a dunk. But Post also found a groove in the second half, at one point narrowed the gap to six points. "In the back of my mind, I thought 'Oh God, we blew it,'" said Hunter.

"They caught a momentum swing," said Frye. "But we swung it back." Last year, Post ran away with a 91-77 win over SHU. In this contest, guards Paris Spraggins (Nashville, Tenn.) with 16 points and Garee Bryant (Mt. Vernon, N.Y.) led the visitors with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

This was Post's season opener but for senior captain Tchaka Shipp (Brooklyn, N.Y.), his first college appearance in three years. Shipp, a transfer from Seton Hall, overcame near-fatal injuries from an auto crash in 1994. The 6-foot-7 forward/center was in a coma for nine days.

Sacred Heart junior Michael Forde (Boston, Mass.), scored 18 and pulled down nine rebounds. He was followed by classmates David Pesko (South Hadley, Mass.), with 16 points. The 6-foot-7 forward led SHU with 10 rebounds.

"Am I totally sold that these guys believe they are really good? No," said Bike. "They have to work on believing they can win."

On Saturday the Pioneers travel to Stony Brook, N.Y. to face Coach Bernard Tomlin's Seawolves in the USB Sports Complex at 4 p.m. They return to the Pitt on Monday for an 8 p.m. contest against Southern Connecticut State University.

Senior Co-captain Louis Frye (Scarborough, Ontario), who scored the first basket in the Pitt.

"We took some hard losses. I wanted to show some enthusiasm," said Hunter.

SHU women take fourth
Make strides in the latest EIBC match

By Corinne A. Waldheim Sports Editor

In the past two weeks the Sacred Heart women's bowling team has risen and fallen. In the second Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference match the women moved from fifth place to fourth in the Classic Division. While at the National Collegiate Match Games in Missouri, they finished 14th. Last year SHU finished fifth at the St. Louis bid tournament.

"I really feel that the Sacred Heart women's team will surprise a lot of people this year in the EIBC as well as on a national level," said Dave Eisenberg, a sophomore at St. John's University.

"Everyone is rather disappointed, I never expected to finish as low as we did," said Coach Becky Kregling.

West Texas A & M won the bid. A bid translates into an entrance to the National Intercollegiate Bowling Championships in Wisconsin.

The Lady Pioneers returned to Strike 'N' Spare Lanes for the third time in the program's history. The tournament houses just about every competitive college team in the sport including 64 men's teams and 36 women's.

The large field required the tournament to be divided into two quadrants. The Red Squad competed in an early time slot while the Blue competed in the afternoon.

After six games, SHU was in ninth in the Blue Division. The team averaged 965 per game. In game two, the women shot 1022. The next day, SHU had a high game of 1036 in game eight. Sophomore Christy Anania (Bristol, R.I.) led the Lady Pioneers averaging 199 for nine games and finishing in the 25% of the individual field. Anania saw her best games in her final block when she shot 657 (237, 235, 185). She is also averaging 199 for the season.

Junior Adrienne Oshman (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.) averaged second with 195 (seasonal average, 190.5). She also held the high three game series for the ladies with an opening block of 666 (221, 220, 234) and a high six game total of 1160. Oshman's high game was 234.

Lisa Laursen, averaging 192, threw the high game for her team of 248. The game was thrown within a 650 series (201, 248, 201).

"Our goal this year is to give 100% at all times, even if it is not enough to win," said sophomore Kristy Newman (Point Pleasant, N.J.), who is currently averaging 183. "As long as we do our best, we can be proud of ourselves."

Sacred Heart's finish was not the only upset. The National Championship Nebraska Lincoln-coln women's team finished in an astonishing ninth. They were followed by fellow powerhouse Wichita State.

On Sunday, the women will bowl in the third Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference in their home house of Circle Lanes. The contest will begin in Fairfield at 9 a.m.
Freshman guard Kurt Reis drives to the basket in the Pioneer men's home opener at the Pitt Center

**Football finishes 1-9**

By Corinne A. Waldheim

Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University football team was defeated by St. John's, 26-7, in its final game of the season on Thanksgiving Day to fall to 1-9.

Senior Red Storm player Jermaine Creighton scored three touchdowns of four Storm touchdowns at DaSilva Field. In the final game of his collegiate career, Creighton scored his 38th touchdown.

The other St. John's touchdown was scored by Tommy Malendez. This was Malendez's first collegiate touchdown.

The Red Storm had a 26 point lead before the Pioneers put seven points on the board with 6:46 left on the clock. Sophomore Steve Ladd carried the ball into the goal and that was followed by a successful extra point.

The offense that caused the teams' suffering as two Storm touchdowns were scored on fumble recoveries.

Sacred Heart captains James Thomson and Adam Fuller supplied the team with a successful extra point.

Sacred Heart made its first step toward the jump to Division I with 16 points. The Pioneers were baptized by fire into the world of Div. I basketball by Long Island University. LIU, the first Division I opponent that Sacred Heart has faced in 17 years, cruised to a 106-69 victory.

Richie Parker and Mike Campbell led the Blackbirds with 26 and 25 points, respectively. Thankfully for Sacred Heart, LIU played without senior Charles Jones, the NCAA's scoring leader from a year ago. Jones was serving the second game of a two game suspension imposed on him for violating an NCAA guideline.

Sacred Heart scored the first basket of the game off a layup by junior forward David Fesko. The Pioneers matched up well with LIU until at least midway through the first period. At first, Sacred Heart handled the tenacious full court pressure defense that the Blackbirds used. Sacred Heart scored many of its early points off of layups and dunks. The most impressive basket came when 6-foot-6 junior forward Michael Forde dunked the ball of the game off a layup by Fesko. The Pioneers outscored the Pioneers 20 with 6:30 left in the first half. Sacred Heart came here not just to play a basketball game, but to win. They gave a great effort.

Sacred Heart had a much better outing on Nov. 21 against New Hampshire College in the Constitution Classic at Southern Connecticut State University. The Pioneers defeated NHC for the first time since 1992, by a score of 84-71.

NHC jumped out to an early eight point lead, but Sacred Heart came on strong, tying the game at 34-34 with 6:30 left in the first half. The Pioneers outscored the Penmen 11-4 to close out the half with a 34-28 lead. Sacred Heart turned things around in the second half and went on to a 73-59 victory.

**SHU upsets Div. I teams**

By Julie Nevero

Assistant Sports Editor

After a rough start, it looks like the Sacred Heart women's basketball team has found its knack. After losing three straight, the Lady Pioneers defeated both Long Island University (87-77) and Fairleigh Dickinson (78-58) last Tuesday and Saturday on the road.

"For being down 0-3 before last week's games, I was probably one of the happiest coaches in the country," said Coach Ed Swanson. "In these games, when it came down to crunch time, we executed well."

After the team fell to Bucknell in the season opener, Swanson was concerned with the team's lack of rebounds. In last week's contests, the Lady Pioneers had a total 97 boards, outrebounding LIU 43-36 and FDU 53-46.

"We're rebounding well," said Swanson. "I was very pleased to see that we out rebounded our opponents."

Senior captain Chrissie Perkins, junior captain Jessica Bresnahan, junior Jen Rimkus, sophomore Heather Yablonski and freshman Heath Coorsdttl started both games for the Lady Pioneers.

Rimkus, a guard, led the team in scoring in both contests with an impressive 31 points against LIU and 19 against FDU.

"Jen did a great job. She made her layups and foul shots count," said Coach Swanson.

Seniors Anthony and Richie Parker each scored 16 points. "We've been shooters," said Parker. "We've been shooting, taking the open shots."

Pioneers face Hofstra on Friday. The Lady Pioneers will be looking for revenge after losing to Hofstra in the season opener. Hofstra defeated Sacred Heart 83-69 in the first game of the season.

Photo by Corinne A. Waldheim

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