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**SHU student committed to hospital**

A male Sacred Heart University student, whose name was not released, was committed to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation after complaints from the mother of a 14-year-old girl of inappropriate contact with the daughter. The incident was reported to Public Safety at 12:42 a.m. on Oct. 10. Fairfield Police met with the mother and her daughter and then spoke to the student at which time he was committed to the hospital for the psychiatric evaluation.

**Cernera’s car vandalized on campus**

Anthony J. Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University, reported vandalism to his car at 4:50 p.m. on Oct. 9. The incident occurred at the Tennis Court Lot with a few scratches appearing on his car.

**Sociology course set up for AHEAD program**

Due an error in the undergraduate schedule, the SO-235 Criminology class was omitted. The course will run from 5:30 to 9:45 p.m. on Thursdays from Nov. 4 to Dec. 16 at SHU’s Valley Campus in the Shelton Enterprise Corporate Towers.

**The new marketing head for Enrollment Planning**

The course will be taught by adjunct sociology professor Andrew Andrulitis and will be part of the AHEAD program.

**Flea Market coming again this weekend**

There will be a Flea Market held this weekend in the North Lot. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be around 65 vendors present. If any club is interested in having a table at the Flea Market, they should contact Amy in the Student Activities Office.

**New head of Institutional Research hired**

Sacred Heart University announced the appointment of Joanne Menucci as director of Institutional Research. In this capacity, Menucci assists the president, administrators, faculty, and educational committees in various planning and assessment activities. She is also responsible for the publication of SHU’s annual Fact Book.

**Prior to joining SHU, Menucci served as director of institutional research at the University of Hartford, and taught at the University of Connecticut and Southern Connecticut State University. She holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Catholic University and it is our responsibility to have a policy like this one in effect,” said Sia Baryoh, The RHD of Jefferson Hill.**

**Intervisitation policy under scrutiny**

This year, Residential Assistants have been enforcing the intervisitation policy more than ever. Although all the housing buildings are coed, SHU wants to keep the sexes separated after hours, which many students and RAs find difficult to abide by and enforce.

The policy says that men and women may not be in an opposite sex room, apartment, or hallway when visitation hours are concluded. Visitation hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"The intervisitation policy is needed but difficult to enforce," said April Borgia, RA in South Hall. "If a violation is obvious I am obligated to do something about it, but I can’t go knocking door to door after hours just to make sure my residents are complying."

The policy is a bit easier to enforce in settings like South, West, and East Hall because all but one floor, located in West, are same sex but the buildings are coed.

"In apartment settings, especially Avalon, where the apartments are so spread out, intervisitation may be difficult at times to enforce," said Tara Cangemi, an RA at Avalon Gates. "It is my job as an RA to make a conscious effort to abide by and enforce the rules."

Students can be issued a warning if they are found breaking the intervisitation policy and must cooperate and leave the floor or apartment. If they are found again, they will be sanctioned for non-compliance.

"I think this policy is stupid," said Matt Fiore, a South Hall resident from Shadyside, N.Y. "This is a college atmosphere where we are preparing for the real world, and we should be treated like adults not children with curfews. We should be able to visit with our friends as we please."

Some argue that this curfew is needed to protect students from making wrong decisions or feeling uncomfortable in their own room or floor. SHU says it wants to support its mission statement, which says that the students should be moral and rooted in faith.

"I definitely support the intervisitation policy. This is a Catholic University and it is our responsibility to have a policy like this one in effect," said Sia Baryoh, The RHD of Jefferson Hill.

"It prevents insecure freshmen from making mistakes, and instilling a set of guidelines in them to help them make the right decision," added Baryoh.

During mid-terms and finals, certain areas may be approved as designated study areas for late night coed study groups. The visitation policy and other SHU policies are detailed in the Student Handbook.

**SHU students are dealing with stricter enforcement of the intervisitation policy this year.**

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Sacred Heart students read aloud to area children again

By Morgan Futch
Contributing Writer

As the anxious SHU students walked through the halls filled with water fountains that came up to their knees, desks that looked like they were made for munchkins, and bright pictures of pumpkins that wallpapered the halls, their nerves were slowly calmed.

"This is going to be easy. I can do this," the students said as they stood outside their assigned classroom.

They took a deep breath, clenched the colorful book under their arm, and entered the classroom with confidence.

They were greeted by dozens of smiling little faces all anxious to see what this "big kid" was going to share with them today.

On Oct. 13, the city of Bridgeport celebrated its 14th annual citywide Read Aloud. Hundreds of classrooms all over Bridgeport were transformed into story time, relaxed reading rooms.

The event was started by the School Volunteer Association to open young student's eyes and instill an important and love for reading. The cooperation had 640 volunteers, 105 of which were Sacred Heart University students.

"We could never have been successful without the help of the SHU students. They are terrific," said Phyllis Gustafson, coordinator of volunteer services for the SVA. "The kids really enjoy having someone closer to their age in the front of the classroom. We get nothing but positive feedback about SHU volunteers."

The volunteers read illustrated hardcover books to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. When they were finished with the story, they donated the book to the class as a gift. The books are provided through grants from three sponsors, including the New York Times Co. Magazine Group, Tetley, and People's Bank.

"It's fun that we can have someone come in and read to us," said Ashley Thome, an 11-year-old from Cariale Elementary School.

"It was cool. We learned a lesson from the book, added Raymond Delfi, a 12-year-old classmate.

The SHU volunteers said they had an overwhelming positive feeling as they left the classrooms.

"It's great to see the kids eyes open and smile when you walk in the room. They know you're not there to bore them," said Tim Welch, a junior on the SHU service learning and volunteer program. "We learned a cause," added Welch.

"The kids really look up to us, and it's cool to know that we are helping out for a good cause," added W. elsch.

Read Aloud workshops are done every week by SHU students. Anyone interested should contact Phyllis Machleidt, director of service learning and volunteer programs, at 365-7622.

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Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Oct. 6-8 and Oct. 15-17

Oct. 6: 3:59 a.m.- Officer observed a fire extinguisher missing from the rear of Parkridge Apartments.

11:00 a.m.- Staff members reported a group of individuals had been hazed. They were posing as fraternity brothers and gave instructions as an initiation to certain males pledging into a fraternity. They instructed them to run around the softball field in the fraternities.

2:18 p.m.- West Hall fifth floor fire alarm; no problem found.

6:54 p.m.- Pit Center member reported the theft of his money taken from his unsecured locker. Public Safety responded and investigated.

7:04 p.m.- South Hall sixth floor fire alarm caused by smoke from a resident cooking.

10:48 p.m.- South Hall resident reported the theft of his laptop computer from his room.

12:22 a.m.- Officer observed damage to a fire extinguisher door window at the Pit Center.

Oct. 7: 3:24 p.m.- Student reported vandalism to his motor vehicle while parked in the North Lot. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

3:30 p.m.- West Hall resident reported the theft of two AT&T calling cards. Public Safety responded and investigated.

4:22 p.m.- Student staff member reported the theft of Spectrum newspapers from their bins. Public Safety responded and investigated.

9:37 p.m.- Parkridge resident had an illegal visitor who is not allowed on campus in her apartment. She refused to let a Public Safety Officer to enter. The visitor was told to leave and he complied.

The resident was verbally abusive to the Public Safety Officer.

10:14 p.m.- South Hall fourth floor fire alarm; no problem found.

Oct. 8: 1:02 a.m.- West Hall third floor fire alarm; no problem found.

1:30 a.m.- West Hall fourth floor fire alarm; no problem found.

2:51 a.m.- West Hall Resident Life staff member reported there were two West Hall residents that returned from a party and were not feeling well. Public Safety responded and investigated. She refused medical attention. Her roommate stated she would keep an eye on her throughout the night.

11:45 a.m.- West Hall second floor fire alarm; no problem found.

8:31 p.m.- East Hall fifth floor fire alarm caused by resident spraying an aerosal spray. Simplex monitoring system called the Bridgeport Fire Department and they responded.

11:45 a.m.- Officer observed damage to a bollard in front of South Hall.

Oct. 9: 10:00 p.m.- Buildings and Grounds employee reported damage to the South Hall front door window.

5:23 p.m.- South Hall, second floor fire alarm; no problem found.

Oct. 16: 1:28 a.m.- Inoxicated West Hall resident became ill. AMR Ambulance was called; student was transported to the hospital.

2:09 a.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported someone vandalized his vehicle, while parked in the Jefferson Hill Parking Lot. At 3:47 a.m., two Jefferson Hill residents admitted to vandalizing the vehicle. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

4:36 a.m.- Officer observed an intoxicated East Hall resident stumbling in the front of East Hall. The resident was escorted to his room.

4:43 a.m.- Officer reported two Jefferson Hill residents verbally abused him. Fairfield Police were present and spoke with the individuals.

5:05 p.m.- Staff member reported the theft of her University vehicle from her residence. She notified the Stamford Police Dept.

10:02 p.m.- West Hall, third floor fire alarm; no problem found.

Oct. 17: 1:15 a.m.- Officer reported two individuals were fighting in the front of East Hall. A Bridgeport Police officer was present and ended the altercation.

2:39 a.m.- West Hall Residential Life staff member reported a West Hall resident had marijuana and paraphernalia in his possession. The marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated.

5:05 p.m.- West Hall resident reported he was harassed. Public Safety investigating.

5:09 a.m.- Jefferson House fire alarm; no problem found.

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Speaker: Whitestone-McCallum coming to SHU

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America Organization and the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. Whitestone-McCallum is also a spokesperson for the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation and the Starkey Hearing Aid Foundation which donates millions of dollars worth of hearing aids to those who need them but cannot afford them.

Whitestone-McCallum's S.T.A.R.S. program was originally developed for her local school system. The program has five points Whitestone-McCallum said she believes are necessary for success: have a positive attitude, believe in your dream, be willing to work hard, face your obstacles, and build your support team.

Whitestone-McCallum also wrote a book entitled Listening With My Heart in 1997 and has another, Believing The Promise, which was released in the summer of 1999. The talk is free to SHU students with ID, $3 for faculty and staff, and $5 for general admission.

Editor's Note: Additional information was provided by Washington Speaker's Bureau, Inc.

Meningitis: Second outbreak hits a Connecticut school

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Bachman also reminded students that meningococcal bacteria infection is not considered an easily transmitted disease and the "isolated case" does not represent a "need for widespread preventive antibiotic treatments" of students.

According to information provided by ECSU, the bacterium which causes meningococcal disease is spread by oral and nasal secretions. It can be spread by kissing or other intimate contact or by sharing glasses, utensils, cigarettes or other items contaminated by the secretions.

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Editorials

SHU events; for college kids or third graders?

Well, it's that time of year again. No not fall, midterms, or Halloween. Something much more frightening; Parents Weekend. So what does this institute of higher education have planned for all the mature college students and their even more mature parents?


Not to be blunt, but what the hell are we, an elementary school? It's no wonder turnout for student events is so low, with such asinine and childish activities like these. What's next, finger painting in the Mahogany Room? Or perhaps potty training in the Science Wing?

Students in college expect, and deserve, to be treated like adults. So why does this school constantly insist on throwing events for its student population that would better suit Mrs. Anderson's third grade class.

If this keeps up, our new mission statement should read, "Sacred Heart University, sponsored by the letter E."

Housing fees high when you look at numbers

Let's say you're a typical person looking for a place to rent out, what would you want to pay for a nice apartment? Maybe you want to get some of your buddies to go in on a place with you, what would be a fair price?

We doubt most students would want to pay $625 a month per person for an apartment that you'd share with up to seven or eight other people, but that's what it roughly works out to with SHU housing fees.

Now granted, everything is included, but if you're in a seven person Parkridge apartment, that works out to $4,375 a month rent for your place. Fairfield County prices may be bad, but that's ridiculous.

You can get three bedroom apartments in Manhattan for under $3,000 a month, let alone the $4,375 that seven person Parkridge residents pay.

Although SHU housing fees are not outrageous compared to other universities' housing, these numbers should raise an eyebrow or two. One wonders why schools like SHU decide to charge such fees and where the money goes.

To bash a Catholic...with tax money

She is the immaculate image of purity and goodness. She is the mother of Jesus Christ, whose revere and worship is the Messiah. She holds a position of considerable importance in the Catholic Church.

The Virgin Mary's portrait also now hangs in the Brooklyn Museum of Art, covered in elephant faces and low pornographic pictures.

This work of art by Chris Ofili is part of the "Sensation" exhibition which opened Oct. 2 in the city museum. Other exhibits include a decapitated cow's head filled with dead maggots and flies and a sympathetic portrait of a real life serial killer. The Catholic League has come out in protest against the museum and mayor Rudolf Guiliani has threatened to end the $7 million worth of public funding for the institution.

In today's society, anti-Catholic forms of expression are readily accepted. Whether it be the "Piss Christ" photos of the crucifix floating in urine or the "Corpus Christi" play production in Manhattan, Catholic bashing is acceptable in both our media and our culture.

The predictable rank and file liberals decry opposition to the museum as "Art Censors" who oppose the first amendment. Censorship involves destroying a piece of artwork or literature or preventing it from ever letting the public view it.

Guiliani is simply trying to end the cities appropriations. Should the taxpayer be forced to underwrite art whose main goal is to be offensive and sensationalistic?

For a Catholic taxpayer it is bad enough being kicked in the face, but how about having money taken from your wallet to support your attacker.

Another substantial issue in this conflict is that of entitlement. As much as hate art is "thought provoking and meaningful" this cultural virtuoso does not have an absolute right to be funded by the American citizen.

These elitist cultural connoisseurs invoke claims on the public dollar and label those who confront them as "intolerant" and "prejudiced." An individual who asks for the free choice to spend his own money is branded and ridiculed.

What is the answer to the controversy in Brooklyn and the larger philosophical implications of artwork funded by the taxpayer? Art vouchers? Check off box on your tax forms? Some say that the budgets for the National Endowment of the Arts and other such governmental organizations are too small.

With the multitude of affluent bigots in the world it is hard to believe that this "Sensation" cannot be privately funded. Our money saved, then can be put at the bottom of our collection boxes at mass, instead of in the pockets of those who mock and deride us.

Michele Pitcarin
Sophomore
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"Nothing. I'll be at Rhode Island's homecoming this weekend."

Jeff Hoose
Junior
Milford

"I see my family enough that Family Weekend is irrelevant."

Brian Polovoy
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Brooklyn, N.Y.

"I see my family quite often, so there is no need for them to come down for Family Weekend."

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Dear Editor,

Freshman having regrets about college choice

By Theresa Forget
Senior Class '99

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AIDS still a major issue among young adults
Epidemic is sixth leading cause of death of people 16 to 24 years of age

By Melissa McClellan
Contributing Writer

A recent article in the New York Times has shown that although there has been a steady decrease in the number of AIDS related deaths in America since 1995, this decrease has dropped minimally since 1997.

Recent studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that while the number of deaths due to HIV infection dropped 43 percent between 1996 and 1997, the decrease between 1997 and 1998 was a mere 20 percent.

One might question what does this information mean to the youth of America? According to many experts in the field, people, teenagers especially, are not aware of the consequences of unsafe sex and the transmission of the AIDS virus.

"In this era of better therapies, it is clear that people are becoming more complacent about prevention," Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the AIDS program for the disease centers in Atlanta, told The Times.

The large drop in the death rate was due in part to the preoccupation with AIDS when engaging in sex, but mainly because of new drugs, such as protease inhibitors, designed to fight and prevent the transmission of the virus.

Yet, some believe that this technology will cause many people to ignore the dangers of unsafe sex and resort to bad habits, like not protecting themselves.

According to a 1997 issue of Newsweek, due to the fact that AIDS related deaths plummeted so drastically in 1997, some people have begun to seek out unsafe sex once again.

"The potential to roll back the last decade's worth of advances is enormous," said Seth Kalichman, a professor at Georgia State University, told Newsweek. "People are gambling with their lives.

While many students believe that the chances of contracting AIDS are still there, some feel that unsafe sex is not as dangerous as it once was. "I've had sex with 11 girls in the past six months, yet I only used protection three times," said a Sacred Heart student who wished to remain anonymous. "Two years ago I used protection a lot more often."

Students say that one reason for this decline in the use of protection on campuses like SHU could be due to the fact that the realities of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases does not hit close to home.

Unlike many other colleges and universities around the nation, Sacred Heart University does not sell condoms on campus or have them available in the University Medical Center for those who wish to practice safe sex.

Sources from the Medical Center said that this is because of the fact that SHU is a Catholic University. Many students believe that the University's religious foundations should not inhibit students from buying methods of protection.

"It's completely ridiculous that our bookstore doesn't sell condoms just because we're a Catholic college," said one male student. "I've heard that Boston College and Notre Dame sell condoms on campus despite their religious grounding."

There has been no recent reports of HIV infected students on campus. But, studies say that the most affected demographic of this epidemic has been teenagers from 16 to 18 years of age. This is blamed on the lack of communication that parents have toward their teenage sons or daughters on informing them of this deadly virus. There are various pamphlets and brochures on ways of preventing AIDS and the necessary precautions that people can take so they don't contract the disease at the Medical Center.

By Mike Palmer and Justin Lear
Contributing Writers

The production of the house that was sponsored by Sacred Heart's chapter of Habitat for Humanity is in full swing. Sacred Heart's chapter has joined the St. James Catholic Church in Stratford and the St. Charles Catholic Church in Bridgeport to form a coalition called the "Community Builders", a non-profit organization to get the project done.

The house on 755 Shelton St. in Bridgeport will be the first ever Habitat House in Fairfield County. The soon to be owner, Luz Avila, has dedicated a lot of time with helping with the construction of her new home, which is scheduled to be complete some time in December.

According to Phyllis Machledt, the director of service learning and volunteer programs, the main goal of this project is to help members of the community that need it most. It allows low-income families to afford homes without the worries of interest rates that can be financial burdens.

However, Machledt stresses that this is not just a gift for needy people, these owners must fulfill certain financial criteria when applying for a Habitat house.

"I want people to know that we're not giving these houses away for free," said Machledt. "These people are in fact paying for their home."

Avila, as well as other owners of Habitat for Humanity homes pay a 25-year mortgage with a zero percent interest rate. The income level of these families has to be between $15,000 and $35,000 a year. They also must currently reside in an inadequate or poor housing and they must work the house for at least 500 hours.

Many Sacred Heart University organizations such as the fraternity Omega Phi Kappa, UMOJA, Student Government, and STAR have lent a hand in the project. The students raised money for food and supplies by tag sales, collecting bottles, fund-raising, and selling t-shirts. The rest of the money and supplies were donated from local businesses and organizations in the community. To date, the Sacred Heart community has raised around $15,000.

"I'm incredibly proud of the Sacred Heart students for the extreme effort they made to raise money for this project," said Machledt.
Women's self-defense courses a rarity at SHU

Classes in defending oneself not frequently offered and not attended

By Chris Snyder
Contributing Writer

Despite its large population of female students and faculty, Sacred Heart University offers no self-defense courses designed for women. Although courses such as Taekwondo and aerobics can be used to imitate self-defense, they are mainly used for exercise, and no aspect of these courses can be used for protection.

Gary Reho, the director of the Pitt Center, where most exercise courses are offered through physical education, and Sacred Heart University does not have any courses to support this course. "It's not a bad idea," said Reho in response to why there are no present women protection courses on campus.

Cam Farrar, the assistant director of the Pitt Center has taught Taekwondo courses for the last year and said that no one has approached him thus far about the topic of self-defense. "There have been no significant issues on campus regarding this, so I don't think that there is a major interest from students," said Farrar.

Student involvement or lack thereof could be attributed to this problem. According to Denise Tiberio, assistant dean of students, Public Safety offered a course on self-defense as part of Welcome Days, but it wasn't attended.

In an environment such as Sacred Heart's where very little incidents of assault have been reported, one might wonder as to why there would be a necessity to teach self-defense. University employees as well as students benefit from the safe environment at SHU.

"I feel safe on campus at night," said Geri Diiorio, a University employee. "The parking lot is well lit, and there are generally lots of people milling about during the school year," she added.

Ralph Corrigan, an English and media studies professor at Sacred Heart is a fourth degree black belt in the American Red Karate Club, and believes that women would need to do different things to insure their safety.

"There are specific punches and kicks that I would give as a key defense," said Corrigan.

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"I feel safe on campus at night," said Geri Diiorio, a University employee. "The parking lot is well lit, and there are generally lots of people milling about during the school year," she added.

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Graduate study versus work: The possibilities are endless

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Graduation. For those of you who don't have definite post-college plans, the word can loom over you. Most of you will be considering one of two options - continuing your academic life in graduate school, or venturing into the world of work.

Graduate school and professional life represent two very different lifestyles. Graduate school offers flexibility in your schedule but it also entails a lot of work. On top of attending classes you have to take exams, do research and write papers.

At a job, your work is usually limited to the time you spend in the office. Unlike your time at school, holding a job means your evenings and weekends are free for you to fill as you wish.

Getting a job is a chance to establish yourself financially. A job provides financial security and the means to pay off student loans.

Graduate school, however, doesn't allow much room for financial independence. Rather, for most of you it means living on a budget and adding to your already existing loans.

Going to graduate school can be an advantage when you later apply for work. Having a master's degree, for example, gives you an edge over those who only have a bachelor's degree.

If you are considering graduate school, now is the time to plan your attack. You need to give yourself ample time to fill out applications, to write letters of intent and to put together a portfolio.

Whether you decide on graduate school or professional life, or a combination of the two, the most important thing is to start your preparations as soon as possible, to ensure a smooth post-college transition.

You also need letters of recommendation from professors and past or present employers, who can help you if you give them enough warning time.

Entering graduate school requires that you take a standardized test like the LSAT (for Law school), the GMAT (for business school), the MCAT (for Medical school) or the GRE (for other graduate science or art programs). Take the time to study and familiarize yourself with the exam. You might consider enrolling in one of the many exam preparation courses.

If you are torn between working or continuing your education, you may explore the possibility of doing both.

There are plenty of people who attend graduate school part-time and work full-time, often because graduate school is so expensive. You might broach the topic with potential employers—many will encourage you to continue your education, and will make accommodations for potential time conflicts.

Whether you decide on grad school, professional life, or a combination of the two, the most important thing is to start your preparations as soon as possible, to ensure a smooth post-college transition.

If you solidify your plans early, hearing that word 'graduation' will trigger a sense of accelerated transition.

For more information check out flyers on the League in Flik and the Pitt Center or e-mail Kathy Fortin fortink@sacredheart.edu

Campus Happenings

American Coffeehouse next Thursday

The first American Coffeehouse of the semester is slated for at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 in the Faculty Lounge. Kick back and relax to a medley of country music and other good old fashioned American tunes. The evening is presented by Thom Lewis, the leading solo acoustic guitarist in the northeastern United States. Halloween treats and other American treats will be served. The cost is free for SHU students, and $8 general admission.

Retreat for religious studies to take place

"Sanctuary," a day of renewal and retreat will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Faculty Lounge. Dr. Thomas Hicks, professor emeritus of religious studies, and Dr. Antoinette Bosco will be the presenters and facilitators. The cost is $49 per person and includes brunch. The event is sponsored by the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Studies (REAPS). For RSVP and reservations, contact Pat Murphy at 371-7867 or reaps@sacredheart.edu.

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Sacred Heart smells what the WWF is cooking

By Brian McGrath
Contributed photo
A phone rings on an ordinary Monday night. Screams and cheers echo throughout the Parkridge apartment, and the phone goes unanswered. A knock at the door reveals a student who asks if he has missed anything.

"No, you didn't, but next time, 'Know your role, Jabroni,'" yells Robert Alfhaim, a junior from Warwick, N.Y., from the packed room. "It's just starting, so everyone be quiet," he warns, as he turns up the volume.

 Fellow roommates gather in the living room to get a good seat. "OK, honey, I have to go do some work," says Chris Eaton, a junior from Mason, N.H., as he puts down the phone and grabs some popcorn. "Let's get it on!" he cheers.

"I got two words for you guys tonight," says Kris Tompkins, a junior from Tomsriver, N.J, as he joins in the festivities. Kris is suddenly drawn in by the television and he never finishes his comment.

The number of spectators continues to grow, and the whole room is fired up. Scenes like the one described above are repeated all over Sacred Heart's campus when the World Wrestling Federation is on television.

The WWF, which runs on Monday, Thursday, and Sunday nights, is one of many shows that has attracted students' attention.

"It's like a soap opera, but I actually want to watch," said Kristen Rys, a junior from Southwindor, Conn.

"I don't think wrestling is just for guys either," added Rys. "I think both guys and girls can equally get into it."

While waiting for "Dawson's Creek" and "Party of Five" to role around, many students have discovered wrestling. The continuing story line and tough-guy antics have viewers coming back each week.

"I think it's good that women are now involved in wrestling, because it shows they can hang with the guys," said Sharon Kyc, a junior from Southwindor.

"Although I mostly watch it for the built guys," she added.

The WWF has grown in popularity recently due to wrestlers like The Rock, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Mankind and The Undertaker.

With each wrestler adding his own unique characteristic to the show, the excitement seems to never end.

"We can see the ceiling shake above us whenever it's on because the guys upstairs just go crazy for it," said Rys.

The WWF's most important matches, however, are seen on pay-per-view. It costs $29 to see the match, but for a die-hard fan, it's well worth it.

"Where else can I see a 250-pound man get suplexed for $29? Forget a spring concert. Let's get wrestlers here at SHU instead," said Tompkins.

If you don't know already, the WWF can be found on the USA network on Monday from 9-11 p.m., Thursday from 8-10 p.m. on UPN and Sunday 7-8 p.m.

Laughter through the years

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

"There was always the story in any gathering in Limerick. Be it boys, girls, the men, bold facts were considered cold and inhuman; there­fore, all a story had to be wrapped in words. Warm words, retold words, glittering, poetic, harsh, and even baffling­ ness words."

So begins Malachy Mcourt's memoir, "A Monk Swimming." And with that said, McCourt proceeds to lead his readers through a hilarious jour­ney of love and life from the lanes of Limerick, to the mean streets of New York.

Two years ago, McCourt's brother, Frank, topped the best­seller charts with his memoir, "Angela's Ashes." With Frank's novel as a premise, McCourt's latest contribution to the literary world is quite a unique one.

After a growing up in the poverty-stricken lanes of Limerick, Ireland, deserted by his alcoholic father, and raised by his disillusioned mother, Malachy McCourt sets out to make his fortune, or at least find some fun, in America. He does both.

McCourt uses his talents as a great storyteller to regale us of exciting adventures, but no sta­bility, and McCourt finds that he is extremely unhappy.

At the book's end, McCourt finds that the only way to come to terms with himself is to make peace with the people who were responsible for his formative years: his parents.

This is just the most basic plot synopsis, though. Each page is filled with McCourt's delightful anecdotes, some of which are almost too outrageous to be true.

But isn't that the mark of a tal­ented young writer? It does more than provide entertainment and easy reading. It also gives insight into many aspects of the Irish way of life, including a very different look at the Catholic tradition.

In fact, the book's title comes from a part of the Hail Mary that McCourt had misin­terpreted when he was a boy. Instead of "Blessed art thou, a monk swimming," McCourt heard, "Blessed art thou, a monk swimming."

It seems as though his entire Catholic upbringing, and per­haps his whole life consists of a series of humorous misinterpre­tations.

I encourage anyone who needs some comic relief, to give McCourt a chance to raise your spirits a little.

"Cheers!" to Malachy McCourt on his successful first effort. His memoir, filled with wit and candor, is worth a read, and maybe a second and a third.
Small dabs of color brighten Gallery exhibit

Special to the Spectrum

"Formal Structure, Color & Pattern," an exhibit of paintings and painted sculptural shapes by Liz Whitney Quisgard, will open at Sacred Heart University's Gallery of Contemporary Art on Sunday, Oct. 24, with a reception from 1-3:30 p.m.

The paintings are based upon architectural shapes, such as Gothic or Romanesque arches viewed from below, and the sculptures are based upon columns, both classical and modern.

These works are created by using layers of small dabs of brilliant color juxtaposed to create a dazzling display of jewel-like surfaces.

Quisgard has a compulsion to create works that cover every square inch of space on a canvas or sculptural surface. The columns combine Eastern and Western esthetics. While at times classical in shape, based upon control and elimination of the extraneous, they are covered with such brilliant color that they evoke a Moroccan esthetic of intricate pattern.

This combination of pattern and bright color is intriguing, and, at times, disorienting. Every surface, flat, round or an edge is painted with a combination of small bits of contrasting and sometimes complementary colors, which causes the surfaces to vibrate.

Other columns have fantasy shapes or resemble eccentrics, huge furniture legs turned on an angle to the sky. In place of the more typical solid color, their surfaces have been decorated.

Some of the paintings on canvases that have a Gothic structure of arches, such as "Arches and Pendentes," seem to have been created by an intense desire to study each and every angle, and then to decorate each inch with jewel-like colors in which one can lose oneself.

This is the work of a totally free and uninhibited imagination.

Quisgard graduated from the Maryland Institute, College of Art, then received an MFA from the Maryland Institute, College of Art and Design.

She has taught at several colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic region, including the University of Maryland, and has also been a theater set designer.

The artist has exhibited in numerous galleries and museums across the United States, including the Andre Emmerich Gallery in New York, the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Her works appear in many corporate and private collections, both here and abroad. In addition, she has completed several major commissions, including an 8-by-40-foot mural in a place of the more typical solid color, their surfaces have been decorated.

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This sculpture, from Quisgard's exhibit "Formal Structure, Color & Pattern," illustrates the intricate detail in her work.

MTV shows 'Real' alcohol abuse as millions watch

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A young woman's problems with alcohol abuse give MTV's 'Real World' record-high ratings.

Ruthe Alcaide, a journalism student at Rutgers University, returned to the cast of the nonfiction show last week after spending one month in an alcohol-treatment program.

The show — a weekly series about what happens in the lives of seven young strangers living together for four months — has faithfully documented Alcaide's downward spiral. In one episode, viewers watched the 21-year-old fall drunk in a club and throw up half-way back to a hospital. After she passed out in her bathroom, the show ended with emergency workers pumping her stomach in an ambulance.

Since the season began in June, "Real World" has seen a 41 percent jump in the number of households tuning in each week. The show, which debuted in 1992, is now MTV's highest-rated series and has helped lift the network's overall ratings, up 18 percent so far this year over last, to an all-time high.

Alcaide's problems have been a significant part of this season's "Real World" and its promotions — something that MTV executives say has been instrumental in showing the dark side of alcohol consumption.

"If you saw what was happening to Ruthe, it would be very hard to think that alcoholism or excessive drinking is glorious," Brian Graden, the network's top programming executive told The Wall Street Journal. "The network also has defended its decisions not to intervene or shirk from covering Alcaide's substance abuse. "We're documentarians who want to document young people's lives," said "Real World" co-producer John Murray.

"If we, as older, perhaps wiser adults, step into every situation and try to solve it for them, we're not going to wind up with a program that deals with these problems."

Some cast members wonder if Alcaide's return is wise. Colin Mortensen, a 19-year-old.

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Awareness at SHU

By Betania C. Magalhaes

Contributing Writer

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), 8 people under the age of 21 die every day in an alcohol-related accident.

Here at Sacred Heart, we are all influenced by the adverse effects of alcohol, whether it be alcohol abuse or drunk driving. No one is untouched by the dangers.

For this reason, SHU will recognize Alcohol Awareness Week from October 25 through October 29. Different student organizations have been planning for this event since the beginning of the semester. The SHU Players, Sacred Heart's student theater organization, will use the stage to promote knowledge and responsibility.

Since September, 7 SHU students have been writing, editing, and rehearsing monologues dealing with all aspects of alcohol. This production is unique because the monologues are written by the students, sharing their visions of alcohol's affect on the world.

The cast includes senior Chris Bowley, junior Gary Barti, freshman Jen Bush, sophomore Lee-Ann Galli and several others. Each class is represented.

According to Professor Richard McKinnon, faculty advisor of the SHU Players, "This performance is a moving and intense portrayal that look into the minds of seven unique characters." These students, under the direction of English faculty member Mark Edwards, will showcase their efforts in three performances: October 25 at 10 a.m., October 26 at 1 p.m. and October 28 at 1 p.m. The shows will be held in the Theater, and they are free to SHU students.

Come, bring your friends, and see this moving part of Alcohol Awareness Week. The SHU Players meet every Monday evening in the Mahogany Room at 9pm. For more information about the SHU Players, you can contact McKinnon by SHU network e-mail.

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ODB’s listeners say, ‘Shape up or shut-up’

By Chris Snyder
Contributing Writer

The man sits down in front of his computer, pushes the button to open the CD-ROM drive in his computer, and pops in a CD thinking, “This should be a trip.” But as the music starts, he begins to laugh as he says, “This is the stupidest thing I’ve ever heard.”

The man is me, and the CD is the horrible new offering from the Of Dirty Bastard, entitled “N***a Please.” From beginning to end, the songs in this CD just get worse.

What you get for your money is the same old beats, the same old swears, the same old rhymes. There’s no change from the early nineties, pioneered by the Wu-Tang Clan, for that matter.

The songs on this album are intensely juvenile. Profanity and misogynry prevail.

It’s hard to take a musician seriously when all he can manage to do is swear, mumble and slur. None of these songs make sense. It’s straight trash talking with no point or message. The best thing about this CD is that it ends.

Here’s the bottom line: would you have a conversation with someone who does nothing but swear? The only people who might find anything of value on this CD are those who buy into the ghetto bravado attitude.

Unfortunately, the Wu-Tang Clan has enough of a reputation to make this album sell, and too many people will identify with the words in the songs, to the detriment of society.

This album leaves me wanting to say, if the ODB can’t get high no more, what would you ask him?

Batchelor action films and dull space, he said. Put a group of people who are struggling with addiction, he said. The show “is conducive to quitting,” he said. The Wall Street Journal that a good environment for someone with an addiction problem.

The show is “a conducive to beaver drinking” and “isn’t a good environment for someone to recover in or be safe” if they are struggling with addiction, he said. Put a group of young people together and “what are they going to do?” he asked. “They party.”

Alcaide has refused interviews to discuss the matter.

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Film fans flock to “American Beauty”

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

After a summer of blockbuster action films and dull comedies, the fall season looks promising after the opening of “American Beauty.”

“American Beauty” focuses on the life of Lester Burnham, played by Kevin Spacey.

Burnham is an employee of 14 years at a media marketing firm. When another employee tells him that the company is downsizing, and he could lose his job, Lester must write a summary detailing his qualifications for the firm. This, combined with his joyless marriage to his realtor, wife, wonderfully played by Annette Bening, and his helpless relationship with his daughter, Janie, played by Thora Birch, leads to somewhat of a mid-life crisis for Lester.

Lester’s lack of motivation is repaired when he meets Janie’s teenage friend, Angela, a seductive cheerleader, played by Mena Suvari.

Director Sam Mendes captures Lester’s fantasies through beautifully crafted dream sequences, complete with rose petals.

In an attempt to recapture his youth, Lester meets up with his teenage neighbor, Ricky Fit, played by newcomer Wes Bentley. Scenes of drug use and excessive sexual innuendo fuel this film into complete reality.

While Lester’s road takes many turns throughout the picture, the viewer can empathize with his attempt at recapturing the good in his life.

Spacey expertly fills his role with heart-felt humor, and Hughly’s film could be his Oscar-winning role.

The script for “American Beauty,” which was written by Alan Ball, a writer for the critically acclaimed sitcom “Curbilly,” was immediately purchased by Dreamworks, handed it to British stage-director Mendes.

Mendes has made quite an impression on the stage lately with his revival of “Cabaret.”

Real World:
Antics find an audience

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Currently on the show, told TheWall Street Journal that the “Real World” is the wrong place for someone with a drinking problem.

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Exhibit: Opens in Gallery

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Baltimore and a 47-foot by 140-foot mural in Atlanta. The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 21, Quigard will present an Artist’s Talk on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery.

With its vibrant colors and intricate detail, Quigard’s exhibit promises to be a worthwhile experience.

The Gallery is open on Sundays from 12-4 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 12-7 p.m.
The women's basketball team plays weekly scrimmages against Fairfield University.

Women's basketball matches up with Fairfield

By Megan Ambrose
Contributing Writer

The Lady Pioneers step on the court each week feeling confident about the team they are facing.

"Hey, who should I guard?" says one of the Pioneer players. Another jokingly replies, "Guard number 21... and why don't you try to stop her this week?"

Players don't check the schedule week after week to see what team they will face next because it is a known fact. Fairfield University is its weekly opponent here in the preseason.

The Sacred Heart University women's basketball team scrimmages the Lady Stags the day after Thanksgiving. They play each other during the fall semester and many others during the winter season.

Last year, the Lady Pioneers faced Fairfield in their post-season which was setup by the two coaches. This year, the head coaches decided the teams will play each other during the preseason and it is up to the team to take it from there.

The team has decided when and where to play since the coaches are not allowed to present at the games.

After several weeks of scrimmaging Fairfield, SHU has returned with several wins. In the last two weeks, the team has performed better than the previous week.

"I feel it is good that we scrimmaged a different team at this stage of the season," said Heather Coomrad, a junior and third-year player from Lihua, N.Y. "With six new faces we learn earlier how we work as a team."

This season the Pioneers will be facing top D-I schools in Georgetown, Harvard, Ohio State and Yale.

"I am excited that we get the opportunity to play these big schools so we can see how good we are," said Leslie Newhard (sophomore, second-year player from Northampton, P.A.)

Cross Country teams place well in N.E.'s

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart cross country teams faced some of the toughest teams in the region at the New England championships at Franklin Park in Boston last Friday.

The men remained pretty much where they were previously by placing 32nd out of 39. Sophomore Chris Ciprelli is in top-notch condition, running his fastest five miles in 26:30, while freshman Brian Koch also ran his personal best of 26:33, beating his old time by more than two minutes.

"Several guys had big breakthroughs in this race," said Christian Morrison, coach of both teams. "But the emergence of Brian Koch, in particular, is really going to strengthen this team up front for the rest of the season."

Senior co-captains Brian Williams and Ed Mahoney also ran well for the team. Mahoney ran his personal best of 28:05. Williams ran a time of 27:06. The women performed better than last year, placing 24th out of 45 teams.

The women's team had eight runners under 21:00 on the fast 3.1 mile course for the first time ever.

Junior Heather Stockton also ran her seasonal best time of 18:53, which is her second fastest time ever. Senior co-cap-tain Jennifer McGovern and freshman Kristi Plourde ran their personal best times which were 19:42 and 20:55 respectively.

"The women had a bit of an off race," said Morrison. "But I know they'll be ready for the big races ahead."

Other runners for the men with their times were junior Eddie Nji with 27:47, sopho-mores John Marosa at 29:28, Brian Wrinkle following closely at 29:46.

The women had finished fastest D-Angelo finishing with 29:46, seniors Eddie Nji with 27:47, sopho-mores John Marosa at 29:28, Brian Wrinkle following closely at 29:46.

"Give 'em a break, will ya?" FLIK is getting old. East Hall is old news as well, com-plains about Res. Life in general at Sacred Heart to be competitive on the D-I level.

In fact, I'd like to make a prediction now that it'll take about 10 years for us to get up to smuff. So none of us will be here then, at least we can say we went here and are proud to call ourselves alumni.

I suppose that for students here at Sacred Heart to be happy, they need to complain about something.

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**Volleyball staying tough**

*By Kelly-Ann Franklin*

*Sports Editor*

As with all of the athletic teams here at Sacred Heart, the women's volleyball team has had to face some pretty stiff competition in Division I play and as a result, are looking out from under the rock of a 1-26, 0-4 NEC record.

"We can play well, and we do play well," said Scott Carter, head coach of the team. "You look at our season, you look at our record and our record is not indicative of how we've been playing."

The team faced off against three tough opponents in a row in UMBC, Yale, and Army and dropped all three but Carter does not feel that's what's important.

What is important, according to Carter, is that the team has been able to improve steadily from the beginning of the season and in fact was able to play UMBC to a five game match. "We're not winning matches, but we're playing well," said Carter. "We played UMBC to five games, and played the last game 16-14. UMBC has won five games, and played the last five against NY schools. Army, Syracuse, West Virginia etc., that have been Division I for a long time. And there are schools, Army, Syracuse, West Virginia etc., that have been Division II for a long time. And that is what I'm basing our improvements on."

Carter says that this season's schedule was created aggressively to compete on a national level in order to develop a better program.

"We're going out right now and playing teams we know we're not going to beat," said Carter. "And theoretically we shouldn't beat. These are schools, Army, Syracuse, West Virginia etc., that have been Division II for a long time. And they're good. They've had time to grow and establish as a team, establish tradition."

Despite the tough scheduling for this season, Carter is optimistic about the growth of his own team.

"Also in Division I, this is our first year. It's a matter of transition, not a physical transition, but mental transition," said Carter. "What you're looking at getting your team to understand that there are steps to take... you don't take a giant leap to the top."

Beyond the physical aspect of losing games, Carter feels that mentally his team is losing due to the frustrations of not being able to get a win.

"I don't think they are physically tired as they are mentally tired," said Carter. "At this point in time it's been a tough season... when you go out and you lose and you go out and you lose. But that's what we as a coaching staff is trying to drill into them that hey, you're playing well."

"I could very easily go out and schedule teams at this level that we could beat. But what's that doing for our program?"

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**SHU Soccer: hoping for a playoff spot this year**

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SHU's solid stretch run has put them in a position to make a run at a Northeast Conference playoff spot in its debut year at the D-I level. The team has begun its final eight days of the season in sole possession of the fourth and final playoff spot.

With the help of freshman Danielle Robenheimer (Manchester) and senior Tricia Moore (Lindenhurst, NY) hosted a point-blank shot late in the second half to give the team the win.

Sophomore Kristen Walker (Merrick, NY) headed in her team-leading sixth goal of the season against St. Francis.

Against St. Francis, freshman Barbara Simmons (Lindenhurst, NY) scored her second goal of the week in the 2-1 win. With the two goals, Simmons was named NEC's Rookie-of-the-Week.

Tuesday, Stonybrook out played Sacred Heart, totaling 29 shots versus only two for the Pioneers. Stonybrook got on the board early in the game when first half goals by Kristin Lynch and Krista Zagura (past Guarneri).

Other seniors for the Pioneers in their final game are Frances Moore, Peggy Feldt, Darcie Brimer and Catherine Cullins.

Higgins has scored five goals as a Pioneer so far while Moore has earned six points in her career. Majeski has earned numerous NECC honors.

The Pioneers' final conference game is this Saturday at Long Island University, one of three teams currently one point behind SHU in the standings.

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**Sports Schedules October 21-28**

**Thursday**

- Field hockey @ University of Connecticut 3:00 p.m.
- Women's soccer @ St. Francis (NY) 4:00 p.m.

**Friday**

- Football @ Central Connecticut 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

- Field hockey vs. Columbia University 2:00 p.m.
- Women's soccer @ Long Island University 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday**

- Women's soccer @ Wagner College 1:00 p.m.
- Men's soccer @ Boston College 1:00 p.m.

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**Sports Briefs**

**Men's Ice hockey opens in Canada**

Sacred Heart opened their season on Saturday with a 4-1 loss at McGill University (Montreal, Quebec), marking the earliest the Pioneers have had a season opener. Junior goaliekeeper Alexis Jutras-Binet kept the hosts off the board for the first 30 minutes making 17 saves. Freshman Dave Brito scored the first goal for the team off assists from Martin Paquet and Lloyd Marks.

**Men's and Women's tennis**

The men invaded the Big East before Columbus weekend when they traveled to Seton Hall. The Pioneers dropped a 6-1 decision with freshman Marjan Kalajži winning at third singles. The women dropped identical 7-2 matches to Iona College and Stonybrook. Junior Jessica Magri and freshman Sonia Jallli scored all four points for the Pioneers by each posting 2-0 wins at second and third singles, respectively.

**Women's Golf**

The women competed in the Northeast Conference Championships in Frederick, MD before Columbus weekend. The Pioneers finished seventh, and were paced by Elizabeth Fuentes, whose score of 183 was good for 15th place overall.

**X-Men and Queens rugby**

The men lost a tough game last weekend to Marist College 14-8, but came out strong against Drew University with a win 46-0, this past Sunday to follow up the Queens performance of shutting out both Fairfield and Drew in the same week with scores of 7-0, and 15-0.

**Women's swimming**

SHU dropped their season opener 136-92 Saturday afternoon against Stonybrook. Patti Saums was a multiple winner for the Pioneers, finishing first in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Saums was also part of SHU's winning 400 free relay team.
Field hockey breaks slide; team beats Rider 3-2

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

The Pioneer hockey team traveled to Montreal over the weekend to play its earliest season opener ever. It lost its first game of the season to McGill University by a score of 4-1.

The weekend was not a total disappointment for the team, there were many bright spots throughout the trip.

"Overall the weekend was a success," said Shaun Hannah, "But we cannot except the loss."

The Pioneers came out quick as Dave Brito denied the twine in the first period to give his club the lead. It was Brito's first career collegiate goal.

Martin Paquet and Lloyd Marks tallied the assists on the goal. "I really didn't even think about it at the time," said Brito. "I was just happy our team was on the board. My main concern was winning the game."

McGill answered back in the second period when the Redmen scored on a two-man advantage. The score remained even for the remainder of the period.

The reason for the low scoring early on: the goaltending.

SHU's Alexis Jutras-Binet stopped all 17 shots fired at him and Eddy Fehri turned away 22 shots.

"I've never seen Alexis that enthusiastic," said sophomore Chris Ferrazzoli. "He was on top of every aspect of his game. He was extremely quick too."

The Redmen tallied three goals in the third period to put the game out of reach. The Pioneers had plenty of chances to win the game, but were unable to bury the biscuit.

"As a group, we were disappointed with the loss," said Hannah. "The trip was successful because it gave the team an opportunity to travel together and develop a strong team chemistry."

The Pioneers are looking forward to their first regular season game against Quinnipiac on Friday Oct. 29. The Braves are one of the strongest teams in the league and it should be a great test for this year's team.

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Sacred Heart led the Rider game briefly at 1-0 after a shot on goal in the first. Sacred Heart played out a shot on goal in the first. Sacred Heart played the Bears evenly in the second half, but could not make up the five-goal deficit facing them after the first half. Held with no shots on goal in the first, Sacred Heart played Brown to a 1-1 tie in the second, recording all six shots and all six penalty corners after the half.

Sacred Heart's Williams got the team on the board when she was left alone in front of the cage and one-timed a pass from the right corner past Brown's keeper. But that was all of the offense the Pioneers could muster.

SHU was severely outshot in the game 31-6 but was almost even with penalty corners, 8-6.

Browns recorded its ninth win of the season while the Pioneers now drop to 2-11/1-5 NEC.

Sacred Heart led the Rider game briefly at 1-0 after a goal with just over a minute left capped a rousing comeback, giving Sacred Heart a 3-2 Northeast conference win over Rider University at a rainy Campus Field over October 21, 1999.

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Both of the Pioneers final goals were scored off well executed penalty corners.

Senior Lauren Wiggins (Pompton Plains, N.J.) poked home the game tying goal with seven minutes left off a mad scramble in front of the net. Merrill and Kristen Lee (West Townsent, M.A.) assisted on the shot.

Junior Ashley Anderson (Dover Plains, N.Y.) tallied the winning-score six minutes later. Junior Jeanne Williams (Centerhurch, N.J.) pushed a corner toward Anderson, who rocketed the shot to the far side of the cage past the Rider goalie.
Women's soccer pushing for playoff spot

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

On a Sunday at noon the women's soccer team faced Monmouth University in the final home game of the season, and the seniors last game at Campus Field.

On Senior Day at SHU, it was a junior goalkeeper who stole the show as Monmouth and Sacred Heart played into overtime for a scoreless tie.

Keeper Carlin Guameri, with another season yet ahead of her, averted many Monmouth scoring opportunities with outstretched slap-saves of grounders and risers, making 18 total saves in the game and lowering her goals-against average to 1.43 in her 14th shutdown of her career. Her fourth of the season.

Guameri was unscouted upon in 259 minutes of action until Tuesday's loss to Stonybrook, 2-0. Guameri made 17 saves in that game.

However, the Monmouth game proved to be a worthwhile afternoon in their final home game.

Co-captains Michelle Majeski and Jennifer Higgens played some of the best defense of their careers. Higgens' stealthy steals and Majeski's clears helped to keep Monmouth from scoring on Guameri.

Majeski almost put SHU on the board of a direct kick that just missed the upper right-hand corner in the first overtime. Junior Elena Rosero missed wide left by just inches in the second overtime for the team's two best scoring opportunities in the game.

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Midnight Madness drives
SHU students to craziness

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

If the same crowd that filled the Pitt Center last Friday returns for home basketball games, the Pioneers will be known for having the rowdiest fans in the Northeast Conference.

At least 1,000 SHU students screamed, stomped and wel­come in SHU's first Division I basketball season.

Midnight Madness, a tradi­tion at SHU and other colleges across the country, celebrates the beginning of the basketball season.

The carnival atmosphere on Friday night consisted of Skip Banks' balloon act. Banks inflated a large balloon and proceeded to stuff his entire body, head first, into it.

Three students had a chance to win $10,000 in tuition by sinking a layup, free throw, three-pointer and half-court basket in 30 seconds. None of them made it past the third basket.

Joe Baris, a senior from West Warwick, R.I. needed to drain two consecutive half-court shots to win $25,000 cash. Baris' first attempt bounced high off the backboard, earning him the second-place prize, a $25 gift certifi­cate to the Angus Steakhouse.

It's a good thing, too. The Pitt Center's walls couldn't have contained the crowd's reaction.

All this led up to the main event, the introduction of this year's basketball teams. Darkness enveloped the arena as each member was to a welcom­ing crowd.

The men's team in particu­lar, got into the act. Each player pumped up crowd-side fans after their introduction. Junior guard Dante Lloyd took a minute to dance with Bucky the Pioneer.

The coordinator of the event, Director of Marketing for Athletics Mark Adzigian, was pleased with student participa­tion. "I thought the crowd was great, they made a lot of noise," Adzigian said.

The athletes also appreci­ated the support. "This was the best (Midnight Madness) so far," said junior Abby Croty, a guard from Monmouth Beach, N.J. "It really psyched us up."

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