Dead animals left on Parkridge porches

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

A dead and skinned rabbit and a dead and de-feathered turkey were left on the porches of Parkridge townhouses early Sunday morning.

Public Safety is investigating and so far no suspects have been found.

A call to the Public Safety dispatch at 11:59 a.m. on Sunday by the residents of townhouse three led to Public Safety discovering the animals and beginning their investigation.

According to Jack Fernandez, public safety supervisor, "The rabbit was partially gutted, the turkey de-feathered and had its neck broken and separated from the body with the head attached."

Fernandez added that the animals were probably drained of their blood prior to being placed on the porches because there was very little blood at the scene.

William O'Connell, director of Public Safety, wants anyone who knows the persons responsible for the incident to contact the Public Safety Office.

"We encourage anyone with any information to come forward anonymously so we can solve this most heinous of crimes."

While Public Safety is taking this case very seriously, the residents of townhouse four are less concerned with the incident.

William Hanley, a junior from Shelton and resident of townhouse four said he believes he knows who the persons responsible are and is not upset about it. He said they are likely people him and his roommates know who hunt and did it as a paragement.

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SHU continuing to upgrade network

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

An improved network is the latest step aimed at solving a list of technological problems that have plagued Sacred Heart for several years.

SHU Telecommunications is taking further steps to make network access faster and more reliable.

Virtual Private Networking allows SHU students and faculty to connect to the university network from any dial-up Internet Service Provider. Once connected, users are able to use SHU resources such as shared files and electronic mail. Library resources such as Proquest are still in the testing phases, but may be available soon.

"This was implemented to help users connect to our network," said Information Technology Project Manager Shirley Canaan.

Canaan said that SHU previously had just 24 phone lines available to the hundreds of students living at Parkridge and Avalon Gates and to commuters and faculty.

"The service is available for all students who live in Parkridge or Avalon Gates free of charge," Canaan said.

All other students and faculty members can have AT&T Worldnet software loaded onto their laptops by bringing them to the Help Desk. AT&T will charge these users $19.95 per month for the service, which includes access from hundreds of locations nationwide and makes way for connecting to the VPN. Other ISP's, such as America Online, also provide a gateway to the SHU VPN.

SHU's campus network may be getting faster and more reliable in the near future.

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Fees during vacation days upsetting some students

By Kelly Smith
Staff Writer

With both the Thanksgiving break and the Christmas break approaching quite rapidly, many students are antsy to return home. These students with growing anti-zation probably disregarded the email sent out last week about the fee students will be charged for not leaving their dorms on time or staying over break.

The fee is $20 a day for non-athletes. This is considered quite affordable to some but for others it has caused much discomfort.

"We pay enough to go to school and live here and now they want to charge us for staying. We already have to pay our hairdryers and when we get locked out of our rooms, it's absurd," she said.

The RA backs the institu-
News Briefs

Non-student arrested for Jefferson Hill fight

A fight between a Jefferson Hill resident and a visitor ended in the visitor's arrest at Jefferson Hill early Saturday morning.

Public Safety was called to assist the Residential Life Director at Jefferson Hill with a fight between two visitors, whose names are unavailable, at 3:54 a.m. When Public Safety arrived, the fight had ended. The visitors were told to go back to the West Hall room they were visiting and not to return to Jefferson Hill.

At 5:02 a.m., Public Safety was called again to settle a fight between one of the visitors and a Jefferson Hill resident at Jefferson Hill. Fairfield Police were called and the visitor was arrested.

UMOJA and 2003 sponsoring after party

The Class of 2003 and UMOJA will be sponsoring an after party following the men's basketball game Friday night.

The party will go from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the cafeteria in the Academic Building. DJ Rob Newberry will play hip hop, r&b, reggae and house music.

The event is free for SHU students and $2 for non-students.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

Network: Sacred Heart awaits AT&T's installation of faster, more secure firewall

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Resident students often complain about the slow, unreliable nature of the network. "It's down a lot," said freshman Ryan Fischer of Irvington, N.Y.

Fischer said the network sometimes thwarts his attempts at school work. "I'll have to do an assignment and I can't do it because it's down." Vice President for Technology Mike Trimble said that the current firewall, which controls all traffic between the Internet and SHU, is obsolete.

"Both the hardware and software are old," Trimble said. "Unfortunately, I can't upgrade it at all."

Network evaluations show SHU has just 20 percent of its available bandwidth or data transmission capacity. Trimble said the problem is the slow, overtired firewall creating a bottleneck where it meets the Internet pipeline.

The popular AOL Instant Messenger program frequently doesn't work because of the firewall's limitations, posing problems for students who enjoy communicating with it.

"It can be a real pain to get on sometimes," said Fischer. "At night it usually never works."

"There's a number of problems the firewall can spawn simultaneously," Trimble said. "When it's busy it can't spawn enough sessions to deal with everything."

Trimble identified the firewall's problems this summer and contracted with AT&T to install and maintain a new system. Installation was supposed to be completed by July 31, but AT&T delayed several times. "It's been really frustrating for us," Trimble said.

The best case scenario now has AT&T installing the new system over Thanksgiving break, which would minimize the inconvenience imposed on the transition. The total installation time can take up to three days. Once the new installation is complete, Internet traffic should move much smoother.

The Internet pipeline should move much smoother. The Internet pipeline will be upgraded from 1.5 megabits per second to 10 megabits.

Because SHU technicians work normal business hours, AT&T will also provide round the clock support for the firewall in the event it should break down. "Our (current) firewall goes down on us a lot," Trimble said. "If it dies at midnight the students on 12 o'clock are out of luck."

Trimble said the expense of upgrading the network—the new pipeline alone costs $12,500 per month—is necessary. "It's something we gotta do," he said.

Telecommunications is also working on installing Outlook Web Access, which would allow SHU network users to check their school email from any Internet connection. A launch date for that, along with the opening of the new Help Desk, has yet to be determined.

Church's power examined

Bishops to vote on control over schools

TMS Campus

Proposed rules that would give the Catholic church tighter control over its affiliated colleges and universities was the subject of debate during a meeting of U.S. bishops on Wednesday.

The rules, written in response to directives from Pope John Paul II and the Vatican, have been the subject of controversy among leaders of the nation's 235 Catholic colleges and universities, which enroll 670,000 students. Many educators say the rules pose unwarranted threats to academic freedom and institutional autonomy.

Educators aren't pleased with the rules even though Bishop John Lebrecht of Springfield, Mo., chairman of the committee that drafted the mandates, said the most recent proposal has "more flexibility" than a version presented last year.

One rule would require any theologian wanting to teach at a Catholic school to receive a "mandate" from a local bishop, while another would require that a majority of teachers and trustees be committed to the Catholic "to the extent possible."

"We all know our institutions have many very loyal people on the faculties and boards who are people of other faiths, but they support the mission of the Catholic institutions," Lebrecht said.

He said similar, looser language has been added to the current proposal to meet educators' "justifiable concerns" about possible conflict with federal and state laws. But Lebrecht and panel also has made it clear that it won't give ground on the mandate for theology teachers.

Already, the papal nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, has suggested he may support the rules as currently drafted.

During a talk to the hierarchy on Monday, he said every local diocese "must refer to the bishop of that diocese. One cannot imagine a situation in which the magisterium (teaching authority) one the bishop is considered an illicit or inappropriate interference."

Bishops can amend the proposed rules, which require approval by a two-thirds vote of active bishops; retirees do not vote. If endorsed, the rules would be submitted for final approval to the Vatican—which rejected a looser policy last year--and bishops approved overwhelmingly in 1996.

Fees: Some question why pay during breaks

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Financial Aid policy by saying, "You paid in your tuition for what it would cost to house you during the scheduled days when the institution is open. This cost does not include your housing over breaks while the institution is closed.

Amy Zanlungo, sophomore from Ashford, has an internship through SHU in Fairfield not enabling her to leave campus during much of the winter inter­section making her liable for this room fee.

Zanlungo said she can understand why the SHU must enforce a fee, but feels, "Legitimate reasons like my internship should waive the fee." The East Hall RA does agree. "SHU should be pleased that students are out there in the workplace off campus repre­senting this institution."

Zanlungo feels if athletes do not have to pay for representing the school neither should students in her position.

Larry Wielk, dean of stu­dents, said he believes SHU to be very lenient by offering a very affordable fee as opposed to focusing students to complete­ly move off campus as other institutions do.

Animals: Students not upset over incident

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practical joke.

Hanley added there are no hard feelings between them at all. "All of us though it was really funny," said Hanley.

The residents of Townhouse three also said they do not believe it was done with any ill will towards them.

"We definitely don't think it was malicious," said Heather Sousa, a senior from Foxboro, Mass., who lives in townhouse four.

Some of the residents of Townhouse three, though, added that it was a strange thing to do. "It really rocked our minds... if it's a practical joke, it's really sick," said Rebecca Henebery, a senior from Poughkeepsie, N.Y. who lives in Townhouse three.

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By Michael Acredo, Jerry Brown and Melissa McClellan

Learning among adult students on campus is his main objective, said the Dean of the University College. Brown explained: "In a talk to a news writing class, Stephen Brown said, "The way we work with children and their learning might work for children, but there is a whole bunch of things that we can do with children that would not be appropriate to do with adults to help them learn."

Brown explained one of the major challenges in educating adults is that they have grown up with different methods of learning. "Sitting you down, saying all the information, not getting you involved, having a competitive environment for learning, pretty much doesn't work. If we get their feet moving, get them involved with learning, and tap into their interests, we think that this works."

Referring to the education process on campus, a successful learning experience, must have three components, Brown added. They consist of a comfortable and safe environment, a learning process revolving around problems, and collaboration between peers to explore learning as a team of groups.

Brown said these components working together give adult learners a positive learning experience where they not only have to count on themselves but the individuals who surround them. "The typical adult student who come to a place like Sacred Heart, or any university, tend to be people who are aware of a lot of things," said Brown. For instance, family, jobs, studying and having a social life. We must take this into consideration when we establish a learning atmosphere, Brown added.

Brown stresses three major ingredients driving adult education. The first component is "demographics." Brown said, the third of the population in the United States was born before 1964, so they are adults who were raised a long time ago.

Brown says the next component is the "knowledge economy." The economy of the moment is making a move from industrial society to the post-modernist period. The post-modernist period is based on ideas and knowledge, Brown explained.

"Learning has a social component," Stephen Brown, dean of the University College.

The final component, according to Brown is that, "people are living longer and are healthier at a much older age." The average life expectancy right now in the United States is at 77 and growing with each passing year, he added. Current workers must in return be educated to adapt to the new challenges within the economy.

Businesses are willing to spend the extra money to educate their workers for three important reasons. First is, "to be competitive." Secondly, "you've got old people trained and educated three years ago and now the economy and how we do business has shifted they need to be reeducated and retrained." Thirdly, retention of workers is a benefit, said Brown.

University College has designed several programs to address the adult student's educational needs. These include the AHEAD program, Weekend University and Distance Learning. Distance Learning uses the Internet in place of a classroom setting.

University College has also set up some unique programs that help returning adults ease into the college experience. SHU holds classes at area corporations, and work to entice workers to seek higher education. One example of this can be found at Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford. This program provides easy accessibility with a psychologically comfortable place to learn, said Brown, which facilitates learning.

A second program combines SHU's Distance Learning Program with the school's Nursing Program. The RN to BSN on the Web program is an accredited program that provides an accessible way for qualified students to advance academically.

Brown said the University College embraces changing concepts about education. "Learning has a social component," Brown added the University College hopes to establish what it calls Communities in Learning. This would combine traditional mentoring with a strong social interaction and technological elements.

"You don't learn anything until you perceive the need to learn it," said Brown.

Brown added that adult education students have been proven to have a higher retention rate than traditional students. They also have, on average, higher GPAs and a better quality of life.

The driving force behind adult learning is due in part to the baby boomers. According to Brown, they make up 90 percent of today's working population.

"Rather than recreate the higher education world as we know it for people who are older," said Brown.
Don't complain, that's what we're here for

Oh dry gods, have so much work to do. I've been sick all week and missed five classes. My boyfriend is being such a jerk. This school screws everything up, it's driving me crazy.

Sound familiar? No doubt you've all heard complaints similar to that in the halls of Sacred Heart on a daily basis. It seems like the students here aren't humans, but they have something to complain about. This may seem like the quintessential pot calling the kettle black, but quit yer bitching, SHU!!!

But just for this week.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we thought we'd change the pace a little and ask you all to think of the good things in your life. Think of your loving parents, the good grades we're sure you're all getting, the kindness of your roommates to hold your hair back when you're puk... er, having stomach problems completely unrelated to any unsanctioned beverages.

Enjoy the days off from classes next week and reflect on what is good in your life so when you come back here, maybe you can put all the traumatic issues in your life in the proper perspective. Besides, it's only four years, murderers get tougher sentences than that.

Let's not get too excited about Thanksgiving

Many of us, no doubt are excited about Thanksgiving and the break that comes with it, but some of us (i.e. Parkridge residents) need to calm down a notch.

The idea of getting laundry done for free while ditching Flik in favor of some homecooked grub no doubt makes us all giddy, but is sacrificing innocent bunnies and mutilating turkeys the best way to celebrate the holiday?

Who needs to think what Christmas and Easter may bring. Will slain deer pop up in West Hall lounges? Will potential Easter bunnies be slaughtered and their carcasses strewn about campus?

The senseless killing of these innocent animals is horrible. There are starving lizards and snakes in captivity that would shed their skins to dine on such delicacies. Animals are for eating, not practical jokes.

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The SHU Voices

Spectrum Editor Matt Duda asks: If you're, like, not busy next month, would you, like maybe, uh, go to the Christmas Semi-Formal with me?

Tiffany Beecher
Junior
Shelton

“No, because the semi-formal for my work is that night.”

Maureen McElwee
Junior
Holbrook, N.Y.

“Well, I think I have a date so...”

Kelly Libby
Senior
Enfield

“I’m not going to the semi-formal. I’m babysitting.”

Editorials

By Claire Widman

ESPN just flashed? It showed that Sacred Heart, our school, is just a few points behind defending national champion Connecticut. Hoops are here, and it's an exciting time for the Sacred Heart community.

Forget the lopsided scores that stand out. A national championship trophy rested on the Fairfield campus well before the athletic departments expanded exploration fielded football or lacrosse. The women's hoops program has yielded some impressive victories as well. Ed Swanson's team, one of SHU's most prosperous few years, came within just a measly eight points-eight points!-of unseating eventual national champion Purdue last season.

The beginning of basketball season could not have come with a better omen than the one brought by the closing of fall athletics. The football team, notorious for losing, hung together in an especially trying season to heap on the Northeast Conference rival Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

The men's basketball team earned its share of big wins over the years, but to date has not posted a Pitt Center victory that stands out. Despite the days of the old SHU Box, the Pioneers fought gallantly on their way to the national title. Future NBA star Tony Judkins banked home an off-balance 30-foot jump shot at the buzzer to send the Purple Knights packing in an NCAA playoff game in Waltham, Mass.

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SHU hoops ready for Division I rebirth

By Matt Duda

Can you hear that distant rumble? Notice how it's getting louder? That's the sound of a thunderous Pitt Center crowd bringing the walls down at SHU forward Anthony Hunter bends the rim after a monster dunk that put the Pioneer's men's basketball team about 6-7 head over St. Mary?

It's the sound heard as Leslie Newhard sinks a smooth-chocolate jumper over Manute Bol and his Bridgeport Avenue hanging their heads after falling to SHU.

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### When the cat is away, the mice should play

I am writing this article on behalf of the student body who were disturbed and angered by last week's Spectrum articles about "House Parties" and "Wings." I am a senior and a proud member of the Sacred Heart community, but as a student leader I must take a stand against the very principles of this absurd policy proposed by our dean of students.

In no way am I disagreeing with the "on-campus" policies of the school in regards to alcohol and parties. The jurisdiction is clearly within that of the University Code of Conduct and violators are subject to those consequences.

Under our current policies, I have no intention of fighting the suffocation battle of a "dry campus" and our strict "on-campus" rules.

The problem, however, resides in the dean of students' intrusion upon the rights of our student body as individuals to make adult choices OFF CAMPUS! Did I mention off campus? Synonymous with NOT ON CAMPUS GROUNDS and free of the University's Code of Conduct?

I think these statements speak for themselves. What we do OFF CAMPUS is our business. It is our choice. Trying to regulate OFF CAMPUS house parties and clubs (Wings) is a blatant violation of our basic rights as individuals, and intrusion against our free choice to "play" as we choose.

In no way do these OFF CAMPUS gatherings infringe upon University policy or should be meddling by our dean of students.

It is great that our Dean of Students is concerned for our safety (drinking and driving, binge drinking, unruly behavior, etc.) but there is a clear line drawn between OFF CAMPUS and OFF CAMPUS. Why can he not see that? Can anyone give the students an answer?

What we want, capable of making our own adult choices and taking care of our own interests. It is called responsibility. It is something we do have!

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### Universities step in for parents, but didn’t we leave home?

By Robby Messer

TMS Campus

Going away to college isn’t what it used to be. "I looked forward to going to college because my parents aren’t here," said Jarred Lyman, a 19-year-old broadcast journalism major.

That’s what he thought. Increasingly, colleges appear to be playing the role of mom and dad — only they’re doing a much poorer job of it.

"It’s totally going against what college is supposed to be about," said Corey Williams, a 22-year-old electronic media major. "People are going to have to grow up sometime."

Over the years, university administrators have stuck their noses into lots of student domains. Orientation sessions are getting longer and longer to try to make way for all the hand-holding school officials feel compelled to do.

They want students to make friends, know how to cope when they don’t make friends, get good grades, know how to cope when they don’t make good grades … You get the pattern.

We didn’t learn that stuff in high school?

"It gives people the opportunity to transition to a university in a successful way," said Cindy Payne who teaches one of the orientation classes at Northern Arizona University. "I think it sets a realistic work load.

But! College students don’t sleep. We eat at all hours. We like loud music. We study when we want. But our schedules are ours, they’re realistic, and it’s not up to any university to tell us otherwise.

It’s obvious that our society functions under a parental philosophy commonly known as ‘local, state and federal law.’

The law inherently restricts behavior for sort of greater societal good — but on campus, most behavioral limitations are designed to protect us from ourselves.

Sounds good on the surface, but take a closer look, and you’ll see that we’re "protected" in some of the most unnecessary and annoying ways.

Not sure what I’m talking about? Well, then try to cook in your room at 2 a.m. (Food preparation isn’t allowed after certain hours on some campuses.)

See if you can get by for a semester without paying the dining services on campus. (Many schools require minimum payments each semester because they say they want to ensure students are able to get SOMETHING to eat.)

If you can get by for a semester without paying the dining services on campus. That’s what he thought.

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Intimate friendships, like this one, seem to strengthen in time. Poverty that had resulted from ability to understand. Psychologist believes friendships are essential for emotional stablility. In a talk to a news writing class, Bertsch spoke of the important lessons of hope that she learned in El Salvador and explained how they influenced community service projects in Bridgeport. "Dr. Cemera had asked a group of us if we might consider taking a journey with no other objective then to see and listen," said Bertsch. "The objective of the journey would be to listen and learn from the poor." War had just ended in El Salvador at the time when Bertsch and several faculty members made the trip to the country. "There were still soldiers on every street corner, there were arms everywhere, there were United Nation's trucks that would rumble down these dirt roads," said Bertsch. According to Bertsch, despite the destruction and poverty that had resulted from the war there was extraordinary hope, extraordinary life and a spirit that they didn't have the ability to understand. The student involvement with community service was remarkable, according to Bertsch. The 22,000 students who were attending the National University in El Salvador were each required to perform 500 hours of community service to graduate. "They set up dental clinics, they did blood tests, tests to see if people had different parasites," said Bertsch. "Every single place we went, there were these young students who were providing that service to their community." Bertsch and the other faculty members that went on the trip visited with villages of people who had lived in exile during the war, seeing El Salvador to camps in Honduras. After the war, these people risked coming back to their home country to rebuild their communities. "These are people who had to learn how to plant their own corn, grow everything again," said Bertsch. "When we walked in we were treated as if we were a gift, and yet every one of us was taking something from them that they would have to go and replace," said Bertsch. It was during this time in El Salvador that Bertsch met Dean Brackley. Brackley was in El Salvador helping rebuild the University of Central America, which was in danger of being closed for not supporting the Salvadoran military. Brackley related the situation to Eilene Bertsch, assistant vice president of academic affairs, who helped in founding Operation Bridgeport, a program designed to bolster the neighboring community around SHU. Operation Bridgeport rooted in soil of El Salvador Eilene Bertsch speaks on how community development is essential Strong relationships develop stronger human beings Psychologist believes friendships are essential for emotional stability

By Ben Romeo
Contributing Writer

We all go through the tough and troubled times in life. The times when no one seems to be around, when you feel so alone, like you are deserted on an island and there is no chance of getting saved. When you feel like the world is out to get you and your fighting all of your fears alone. Then all of a sudden, you get that phone call, that one glimmer of hope. Someone on the other line is worried about you and is aware of all your problems. Someone that has been with you throughout all of these troubled times and is in your corner through the thick and thin. The hand that pulls you out of life's darkest hour and shows you how to move on. That hand is the hand of your best friend. According to Dr. Blair Justice, a psychologist at the University of Texas School of Public Health, having strong friendships develop two people into stronger human beings, physically and mentally.

"Having confiding relationships may be a critical element in whether social support protects our health," Dr. Blair Justice

"Having frank and confiding relationships may be a critical element in whether social support protects our health," said Justice, in a New York Times article. "It may be important to have at least one person with whom we can share open and honest thoughts," she added. Medical researchers have conducted studies that would prove that people who have friends that they can depend on are more likely to survive health problems such as going through surgery and heart attacks. "Simply having someone to talk to is very powerful medicine," writes Justice. "Strong social support seems to reduce the damaging effects of stress in people's lives." Dr. Blair Justice and his team of psychologists have studied the effects of friendship on such aspects as health, school performance, and performance in the workplace. According to Justice, one part of the population that constantly has depended on valuable friendships is college students. In what seems to be the most developmental years of their lives, college students...
Friends: Value of a strong friendship beneficial both physically and spiritually

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come under the fire of stress and need an outlet that helps them deal with that stress. Many college students feel that the relationships they make in college will carry with them for the rest of their lives. "There's a reason I have here are my closest friends, the one's that if I ever needed anyone to talk to or just hang out with, they'd be there to come to them first," said Marc Moschella, a senior from Palisades Park, N.J.

"The need for friendship and a reliable source that you can share intimate thoughts and fears with can be a wonderful help when dealing with social problems," said Tracey Niedbala, a junior from Pawtucket, Rhode Island. "It is truly a good feeling to know that there is someone here who you can depend on."

According to Dr. Joel Finnegan, a psychology teacher at Montville High School in Uncasville, established friendships are the ultimate medicine when dealing with health.

"Being in a healthy state of mind can often be determined by the company you keep and the people you associate with that can help improve that state," said Finnegan.

"Ultimately a person seeking a friend or a partner allows them to confide in them with confidence that they can trust that person," added Finnegan.

So hold on to your friends, especially the ones you meet in college because chances are they'll most likely be the ones to comfort you when things go wrong.

After all, like Stevie Wonder and Dionne Warwick say, "that's what friends are for."

Meningitis still a major concern

By Melissa McClellan
Contributing Writer

Meningitis, a fairly rare disease caused by meningococcal bacteria, has recently become a major concern on college campuses throughout New England.

The New York Times reported recently that while overall meningococcal rates are low, they have been rising among college students. It is now clear that there are approximately two cases per 100,000 people ages 15 to 24.

College students are particularly at risk based on their lifestyle and current living conditions. Meningococcal bacteria can be spread through the air from one person to another, as well as close personal contact such as kissing and the sharing of cups, utensils and drinking glasses.

Recent studies also show that students living in dorms have a higher risk of developing meningococcal infections as college students overall.

While the consequences of meningitis appear to be very threatening, students seem to show a lack of concern.

"10 people have gotten the vaccine so far," said Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services. "About 50 more students are signed up to receive it.

According to the Times, there are 3,000 cases of meningococcal bacteria each year in the U.S., 300 of which are usually fatal.

The American College Health Association reports that 15 percent of survivors develop brain damage.

Despite all of this evidence, some university administrators fail to see the concern.

"Meningococcal bacteria is not an easily transmitted disease," said Dwight Bachman, a spokesperson for Eastern Connecticut State University.

Cancer

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
You'll focus on money for the next few weeks. Let financial worries motivate you to take action on Monday. Sign up for a class on Tuesday or Wednesday or get a good book on the subject.

Taurus and Friday are best for putting what you've learned into practice. Watch for opportunities, too. Entertain at home with the family this weekend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Partnerships are emphasized during the next few weeks. Let financial worries motivate you to take action on Monday. Sign up for a class on Tuesday or Wednesday or get a good book on the subject.

Tuesday and Friday are best for putting what you've learned into practice. Watch for opportunities, too. Entertain at home with the family this weekend.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Service is your theme for the next few weeks. Take a lot of care of others, and they'll care of you. Fuss over others on Monday and finish paperwork on Tuesday. Any business maintenance is key.

Have a good talk about money with your sweetheart on Thursday or Friday. Watch for a good deal over the weekend.

Search for your stars with this week's horoscope section

By Linda C. Black
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Aries (March 21-April 19)
This is the beginning of a lucky phase for you. Figure out your money on Monday so you can buy educational toys on Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll get more decisive on Thursday, and household matters dominate your life on Friday. If possible, travel to sporting events over the weekend.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
You'll focus on money for the next few weeks. Let financial worries motivate you to take action on Monday. Sign up for a class on Tuesday or Wednesday or get a good book on the subject.

Tuesday and Friday are best for putting what you've learned into practice. Watch for opportunities, too. Entertain at home with the family this weekend.

Meningitis still a major concern

By Melissa McClellan
Contributing Writer

Meningitis, a fairly rare disease caused by meningococcal bacteria, has recently become a major concern on college campuses throughout New England.

The New York Times reported recently that while overall meningococcal rates are low, they have been rising among college students. It is now clear that there are approximately two cases per 100,000 people ages 15 to 24.

College students are particularly at risk based on their lifestyle and current living conditions. Meningococcal bacteria can be spread through the air from one person to another, as well as close personal contact such as kissing and the sharing of cups, utensils and drinking glasses.

Recent studies also show that students living in dorms have a higher risk of developing meningococcal infections as college students overall.

While the consequences of meningitis appear to be very threatening, students seem to show a lack of concern.

"10 people have gotten the vaccine so far," said Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services. "About 50 more students are signed up to receive it.

According to the Times, there are 3,000 cases of meningococcal bacteria each year in the U.S., 300 of which are usually fatal.

The American College Health Association reports that 15 percent of survivors develop brain damage.

Despite all of this evidence, some university administrators fail to see the concern.

"Meningococcal bacteria is not an easily transmitted disease," said Dwight Bachman, a spokesperson for Eastern Connecticut State University.

Campus Happenings

Class of 2002 selling discount cards

The Class of 2002 is currently selling discount cards to SHU students. The cards cost $5 and can be purchased in the Student Government office, located in the Hawley Lounge.

The cards entitle the bearer to discounts at restaurants and retail stores. Fei Ma in Bridgeport and the Eric and Michael's Angus Steakhouse in Fairfield are just two of several area business that offer discounts.

Tibetan Coffeehouse tonight

An Ancient Tibetan and Nepalese folk music will be performed on a Tibetan flute and drum companion at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Mahogany Room.

Refreshments will be served.

The event is free to all SHU students with ID and $8 general admission and is sponsored by the International Center.

Self-Defense Seminar organized

Come and learn some great self-defense techniques at the self-defense seminar presented by the SHU Martial Arts Team at 8 p.m. tonight at the Avalon Gates Clubhouse basketball court. All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

Guess the first snowfall contest this week

Win a $100 gift certificate to Abercrombie and Fitch by guessing the first day that it snows more than an inch this winter.

The contest is sponsored by the Ski and Snowboard Club and tickets can be purchased at the cafeteria during lunch and dinner. Tickets are $1 per guess and $5 for six guesses.

Cash prizes given for survey

A study is being conducted on socio-political issues and feelings about the physical self in African-American women. Black female students are invited to participate by filling out questionnaires located in Dr. Carvin's office in HC 219. On Dec. 1 two cash prizes will be drawn for $100. Participation is anonymous.
Sacred Heart's Ballroom Dancing Club meets on Thursdays in the Pitt Center aerobics room. "This semester, we specialize only in Salsa and Cha-cha," said Collazo. "Each semester is slightly different. New members will be welcome in the spring because the process will be starting all over again," she said.

Darlene Harris, president of the club, said, "The club is not competitive, it's recreational. Although, some students take it more seriously than others."

It is written in their constitution that the club, which began two years ago, was initiated "to promote the social, physical, intellectual, career, emotional and spiritual interests of individual students, the student body collectively and the University community."

"In the past, we held a trip to a night-club so that the members could practice their dance-steps," said Collazo. She went on to say, "Some of the students have never danced before. They just have to have an interest in dancing."

Harris explained that every University club is required to organize their own fundraisers, so the Ballroom Dancing Club holds an annual flan (custard dessert) and cheesecake sale. The club has elected new members recently, including Kayleen Mogen, president; David Collum, vice president; Heather Hall, secretary; Peter Markey, treasurer. Students serving in leadership roles "must be full-time undergraduate students in good academic standing," states their constitution.

"Members must be in good disciplinary standing in accordance with the University Judicial System." Those who are interested in attending the meetings should contact Frances Collazo.

Jay and Silent Bob, characters in Kevin Smith’s "Dogma," contemplate their life and religion. Kevin Smith, who was raised Catholic, says he had no intention of offending the Catholic church in the film.

"He doesn’t get a free pass to make an anti-Catholic movie because he happens to be a Catholic," said Patrick Scully, media director of the Catholic League, which was about a Liverpool parish priest. "Nothing would do more to recapture the family-friendly image of Disney than to split with the Weinstein brothers [Bob and Harvey who own Miramax]," it declared.

The league argues that "Catholic-bashing has become a staple of American society." When news of "Dogma" first appeared, it organized a petition urging Disney to cut all associations with Miramax, which was then handling the film.

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The league’s last big offensive against a film was in 1995 when it targeted Priest, from the Orthodox rabbis as sordid agents of anti-Semitism. It’s a lot more than just dance."
**Nation overcome by ‘Greed’: After decades of daytime, television game shows regain primetime success**

By Justin Lear and Ed Bourget

**Contributing Writers**

Game-shows once dominated the small screen. The 1950's and '60s saw dozens of quiz shows, many competing in the primetime slot. But as if every major network had a slew of rival shows. Recently, the FOX network has been saddling game shows with the programs "Greed" and "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," our nation has seen primetime game-show revival.

In one of the most surprising successes of the year, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" has taken the industry by storm. Host Regis Philbin, with his already popular phrase, "Is that your final answer?" has contributed greatly to the success of "Millionaire" and has spiced up the genre.

The ABC series debuted on Aug. 16, and the program averaged over 14 million viewers within a two-week run, including the grand finale, that netted aged over 14 million viewers.

But what draws viewers, is the dramatic lights and music, added to the dramatic, decalogue stage with one contestant answering to test trivia questions, in a multiple choice format. With each correct answer, the money-pot increases, but the questions get harder.

Each contestant has three "lifelines" to help them arrive at the correct answer, and the contestant may stop playing whenever he wishes, and keep what he has won. Otherwise, an incorrect answer will cause them to lose some, if not all of their money.

The show returned for another two-week engagement of the year, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," our nation has seen primetime game-show revival.

One may become a contestant on either show by calling the conclusion, each contestant who speaks for their toll-free number (given at the start of each show) and answering three questions. The names are then put into a contestant pool. The league is also angry that the Kansas City Star is conducting a survey of priests in connection with AIDS.

The league has sent its own survey to the paper asking them: "Do you know of any journalist who doesn't have AIDS?"

Earlier this year, when the television cartoon "The Simpsons" carried jokes about the church, pressure was put on the Fox network that screens it, to remove offensive references. The television series "Ally McBeal" has also received complaints for jokes about priests and boys.

Though the issue is far from over, the boycott does not seem to be affecting the film's success in the box-office.

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**A&E Briefs**

**"Critical Mass" continues its run in theater**

The student and faculty directed play, "Critical Mass," which opened last weekend, is still running in the University Theater this weekend. Performances are tomorrow and Saturday night at 8 p.m., with a special matinee at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The show includes Broadway tunes, such as "Anything Goes," "Big Spender" and "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better." These favorites are combined with a series of one-act plays to provide an evening of entertainment and fun for all.

The running time is about two hours, and all performances are free for SHU students, though donations are always appreciated.

**As American as mom and apple pie...**

Last summer's blockbuster "American Pie" will be shown this weekend in the Schine, accompanied with an apple pie-making contest at Avalon Gates. The film showings are at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. The pie-making contest will take place on at 5 p.m. Friday, all apartments are welcome.

**Step up to the mic at The Aldrich Museum**

Riding on the success of the October open-mic night, Rhyme & Reason at The Aldrich Museum is hosting the second in their series, for poets from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 19. The audience can look forward to the wonderful range of work from those who love the written word. The Aldrich extends an invitation to all those interested, and welcomes musical accompaniment, dance and original song; they are open to all expressions of vocal creativity.

Mark your calendar, call a friend and bring the pages of your most recent work to The Aldrich. Come see what everyone's talking about at this innovative opportunity to create free expression. Seating is limited, and reservations are recommended. Contact the museum at 438-4519.

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**Sports Schedule Nov. 11-Nov. 17**

**FRIDAY**
- Women’s Swimming @ Niagara University, 6:00 p.m.
- Men’s Basketball vs. University of Hartford, 7:00 p.m.
- Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Bentley College, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
- Women’s Basketball @ University of Hartford, 6:00 p.m.
- Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Middlebury, 12:00 p.m.
- *All Ice Hockey home games are played at Milford Ice Pavilion*

**SHU Athlete of the Week**

Alexis-Jutras Binet  
**Men’s Ice Hockey**

The junior goalkeeper for the men’s ice hockey team has broken the school record for most games played by a goalie-keeper. The previous record was held by Bill Sawyer with a total of 54. He had started every game for the team in the 1998-99 season and even recorded 50 saves in a game against Quinnipiac. Tomorrow night he will reach 58 with the game against Bentley College.

**Cross country ends season, record broken**

By Emily Greenough  
**Staff Writer**

Sophomore Chris Ciparelli broke the Sacred Heart University school record by over two minutes in the men’s 10,000 meter NCAA Northeast Regional Championships, held in Franklin Park in Boston over the weekend.

The meet consisted of forty Division I teams in the Northeast region. Ciparelli ran the course in a time of 33:16, nearly shattering the school record of 35:17 and considering it was an extra long race. Initially, the men’s race is five miles, but this particular course was measured to be 6.2 miles.

“Chris was a real bright spot for us on Saturday,” said Christian Morrison, coach of the men’s and women’s teams. “He really put together a nice race.”

Junior Ed Njali also broke the school record with a time of 34:50. The men’s team as a whole finished 30th overall in the field.

Christopher Eaton, also a junior, made a nice comeback from an injury that has kept him out of several races this season with a time of 35:45.

Other runners were Ed Mahoney, Brian Williams, and sophomore John Morash.

“The men have been slowed by injuries throughout the season, but they’ve still fared well considering this is our first year in Division One,” said Morrison.

From here we’ll be looking to move up each year,” Morrison added.

Freshman Brian Koch had dropped out of the race with an injury, Williams is still recovering from an injury while Mahoney was ill for the day.

Assistant coach of the men’s team.

“As for the women, they managed to place 28th in the 5000 meter course. Junior Heather Stockton was aiming to break the women’s school record but missed it by only nine seconds with a time of 18:54.

Freshman Suzy D’Angelo came in second for the women with a time of 19:40. Also for the women were sophomores Kimberly Almeida, freshman Dian Aiksnoras, and senior captains Michelle Wesolowski and Jennifer McGovern all finishing within 12 seconds of each other.

Freshman Kristina Plourde finished 20:49 and she and Aiksnoras both finished with a personal best.

“We can see now what we have to do to become one of the top teams in the region, and that is our goal,” he added.
Men's basketball has new face on sidelines

By Mary Butch Contributing Writer

As the men's basketball team begins its inaugural Division I season, a new face has joined the coaching staff on the sidelines.

Johnny Kidd was hired before the start of the school year as an assistant coach to replace Kevin Phillips, now an assistant at Notre Dame.

Kidd was a four-year starter on the Central Michigan University basketball team and a three-time All-Mid-American Conference selection. He was a two-time All American as a senior and junior.

"I am very fortunate that we were able to hire Johnny Kidd," said Mike Brohm, head men's basketball coach. "Johnny is an experienced coach and recruiter," said Dave Bick, head men's basketball coach. "He is a quality person who will be respected by the student-athletes that he has worked with and by our coaching peers."

Kidd is a 1985 graduate of Central Connecticut State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. He was a four-year starter on the basketball team, and a three-time captain throughout his career.

Kidd led his team to an NCAA Division II tournament both his sophomore and junior seasons. He was an all-time assistant leader (567) at Central and finished his career being honored as a New England All-Star.

"Johnny's experience and knowledge of the game will be essential to this team, he has a new style to add to the coaching staff," said Ron Gibson, team manager. "Kidd knows the level that these players are going to be playing at, and that makes him easier to relate to."

Kidd's duties as an assistant have included the coordination of scouting activities and recruiting. He was heavily involved in developing defensive strategies and guard skills.

"I believe that he will help the team and us understand the coach system," said Tim Welch, a junior center from Narragansett, R.I. "Johnny has a variety of different views of the game from his wide range of coaching experience, he is a junior forward from Mt. Vernon, N.Y. "He is a cool coach, he knows how to push the team and helps us understand the coach system."

The Pioneers face a daunting non-conference schedule in their first year at Division I. Officials in the athletic department are optimistic about the season and the new assistant coach.

"I believe that he will help the program grow and succeed," said Elizabeth Luckie, associate athletic director and head softball coach. "He seems to have already developed a strong relationship with the student athletes."

Kidd realized the toughness of the basketball schedule this year and is ready to help.

"We face a tough schedule this winter, and most critics expect a new team in the conference to stay at the bottom for awhile," said Kidd. "I truly believe that this team will surprise a lot of people, they expect more from themselves and each other than just a couple of wins, they want to win a lot more!"

Sacred Heart will play Big East powerhouse St. John's University on Wednesday, December 29, and the defending national champions from the University of Connecticut on Sunday, January 2.

The NEC coaches poll picks the Pioneers to finish last. Several national publications expect SHU to finish 10 out of 12.

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Football seniors step off field as winners

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The 14 seniors on Sacred Heart’s football team managed victory just eight times prior to the swan song contest of their four-year tenure on the college gridiron.

Last Saturday at Campus Field, the graduating Pioneers earned redemption for the 32 losses suffered during that span. Sacred Heart defeated Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference opponent St. Peter’s College 37-18 to finish the season with a 2-9 record.

"This is the only one I’m going to remember," said senior split end Bill Hardt of Ridgewood, N.J. "The seniors will emerge victorious. With SHU leading 16-6 in the third quarter, senior quarterback Steve Ladd lofted a pass into the back’s clutches. Hardt and a defender leaped in sync for the ball, but it was the Pioneer who won the battle by ripping the pigskin from the defensive back’s clutches.

The 18-yard reception was Hardt’s first this season and the lone touchdown of his career.

"That was for all the guys who work hard in practice and don’t always get a chance to play in the games," Hardt said. It was the school record-setting seventh touchdown pass thrown by Ladd, a Newburyport, Mass., native, this season.

Senior defensive end Mike Kuchar, a Fort Lee, N.J., native, was credited with a half sack. Kuchar, the Northeast Conference’s leader in that category, finished with 10 this year and exits the program as its all-time sack king.

Senior defensive lineman Moschella, of Palisades, N.J., hopes his classmates’ hard work rubbed off on the younger guys. "It’s time for the juniors to become seniors, and the freshmen to become sophomores," Moschella said. "I’m proud that I could be here to help them out."

Several underclassmen proved they were ready to assume next season’s leadership. Sophomore tailback Kiheme Cowan exploded for 193 yards and three touchdowns, while Brandon Graham — also a sophomore — added 50 yards and a touchdown.

Freshman defensive back Doug Geoffrey of Meriden, Conn., proved he was ready for the team, the situation often soured. The Pioneers saw a comfortable lead against St. Francis crumble when a last-second field goal turned sure victory into painful defeat.

The seniors were determined to avoid mistakes Saturday. "Today was a day that nothing was going to happen," said senior linebacker Derek Bray of Gloversville, N.Y. "I feel happy. Guys played with a lot of courage. They played hard for everybody including themselves."

The senior class could hang their collective heads in shame at their overall career record, but they refuse to. Instead, the Pioneers will leave the gridiron with the important victories with them "I met the best friends of my life here," said Moschella.

"Everything else is secondary."