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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



File Photo

A dead rabbit and dead turkey were left on the porches of Parkridge Townhouses three and four Sunday morning skinned, de-feathered and drained of their blood.

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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. Frustrations of hearing a busy signal should be a thing of the past as the new VPN allows an almost unlimited number of users.

"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 anticipation 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 dis-agement.

Neighboring Fairfield University charges 35 dollars and Quinnipiac College offers no charge because students are

not given the choice. Other campuses such as Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. do not charge students, but they must obtain special permission.

An RA at East Hall feels the fee is, "fair because it costs money for electricity and other outlets associated with your boarding costs." The opposite view was voiced from Tara Mckay, a sophomore.

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

The RA backs the institu-

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Photo by Matt Duda

Amy Zanlungo, a sophomore from Ashford, will have to pay to stay at East Hall during the vacation.

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 uses just 20 percent of its available bandwidth or data transmission capacity. Trimble said the problem is the slow, overtaxed 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 those 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 processes the firewall can spawn simultaneously," Trimble said. "When it's busy it can't spawn enough sessions to deal with everything."

Trimble identified the fire-

wall'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 me," 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 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 at 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 source 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 Leibrecht 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 Catholics "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," Leibrecht 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 Leibrecht's 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 U.S. bishops approved overwhelmingly in 1996.

Fees: Some question why pay during breaks

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tion 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 intercession 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 forcing 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 thought 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 if 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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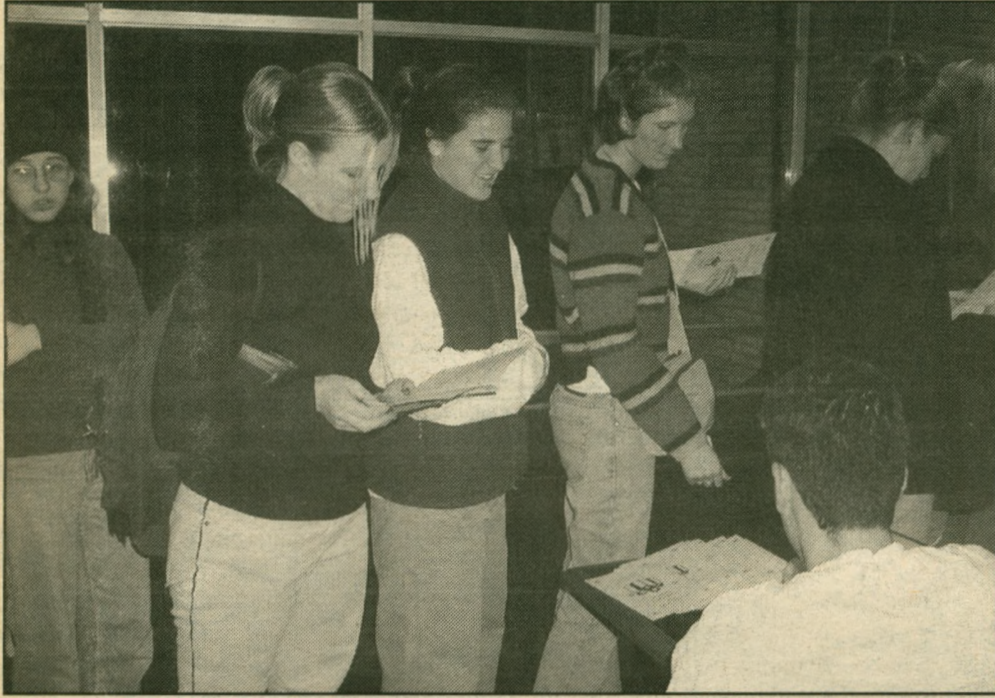


Photo by Matt Duda

Sheila Hilger, a junior from Jackson, N.J., purchases tickets to the Christmas Semi-Formal. Today is the last day to purchase tickets, which cost \$20 for students and \$30 for non-students. Tickets are on sale between 5 and 7 p.m. in front of Public Safety.

Adults have home at SHU

By Michael Acevedo,
Jerry Brown and
Melissa McClellan
Contributing Writer

Learning among adult students on campus is his main objective, said the Dean of the University College recently.

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 a safe environment, a learning process revolving around problems, and collaboration between peers to explore learning as a team of group.

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 students who come to a place like Sacred Heart, or any university, tend to be people who are doing 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 sees three major ingredients driving adult education. The first component is "demographics." Brown said, "One third of the population in the United States was born before 1964, so they are adults who were trained 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 re-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 stay competitive." Secondly, "you've got old people trained and educated three years ago, and now that 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 in an effort 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 element.

"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 GPA's and a better quality of work.

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.

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Nov. 9 to Nov. 14

Nov. 9:10:51 a.m.- Staff member reported the theft of his laptop computer from his office in the Main Academic Building. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

11:31 a.m.- Officer observed a vehicle in the Faculty/Staff lot with a damaged steering column. Fairfield Police were called and responded. After investigating it was found that the license plate had been reported stolen from Bridgeport. Fairfield Police confiscated the stolen license plate.

2:47 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident became ill. Public Safety responded was called and responded. The resident was transported to Health Services by Public Safety.

4:56 p.m.- East Hall, fourth floor fire alarm caused by an aerosol spray. Simplex monitoring system notified the Bridgeport Fire Department and they responded.

11:40 p.m.- Residential Life staff member requested Public Safety at Jefferson Hill for a suspicious odor. Empty alcohol containers were found and confiscated. At 12:25 a.m. during a room search conducted by the Residential Life staff; marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated.

Nov. 10:1:22 a.m.- Student reported he hit a parked vehicle while pulling out of a parking space in the North Parking Lot. Public Safety responded. Upon Public Safety arrival the other vehicle had left the parking lot.

2:15 p.m.- Staff member reported the theft of two projectors from the Main Academic Building. The larceny occurred during the Fall (date unknown). Public Safety investigating.

4:49 p.m.- West Hall resident injured his wrist while playing basketball behind West Hall. Public Safety transported the resident to Health Services.

4:56 p.m.- West Hall resident injured her knee when she fell from her bed. AMR Ambulance was called and transported her to the hospital.

9:45 p.m.- South Hall resident reported he has been receiving harassing telephone calls. Public Safety responded and investigated.

1:40 a.m.- Intoxicated Jefferson Hill resident became ill. Public Safety responded. Further medical assistance was declined.

3:15 a.m.- Officer reported someone broke a fire door window in South Hall. Buildings and Grounds notified for repairs.

6:30 a.m.- Officer reported the theft of an East Hall traffic sign from Park Avenue. Public Safety investigating.

7:22 a.m.- Officer reported several fire extinguishers had been discharged in South and West Halls. Public Safety replaced the discharged extinguishers.

Nov. 11: 2:12 p.m.- Jefferson Hill resident reported the theft of his wallet from the Pitt Center. Theft occurred on Nov. 10, reported Nov. 11. Fairfield Police called and responded.

9:54 p.m.- Officer observed a suspicious male near Curtis Hall. The male exited campus through the Jewish Home property.

Nov. 12: 10:46 a.m.- West Hall, third floor fire alarm; no problem found.

5:59 p.m.- East Hall, sixth floor fire alarm caused by aerosol spray. Simplex monitoring system notified the Bridgeport Fire Dept. and they responded.

10:59 p.m.- Residential Life staff requested Public Safety at Jefferson Hill for a room search. Alcohol was confiscated; form completed and sent to the Dean and Residential Life.

Nov. 13: 1:50 a.m.- Intoxicated South Hall resident became ill. Public Safety responded. A friend transported the resident to the hospital.

1:57 a.m.- Avalon Gates resident reported there was a fight at Avalon Gates. Trumbull Police were called and responded.

2:40 a.m.- Resident reported someone discharged a fire extinguisher on the softball field. Public Safety responded and investigated.

3:54 a.m.- Jefferson Hill Residential Life Director reported a fight between two visitors at Jefferson Hill. Public Safety responded; the fight had ended. The visitors were told to go to the room they were visiting in West Hall and not to return to Jefferson Hill.

5:02 a.m.- Public Safety was informed of a fight in progress at Jefferson Hill between a resident and a visitor due to an earlier fight. Fairfield Police were called and responded. The visitor was arrested.

12:25 p.m.- Jefferson Hill Residential Life Director requested Public Safety at Jefferson Hill for a room search. Public Safety responded and confiscated alcohol and drinking board games; form completed and sent to Residential Life and the Dean.

7:30 p.m.- West Hall, third floor fire alarm caused by the resident using hair spray.

Nov. 14: 2:35 a.m.- West Hall Residential Life staff member reported there were visitors in West Hall who refused to leave. Public Safety responded and told the visitors to leave and they complied.

11:59 a.m.- Parkridge resident reported someone left a dead rabbit and turkey on the rear deck of her townhouse and the house next door. Public Safety responded and disposed the dead animals.

Editorials

Don't complain, that's what we're here for

Oh my god, I 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 happy unless 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 Flick 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?

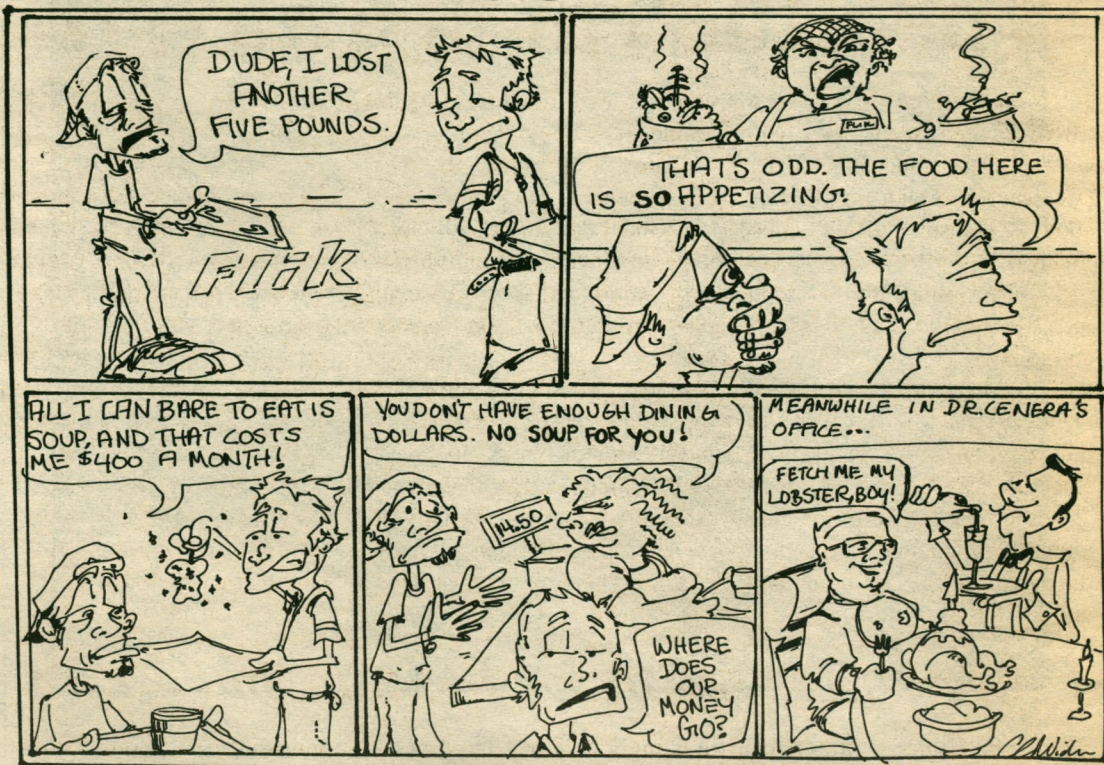
We shudder to think what Christmas and Easter may bring. Will slain deer pop up in West Hall lounges? Will potential Easter bunnies be slaughtered and their carcasses strewn about campus?

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.

Correction: In last week's article on the Fashion Show, we incorrectly identified the founder of the event. It was actually started by Louis Paris in 1990 in the Theater with help from Fred Sailer.



By Claire Widman



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."

SHU hoops ready for Division I rebirth

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 as SHU forward Andrew Hunter bends the rim after a monster dunk that puts the Pioneer's men's basketball team ahead of Mt. St. Mary's.



By Matt Duda

It's the sound heard as Leslie Newhard sinks a smooth-as-chocolate jumper over Virginia Commonwealth's top defender at the buzzer.

It's the sound heard as 2,000 Sacred Heart students and fans rush onto the floor to celebrate a win over a big-name Division I program.

Did you see that score

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 the football team logged this season. For over 30 years, SHU has prided itself as a basketball school.

A national championship trophy rested on the Fairfield campus well before the athletic departments explosive expansion fielded football or lacrosse.

The women hoops program has yielded some impressive victories as well. Ed Swanson's team, one of SHU's most prosperous the last few years, came within just a measly eight points--eight points!--of upending eventual national champion Perdue 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 handily defeat a team from 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.

During the days of the old SHU Box, the Pioneers fought gallantly on their way to the a national title. Future NBA star Manute Bol and his Bridgeport teammates drove down Park Avenue hanging their heads after falling to SHU.

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.

Years of financial cuts led

to sub-par seasons so far this decade. Now, with scholarship thoroughbreds galloping across the Pitt Center hardwood, the time is right for the Pioneers to dash out of the gate.

Perhaps the underdog will be overlooked by the established D-I powers and be caught off guard as SHU sneaks up behind the pack leaders and wins by a nose.

Many signs say that this could be a breakout year for our hoop squads. Last year UConn "shocked the world" by defeating the favored Duke Blue devils. It's not so far fetched that a Connecticut team will provide an encore this season.

Several junior college transfers with playing experience are ready to revive SHU basketball beginning tomorrow against Hartford in the Pitt Center. The women travel to the capital city the following day. Better buy some earplugs, the Pioneers are ready to shock the world.

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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 meddled with 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 ON CAMPUS and OFF CAMPUS. Why can he not see that? Can anyone give the students an answer?

When we enter college, we become adults, capable of making our own adult choices and taking care of our own interests. It is called responsibility. It is called responsibility. It is something we do have!

We will fight to keep this freedom. The house parties will not end. The clubs will continue to operate. The Sacred Heart student body will continue to "play" as they choose.

There is nothing the dean of students or university administration can do to prevent this from happening. If they attempt to, we the students have the right and duty to challenge them. We have to stand united. It is a fight that we can and will win.

Ted Miller
Senior

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 Jarrod 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 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, make good grades, know how to cope when they don't make good grades ... You get the picture.

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 workload."

Ha! 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 some 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.)

Try to have someone of the

opposite sex study (or, God forbid, sleep) in your dorm room after hours. (That's another no-no at many schools.)

Attempt to drink a beer on your hall — even if you're 21. (Dorms on some campuses are going dry because not everyone living in them is of age.)

Go for a smoke in a smoking-permitted area. (You'll likely find university-backed literature warning you about the dangers of smoking.)

Try to convince an adviser that you need to take more than a full load in one semester. (Again, those wizards of the "realistic workload" are probably going to ask you to re-think that idea.)

"They're (universities) afraid of what they can't control, so they try to over control everything," said Williams.

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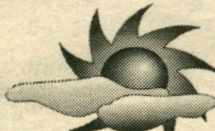
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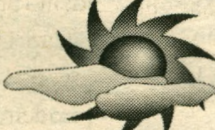
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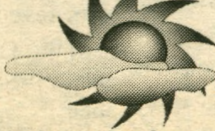
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Features

Operation Bridgeport rooted in soil of El Salvador *Eilene Bertsch speaks on how community development is essential*

By Leann Doyle
Contributing Writer

Operation Bridgeport, a mission developed by SHU in order to help the community of Bridgeport, came about because of a faculty trip to El Salvador in the summer of 1993, Eilene Bertsch, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said Tuesday.

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. Cernera had asked a group of us if we might consider taking a journey with no other objective than 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, fleeing 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 Salvadorian military.

Brackley related the situa-



Photo by Mike Kuchar

Eilene Bertsch, assistant vice president of academic affairs, who helped in founding Operation Bridgeport, a program designed to bolster the neighboring community around SHU.

tion in El Salvador on a more local atmosphere.

"You know, coming to El Salvador was a very important thing for you to do," Brackley told the group. "But you do not need to go to El Salvador to find your neighbor. You need to look down the block and find your neighbor in Bridgeport," Brackley added.

"We sat there and thought how much easier it has been for us to get on a plane and fly to a war-torn country, and put our trust in people we had never met, than it had been for us to think about taking a bus down Park Avenue and going into

Bridgeport," said Bertsch.

These events led up to the creation of Operation Bridgeport. Seven years ago, upon the group's return to Sacred Heart, faculty, staff and students contributed 42,000 hours of community service to commemorate the University's 30th anniversary.

Bertsch and other faculty members went to St. Charles Urban Center on Bridgeport's East Side and lived there for three days. She had also visited the Caroline House as well as the Alpha Home and the Merton House.

"When we felt that we knew

the neighborhood well enough ourselves, we then invited students to take that trip with us," said Bertsch. "Now a group of 20 incoming freshmen take the trip to the St. Charles Urban Center yearly."

Operation Bridgeport will take place November 19-20. Habitat for Humanities, a SHU chapter that had helped build a home for a family in Bridgeport, had raised 13-15 thousand dollars for the St. Charles' parish.

"The house is a physical symbol of what the story is about," said Bertsch, "and it is a continuing effort that will hopefully last a long period of time."

Strong relationships develop stronger human beings *Psychologist believes friendships are essential for emotional stability*



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Intimate friendships, like this one, seem to strengthen in time.

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

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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.

"These friends I have here are my closest friends, the one's that if I ever needed anyone to talk to, I would most certainly come to them first," said Marc Moschella, a senior from Palisades Park, NJ.

"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 Pawcatuck.

"It is truly a good feeling to know that there is someone here

that 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 it comes to health.

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

"Ultimately a person searches for a friend that will allow 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 will 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 estimated 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 living conditions. Meningococcal bacteria can be spread through the air from coughing and sneezing, as well as close personal contact such as kissing and the sharing of cigarettes, utensils and drinking glasses.

Recent studies also show that students living in dorms have six times as much risk of developing meningococcal

infections as college students overall.

While the consequences of meningitis appear to be very threatening, SHU 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 considered an easily transmitted disease," said Dwight Bachman, a spokesperson for Eastern Connecticut State University.

ECSU, located about 85

miles from SHU in Willimantic, was the second state university in Connecticut to report evidence of the disease on its campus.

Yet based on the disease's history of spreading rapidly there may well be a need for college vaccinations. According to the *Times*, "the infection can progress with devastating rapidity even under the best of medical care."

The vaccine now offered by most colleges is said to be 85 percent effective against four of the subtypes of the disease. It lasts about three years with minimal side effects including a slight fever and redness at the area of injection for a few days after the vaccine is received.

According to Wheeler, there have been no reported cases here at SHU, yet the University is taking precaution anyway. The vaccine for meningococcal meningitis is currently being offered by Health Services at the cost of \$50.

Search for your stars with this week's horoscope section

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

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. Thursday 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. Finish old business on Monday so you can start a new endeavor on Tuesday or Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, the brakes are off; things start moving quickly. You'll most likely have a lot of fun this weekend, especially if you're with siblings.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Service is your theme for the next few weeks. Take care of others, and they'll take care of you. Fuss over others on Monday and finish paperwork on Tuesday and Wednesday. Have a good talk about money with your sweetheart on Thursday or Friday. Watch for a

good deal over the weekend.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Romance, games and children are in the spotlight for the next few weeks. Follow orders on Monday to advance in your career. Others look to you for leadership on Tuesday and Wednesday. A work-related problem should clear up by Thursday or Friday, and this weekend is perfect for an outdoor celebration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Home and family want your attention for the next few weeks. Travel could be complicated on Monday, but make the contact. Tuesday and Wednesday are busy, too. You could make a good connection then. Relax on Thursday and Friday. Choose wisely from among many options this weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're entering an interesting phase; you'll learn a lot. Stash money where it will grow on Monday. Send that short story to the publisher on Tuesday or Wednesday. Seek out the best deal on Thursday and Friday. Be assertive in romance. The money should start coming in, too. Gather with interesting friends this weekend.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're stronger now, so take control of your money, too. Work with a partner on Monday. Study stocks, bonds and taxes on Tuesday and Wednesday. Travel on Thursday or Friday and learn those days, too. Over the weekend, negotiate a good deal with or through an older person.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This year you could undergo a major transformation. Turn yourself into the person you've always wanted to be. On Monday, make changes at work to serve others. Change an agreement on Tuesday and Wednesday and let your partner know what works. Focus on the money on Thursday and Friday. Travel to sporting events looks excellent over the weekend.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This week resolve old fears on purpose. You have the support of a loved one on Monday, especially. There's not much time for romance on Tuesday and Wednesday. You're too busy then. A misunderstanding clears up on Thursday or Friday. Seek out the best bargains over the weekend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Get hooked up with a good team this week. Make sure everything's OK at home on Monday. Schedule your big date for Tuesday or Wednesday. You'll succeed in your career on Thursday and Friday, possibly with something that turned you back before. Do long-range planning with a partner this weekend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Push forward in your career this week. Start by learning a new skill on Monday. Fix something at home on Tuesday and Wednesday. Get your message across in a romantic setting on Thursday or Friday. You'll most likely be in the mood to work over the weekend, so make the most of it.

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 with drum accompaniment 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 in 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. Cauvin's office in HC 219. On Dec. 1 two cash prizes will be drawn for \$100. Participation is anonymous.

-Compiled by Mike Kuchar



Club goes beyond dancing, develops confidence

By Brenda Mendez
Contributing Writer

Every Thursday night, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Pitt Center aerobics room, you can see Sacred Heart's own Ballroom Dance club, as they test out their new moves.

The weekly meetings are consistently attended by a group of 15 to 20 students, both residents and commuters.

The club's advisor, Frances Collazo, said, "The club gives students the opportunity to work as a team in an informal way. Students also learn proper etiquette. It's a lot more than just dance."

The club's purpose is "to help students to develop confidence, grace and a knowledge of rhythm and dance," states the Ballroom Dance Club Constitution.

Students participate in lead/follow activities, and learn to Waltz, Fox-trot, Triple Swing, Single Swing, Salsa (Mambo), Merengue and Tango, all of

which are taught by a qualified group of professional instructors.

"This semester, we specialized only in Salsa and Cha-cha," said Collazo.

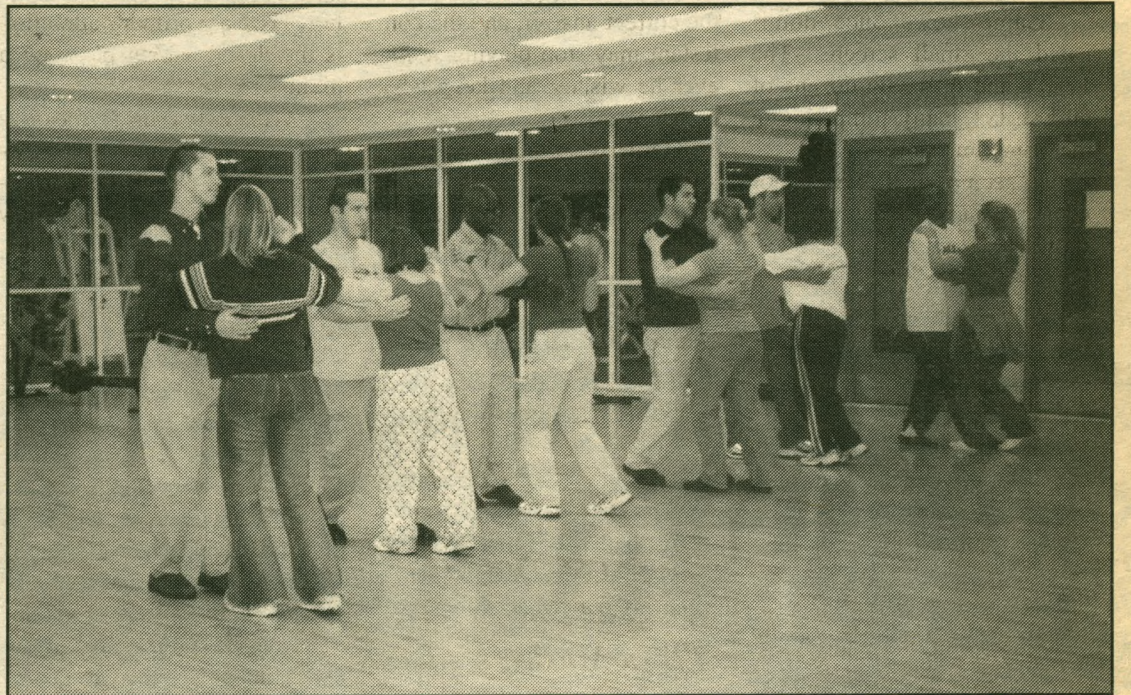
"Each semester is slightly different. New members will be welcome in the spring because the process will be starting all over again," she said.

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



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Sacred Heart's Ballroom Dancing Club meets on Thursdays in the Pitt Center aerobics room.

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 Mogren, 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 stand-

ing," 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.

Catholic activists fighting for boycott of new film 'Dogma'

By Duncan Campbell
Associated Press

A film comedy about two fallen angels trying to return to heaven opens this weekend despite prolonged attempts to block it by religious groups who say it displays rampant anti-Catholicism - the last "acceptable bigotry" in the United States, Roman Catholic writers say.

Months of controversy have preceded the debut of "Dogma," directed by a young New Jersey film-maker, Kevin Smith, who describes himself as a "good Catholic."

The film - which the Los Angeles Times called "a raucous, profane but surprisingly endearing piece of work" that raises some real issues of faith - stars Ben Affleck and Matt Damon as the fallen angels.

Alanis Morissette is God, with Alan Rickman as the angel who is the voice of God. Comedian Chris Rock plays a 13th disciple excised from the Bible because he was black.

Mary and Joseph, the film suggests, might have had sex at some point after Jesus's birth, and now centuries later one of their direct descendants - played by Linda Fiorentino - works at an abortion clinic.

The often scabrous comedian George Carlin is a New Jersey cardinal who devises a church PR campaign called Catholicism Wow! in which the crucifix ("a very depressing



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Jay and Silent Bob, characters in Kevin Smith's "Dogma, contemplate their life and religion.

image") would be replaced with a winking, thumbs-up "your buddy Jesus".

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights and around 30 other groups ranging from National Cops for Life to Women for Faith and Family and the Sons of Italy are jointly calling for a boycott, having failed to prevent the film coming out.

"Dogma" was originally to be distributed by the Disney affiliate Miramax - Disney having sought to distance itself from the movie. But after pressure Miramax sold the film rights on to Lions Gate Films.

Kevin Smith, who was raised a 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 the Catholic League, which has 350,000 members and was founded in 1973. It would continue "to shine the light of truth on this movie", he said.

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.

"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's last big offensive against a film was in 1995 when it targeted Priest, from the British director Antonia Bird, which was about a Liverpool parish priest.

Mr. Scully accepted that calls for bans and boycotts could give added publicity to the film but said the aim was to make

producers think twice before trying another such production: "Our mission is bigger than the film 'Dogma.'"

He said that movies such as "Stigmata" and "Primal Fear" were also anti-Catholic. No one, he said, would have tried to make a film like "Priest" but called "Rabbi."

Thomas Doherty, chairman of the film studies program at Brandeis University, wrote in the Los Angeles Times that the today's climate is a contrast to the era when priests in Hollywood films were almost all good guys played by Spencer Tracy or Bing Crosby.

"Only recently has the church of Rome become a kind of command central for sinister intrigue, its priests objects of caricature and insult."

In an article entitled "The Acceptable Bigotry," Doherty wrote, "It is difficult to imagine another religion whose iconography, rituals and priesthood could so casually be demonised on screen."

"If Hollywood routinely portrayed African-American ministers as lustful con artists or Orthodox rabbis as sordid agents of Israel," it would run into serious trouble from the nation's editorial writers.

While some Muslims might say that Hollywood feels free to portray them routinely as terrorists, it is clear that the suggestions of anti-Catholicism in a

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 60's saw dozens of quiz shows, many competing in the primetime slot.

It seemed as if every major network had a slew of rival shows.

Recently, the FOX network has tried to rekindle game-show fever. 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 patented 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 22.4 million viewers.

What draws viewers, is the dramatic lights and music, added to the dramatic, desolate stage on which one contestant attempts to answer 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 on Nov. 7. Producers expect similar ratings levels.

"I find it strange because i want to win all that money, and I'm cheering for someone else to win," Lloyd Marks, sophomore.

A very similar-looking show, but one with a slightly different format, is FOX's "Greed," hosted by Chuck Woolery.

Instead of one contestant, however, a team is assembled, with one captain who speaks for all of them.

They use each other to come up with correct answers, and, at times, compete against each other to make their share of the wealth a little bit higher.

And instead of competing for \$1 million, the final prize is

\$2.2 million.

"Millionaire" co-creator Paul Smith said, "The calling card is that you can win a million. But the primary attraction is the drama taking place on a nightly basis."

With a line-up full of sitcoms, dramas and reality specials, viewers have been energized by the shows' spicy new format.

"I find myself cheering for people to win the money," said Sacred Heart sophomore Lloyd Marks.

He went on to say, "I find it strange because I want to win all that money, and I'm cheering for someone else to win."

The shows have become so popular that viewers have abandoned their favorite primetime shows to just to watch.

Sophomore Dan Borgia said, "I watch 'Thursday Night Thunder' every week, but the last few weeks, I have been watching 'Greed' instead."

One may become a contestant on either show by calling their toll-free number (given at the conclusion of each show) and answering three questions. Their names are then put into a contestant pool.

"Greed" airs on Thursday nights at 9 p.m. on FOX.

"Millionaire" is shown limited basis, but the game-show fever that it inspired has insured that it is not going off the air any time soon.

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 a 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.

-Compiled by Frances Moore

Dogma: Sparks Catholic uprising, boycott ensues

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currently sensitive industry in strongly Catholic Los Angeles are hitting home.

Politicians with big Catholic electorates, such as mayor Rudolph Giuliani in New York, have also not been slow to take up perceived anti-Catholicism.

The protestations of Smith, 29, who also made "Clerks," "Chasing Amy" and "Mallrats," are unlikely to placate the Catholic League, which is in bullish mood and flexing its muscles over other issues.

Last month, it took a full-page ad in the New York Times to allege: "Condé Nast has a problem with Catholicism."

The ad asserted that, because a 1995 article by Christopher Hitchens in the Condé Nast-owned magazine Vanity Fair had attacked Mother Teresa as a "lap dog to dictators all over the world."

Another this year had

painted Pope Pius XII as an anti-semite who helped Hitler come to power - the publishers had a problem.

Vanity Fair this week denied any anti-Catholic prejudice.

The league is also angry that the Kansas City Star is conducting a sex

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.

"He doesn't get a free pass to make an anti-Catholic movie just because he happens to be a Catholic,"--Patrick Scully, Media Director of the Catholic League.

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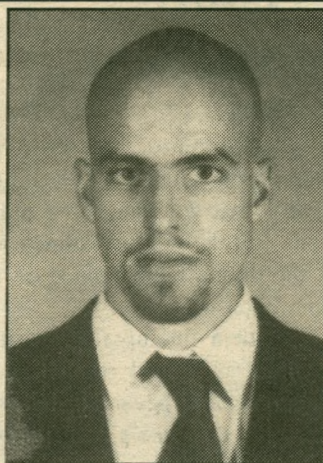
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Men's Basketball vs. University of Hartford 7:00 p.m.	Women's Ice Hockey vs. Middlebury 12:00 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey vs. Bentley College 7:30 p.m.	* all Ice Hockey home games are played at Milford Ice Pavilion

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 goalkeeper. 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.

The star from Quebec City, Quebec was instrumental in the Pioneers' win over the University of Connecticut on Nov. 5th.

Against Canisius College last weekend, he recorded 27 saves in the game.

He holds the all-time record for saves in a season and saves in a career at Sacred Heart. Jutras-Binet ranks in the top two of every major goaltending category at SHU.

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. Usually 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 fare 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.

As for the women, they managed to place 28th on 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 sophomore

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.

"The women ran a solid race, but not spectacular," said Morrison.

"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.

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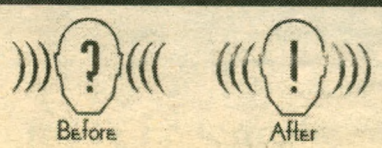
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Men's basketball has new face on sidelines

By Morgan Futch
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 has the experience under his belt that will benefit the Pioneers. He learned from his assistant coaching experience at the collegiate level for the past eight years. The past five were spent here in Connecticut at Western Connecticut State University.

"I am very fortunate that we were able to hire Johnny Kidd. Johnny is an experienced coach and recruiter," said Dave Bike, head men's basketball coach. "He is a quality person who is well 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 during his career.

Kidd led his team to an NCAA Division II tournament both his sophomore and junior seasons. He was an all-time assist 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.

Kidd is also in charge of the team's strength and conditioning program. According to Kidd, taking care of your body and

mind is the most important part of college basketball.

"I am a fitness nut," said Kidd. "I want these guys to learn how to give 101 percent all the time, and be in great shape for the entire season."

Tim Welch, a junior center from Narragansett, R.I. acknowledges Kidd's motivation skills.

"Johnny Kidd is in great shape, he really knows what he is talking about when it comes to strength and conditioning," said Welch. "He is a great motivator, he really stays on your back about doing things the right way."

Before making the jump to the college ranks of coaching, Kidd was an assistant coach for five years at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain. He also heads the Connecticut Basketball School at St. Thomas in the summer.

"Johnny has a variety of different views of the game from his wide range of coaching experience," said Collin Watson, 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 coachin 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 immensely," said Elizabeth Luckie, associate athletic director and head softball coach. "He seems to have already developed a strong relationship with the student athletes."

Kidd realizes 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 upsets."

Sacred Heart will play Big East powerhouses St. John's University on Wednesday,

December 29, and the defending national champions from the University of Connecticut on Sunday, January 2nd.

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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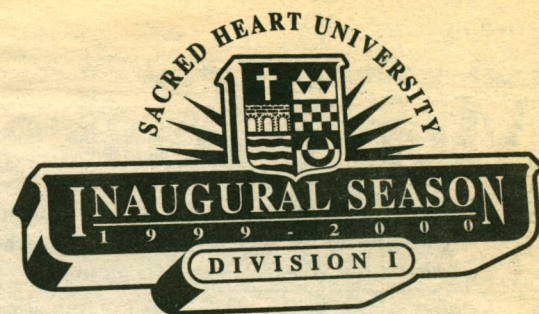
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Sports



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 collegiate 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.

Hardt embodied the seniors' will to emerge victorious. With SHU leading 16-6 in the third quarter, senior quarterback Steve Ladd lofted a pass into the end zone. 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 offensive lineman Marc 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 opened the scoring by tackling St. Peter's quarterback Patrick Holland in the end zone for a first quarter safety.

Peter Athans, a freshman

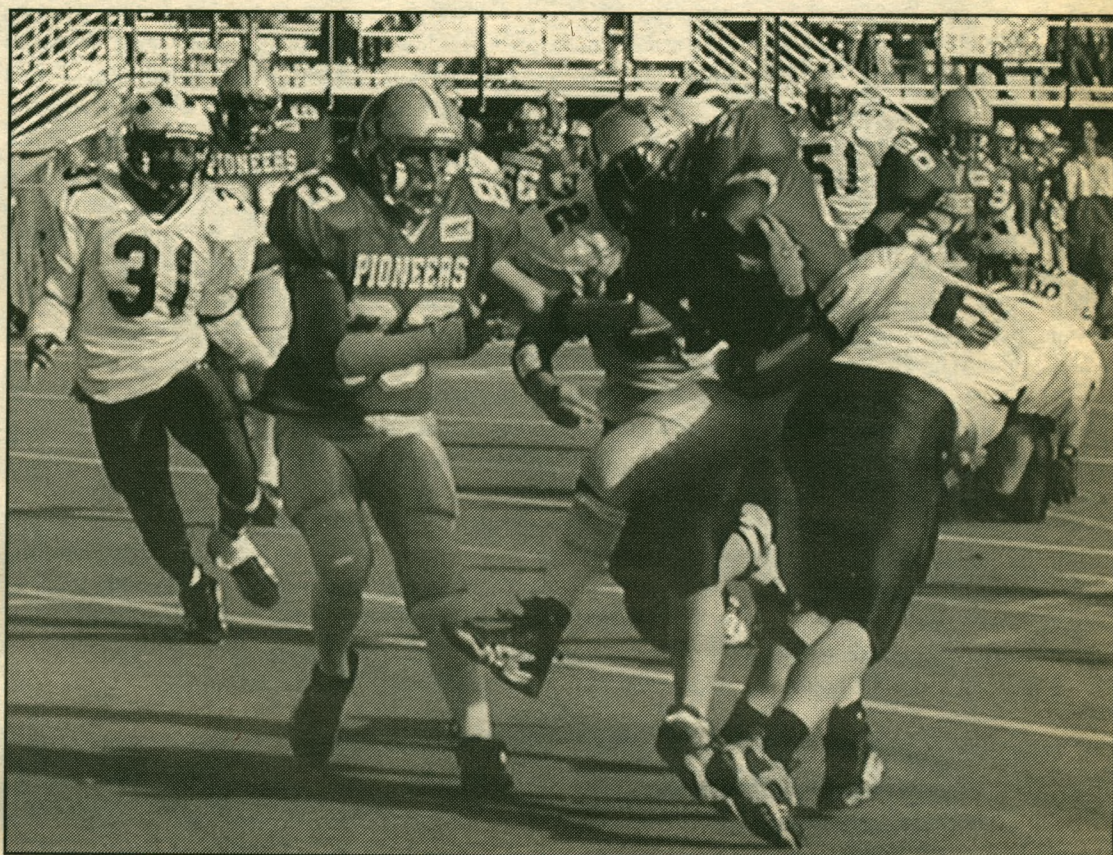


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Kiheme Cowan breaks a tackle and scores a second quarter touchdown against St. Peter's.

from Copperfield, picked off two passes.

In a season marked by the abrupt exit of head coach Tom Radulski, it would have been easy for SHU to write off the season. Even when all seemed well 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 them-

selves."

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 failures on the turf and take the important victories with them "I met the best friends of my life here," said Moschella. "Everything else is secondary."

SHU downs Canisius, falls to MAAC leader

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

The men's ice hockey team keeps finding a way to win and bring itself closer to the first place spot.

Following up its home opening win over conference opponent University of Connecticut, the Pioneers were looking for a little respect, and a little revenge over a team that handed them a loss last year.

The team currently holds the fourth place position in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Last Friday night, the Pioneers skated to a 5-2 victory over Canisius College.

"It was good to get the win against Canisius," said Shaun Hannah, head coach. "It made up for last year as this team beat us in three decisive victories."

The Pioneers came out on the ice firing early.

Chris Mokos, (sophomore, Lincoln Park, N.J.) tallied the first goal with help from Martin Paquet and Konn Hawkes (freshman, Watrous, SK). Paquet (freshman, St. Catherine

JC,PQ) then doubled the lead with a goal of his own.

Canisius was able to cut the lead to one when Dale Dubreuil scored on a power-play.

Freshman Les Hrapchak then answered with a goal of his own to put SHU back up with a 2-1 advantage.

Pioneer goalkeeper Alexis-Jutras Binet (junior, Quebec City, Quebec) then closed the door for good on the Golden Griffins, allowing just one more goal but recorded 27 saves.

The team then carried its energy and with it the momentum going from the win, the men stepped onto the ice against first place Mercyhurst.

Mercyhurst is a new addition to the league and has won all six of its league contests.

For two periods, though, it was Sacred Heart that looked like the undefeated MAAC leaders.

The Pioneers had a 2-0 lead heading into the third period, but it wasn't enough. Mercyhurst was able to score on a powerplay in overtime to win the game.

"We knew they were the

type of team that was capable of coming back on us, and they did," said Hannah.

Hrapchak scored in the first period, Paquet scored in the second to take the 2-0 lead heading into the third.

"Coach has given me a good amount of ice time as an incoming freshman," said Hrapchak. "The more ice time a player gets the better he becomes."

"We proved to ourselves that we can be a good team," said Hannah. "Canisius was a MAAC finalist last year, and Mercyhurst is currently in first place. We played well against both teams this weekend."

Tomorrow night, the Pioneers will face Bentley College in a MAAC game and then travel to play Fairfield University on Sunday.

The next home game for the team will then be January 3, when the men take on UConn again

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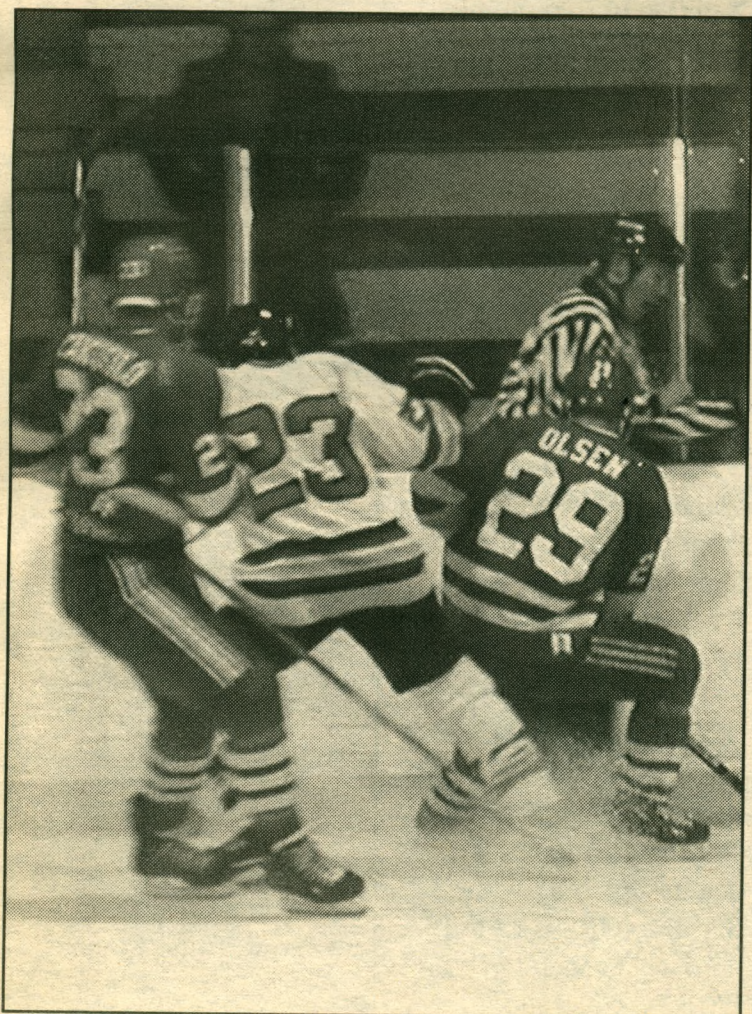


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Senior Paul Adimondo, #23, battles for the puck against two Mercyhurst players last Saturday. The Pioneers fell 3-2 in OT.