Large turnout for Job Fair

By Steve DiSorbo
Contributing Writer

Last Friday, November 30, Sacred Heart's Career Services Department held a Job Fair in the William H. Pin Center to help students start choosing careers and finding jobs.

The event drew a record setting number in attendance, 300 students and 125 recruiters from 75 companies made their way up the hill to talk to each other about the future.

"I got a lot of exposure to companies and corporations that I knew I was interested in." said Jody Bortone, Director of the Occupational Therapy Program and Chairperson of the 11 Day Tribute Committee, commenting that "the crowd was unusually balmy for late November.

Not only was the weather satisfying, the event was well advertised. Posters and handouts filled the halls in the weeks leading up to the dance.

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Senior Class needs a senator

The Senior Class is in need of a class senator. The job requires to attend class meetings and senate meeting. Contact Keri Blair at Keri-Blair@sacredheart.edu if interested.

Come hear the orchestra

On Sunday, December 9, at 3pm in the theater, come hear the wonderful music of the orchestra. It is 23 members strong! -

Spectrum phones STILL out of service

Here at the Spectrum, we need to be able to acquire as much information as possible. The Sacred Heart Community should be able to contact us through any medium; whether that be fax, e-mail, or TELEPHONE.

Try. Try calling the Spectrum on Thursday through Sunday and leave a message. It doesn't work? No, it doesn't.

While our literal phones work and ring, our answering service is less than high-tech. For a school that prides itself on its excelsior technology standing, to not have the newspaper's answering service perform second. The entire performance will be approximately 40 minutes in length.

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Habitat needs support to help the less fortunate

By Tina Shushelnzcyk Contributing Writer

The aftermath of Sept. 11 has shaken the economy and devastated many lives. Not for those who were in need of assistance prior to Sept. 11, their lives and the future of their families are now in even greater peril.

Lack of funds and manpower has left one local charity in dire need of monetary donations and supplies. The fact that many Connecticut residents and companies have used their charity funds to help with the Sept. 11 crisis leaves other charities such as the Greater Bridgeport Habitat for Humanity in a desperate situation.

The Greater Bridgeport Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian housing ministry founded in 1985 is a partnership dedicated to making shelter "a matter of conscience."

It challenges individuals, churches, synagogues, and businesses to lend a helping hand in building better housing for those in need. These houses are sold at cost to qualifying families with no interest mortgages.

Habitat has become quite renowned in recent years. It is not only well known for its contributions to the community but also for those who participate in their builds.

Habitat is responsible for building 60 low-income houses in Bridgeport since 1985, with help from students, volunteers and celebrities alike including Connecticut resident Paul Newman and Buffy the Vampire Slayer star Sarah Michelle Gellar.

Habitat is invaluable in improving the quality of life and living situations for many low-income Connecticut residents.

Yet Habitat's donations have been dwindling ever since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Our donations for September 2001 saw a 30% decrease over the previous year and October was almost as bad, with a 20% decrease from previous years," Bob Knebel, Executive Director of the Greater Bridgeport Habitat.

"Although the figures from November have yet to be completed, it appears that we [Habitat] will still be below our target figures for this month as well," Knebel added.

According to Knebel this has created a major cash flow crisis for Habitat. While they have enough money in reserve to pay for the building projects of 2001 those reserves will be nearly depleted by January 2002.

This means that Habitat's plan to build twenty-five houses in 2002 is in serious jeopardy, so much so in fact, that they might only have enough funds to build seven homes.

Habitat needs monetary donations. Yet the organization also needs volunteers and myriad supplies. In response to the organizations dire need for volunteers and supplies Habitat has created a kind of wish list for this holiday season.

That wish list includes power and hand-held tools, a diesel truck engine, a passenger van, weekend volunteers, counselors, house sponsors and white boards.

Despite all of the obstacles, Habitat has faced in the past few months, it has maintained a decidedly positive attitude.

Millard Fuller, founder of the Greater Bridgeport Habitat for Humanity said, "I believe Habitat must move forward at the fullest speed possible to continue to help families in need build simple, decent houses."

"Too many people need what Habitat for Humanity, stepping forward in faith and love, can do. And too many people will witness acts of evil [from Sept 11] hinder this vital endeavor to uplift families in need."
A history of Hanukkah

By Kacey Semler
Staff Reporter

While many Sacred Heart University students will be heading home for the religious festivities of Christmas, observed on December 25, there are those who will be celebrating the Jewish Holiday, Hanukkah, beginning at sundown on December 9.

For those unfamiliar with this Jewish feast, the Hebrew word "Hanukkah" means dedication.

This eight-day holiday is the annual celebration of the Festival of Lights, which is a commemoration of the rededication of the Jewish temple in 165 B.C.E.

On the first night of Hanukkah, a single candle is lit on the far right side of the candlelabrum, referred to as the menora. As the days move on, an additional candle continues to be lit, until there are eight candles burning on the eighth day.

Using the shamash, a server candle, the newest candle is always lit first. During this ceremony a Jewish blessing is read aloud, and everyone is encouraged to participate and witness this special event.

Ideally it is tradition for the candles to be lit when the heavenly stars become visible in the night sky, but it is all right for them to be set alight later in the night.

On the final evening of Hanukkah, all of the eight candles are glowing on the menorah, and will continue to shine until they burn themselves out.

Following the lighting of the menorah, family members exchange presents, such as gelt, which is the gift of money, while enjoying various foods.

The most common treat served during Hanukkah is the latke, or the potato pancake.

Children participating in Hanukkah also traditionally take pleasure in playing with dreidels, which are four-sided spinning tops, typically used for fun and games.

So, while most Sacred Heart students participate in the Christian celebration of Christmas, it is important to remember that this holiday season is treasured by many people of different faiths and religious backgrounds.

Although, the traditions of Christmas and Hanukkah may be contrasting, inevitably these two holidays both consist of gift-giving, and sharing in joyful celebrations with our family and friends.

See Page 7, A Festival Of Lights, for more on this holiday

Helping those affected by tragedy

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Bets received several e-mails regarding the Adopt A Family program.

"This sounds like a terrific program. I can well relate to some of the challenges these families are presented with," wrote David Hemsley, a retired military person.

Another e-mail from Joseph Winter, an Air Force Reservist and Resident Hall Director for Taft Commons, wrote, "I would be more than willing to help out with your cause."

Winter also explained how grateful he was to see the committee taking on this task and mentioned that just reading the e-mail made him proud to serve in the United States.

What most people do not realize is that these events are not so much about raising money. Those affected are not just seeking money, but instead are appreciative of tangible items like toys, clothing, and groceries.

"Some people are just requesting a card or little note," Bets said.

What we may perceive to be insignificant may mean a great deal to someone else.

By participating, students, faculty, and staff can bring greater meaning to our lives and to the ones we touch.

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Dr. Anthony Cerna, President of Sacred Heart University, has also been a key force in helping those affected.

"How can we keep our intellectual and spiritual reflection going?" Cerna asked at a recent committee meeting.

It was also commented that the committee "established a scholarship fund to offer financial aid to any student who lost a parent or spouse in the September 11 tragedy."

The 11 Day Committee has created many events.

On December 5, a forum panel discussion was held in the University Commons.

It consisted of mini-workshops such as journal writing and artistic expression among others.

The main theme was the question, "What does war mean to me?"

Another event, called Flag Day, will begin on December 11 when, at 8:42 a.m., a flag will be raised to remember when the first plane crashed.

On the 11th of every month, this flag raising will continue.

All are welcome for a moment of reflection and to join in a song which will be dedicated to memorialize and honor those affected.

Visiting not allowed, staff members with pains in their hands and a resident sleeping in a bathroom all in this week's

Public Safety Incident Report

November 5 - 1:40 p.m. - A suspicious person was in the Academic Building. An office is being entered when it's closed. Public Safety filed a report and is investigating.

November 6 - 10:42 p.m. - A threatening occurred in South Hall. A resident threatened his roommate and another resident. Public Safety and Res. Life responded. A family member took the threatening resident home.

November 8 - 9:55 a.m. - Inappropriate behavior occurred. A professor was soliciting money at the main campus. Public Safety responded and the professor left.

10:39 a.m. - A medical injury occurred in the South Lot. A staff member stepped on a nail. Public Safety responded. Staff member was taken to Immediate Health Care.

11:15 a.m. - A motor vehicle accident occurred at the Sunoco gas station. A staff member hit a metal pole while driving a University vehicle. Public Safety filed a report.

1:29 p.m. - Keys were lost on the main campus. A staff member lost his university keys. Public Safety is investigating.

2:10 p.m. - Reckless Driving occurred on Old Town Road. A student swerved towards a Public Safety vehicle. Public Safety and Residence Life responded. Bridgeport Police responded. Bridgeport Police are investigating.

November 9 - 1:57 p.m. - A staff member had pains in her hands in the academic building. Public Safety filed a report.

12:06 a.m. - A drug violation occurred in South Hall. Drug paraphernalia and alcohol were found in a room. Public Safety and Res. Life responded. Public Safety confiscated paraphernalia.

November 11-12:38 a.m. - A drug violation occurred at South Hall. Drug paraphernalia and alcohol were found. Public Safety and Residence Life responded. Alcohol was poured out and drug paraphernalia was confiscated.

2:11 a.m. - Property damage occurred on the main campus. Two residents sprayed paint on the grass and wood chips. Public Safety filed a report.

6:50 a.m. - A resident was found sleeping on a bathroom floor in East Hall. Public Safety responded. Resident was taken back to his room.

November 12 - 11:30 a.m. - There was a medical injury in the academic building. A student closed her finger in a door. Public Safety bandaged the finger and brought student to health services.

November 13 - 1:45 p.m. - A sanction violation occurred at J-Hill. A visitor was found in an apartment where visitors were not allowed. Public Safety and Res. Life responded. The visitor left without incident.

2:24 p.m. - A resident was harassed via Instant Messenger at J-Hill. Public Safety responded. Resident blocked the person who was harassing her.

7:33 p.m. - A burglary occurred at South Hall. A part of a computer was stolen. Public Safety filed a report and is investigating.

November 20 - 12:02 p.m. - A medical injury occurred at the Academic Building. A faculty member tripped and hurt herself. Public Safety filed a report.

November 27 - 1:35 p.m. - A medical assist occurred at FLIK. A student spilled hot chocolate on her lap. Public Safety responded. Student was taken to Health Services.
Editorials

HighBrow Investigation of Actions

In regards to the collaborative effort delineating Christianity and our obligation to charity, I must say that I am perplexed. Summarizing, there was a categorization that placed the homeless into two distinctions, one being the handicapped and one being the lazy, unmotivated people. Then it is further explained that it is the fault of society for giving these individuals the cold shoulder and deeming them un-worthy that has placed them in these states of existence. Now to resolve this, society must extend acts of kindness and goodwill in any form to lend a hand.

First, I will take the latter of the distinctions because it highlights the argument in which I previously proposed to the University. These lazy, unmotivated people comprise the homeless with their self-induced state of lack of ownership and responsibility to their actions. The previous response to this has been "No, society produced these acts continue, and once human. Should these unreflecting thoughts and the same individual's thoughts are inadequate, so we need to help them.

What we have now is helping these lazy unmotivated people, however truly not recognizing who they are because of excusing their actions or judging their actions unsatisfactory. The homeless and students are human beings and they employ actions, which develop who they are. I further my premise here, "how is an individual to grow and learn if they do not take responsibility for their actions? Charity for taking responsibility for their actions? Charity is a vice because it denies the very thing that makes them an individual, and that makes them human. These are actions, which originate from their thoughts and in turn make all individuals unique. So now these acts of charity are in fact only preventing them from growing and learning, thus suppressing what it means to be human. Should these unreflecting acts continue, and once again, is this bettering our society?"

Hence, there is direct connection between an individual's thoughts and the same individual's actions. The importance of understanding one's thoughts is because they directly reside within the self and are expressed to inform others of whom they are and what they have to say. So to create a chasm between the individual's thoughts and actions would produce a lack of self. Now, if these people are not responsible for their actions and it is societies fault, then one of the two things can be inferred: either they have no thoughts and therefore producing no actions, or they do have thoughts and actions, yet their thoughts are inadequate, so we need to help them.

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What does Christmas mean to you?

Angel Rodriguez
Philadelphia, PA
Sophomore
"It's not about giving, It's about receiving."

Chris Belluz
Somers, NY
Freshman
"It's time with the family."

Lisa McDonald
Senior
Granby
"Means giving presents to family and friends."

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Letters/Op-Ed

Primoris

Over the course of the past few months, I’ve been accused of many things; ranging from arrogant to evil, rarely including anything positive. This I can deal with, for it must be the enduring “hope” side of me that drives me again and again to show people that it’s a good thing to ask questions about why we do the things we do. Hence, I repetitively engage with this in mind that maybe one day others will pose questions of me inquiring exclusive-ly into my individual value. This paper is not about pointing fingers, whining, or anything along that superficial line of thought. It is the preface to a series of essays I will submit along the theme of ‘Higher Education’; and how my tena-cious, inquisitive, need-to-know identity fits perfectly into this ‘co-educational higher institu-tion’.

Starting off, when a freshman first enters this place, they receive a goody-bag of items; one of those items being the Sacred Heart University day planner. Within reading the first few pages, one comes to the mission statement, which displays a respectable amount of language portraying a communi-ty that would seemingly be filled provocative pupils. Yet, when this community is actually pre-sented with true individuals that do not get caught up in the polit-ical correctness, they do not know what to do with them. It seems like these three individu-als are portraying the vision that the writer of the mission state-ment had! So why is it that those who are told we’re good people by the mission statement are ostra-cized, should it not be the other way around? I’m still a little confused as to what goes into a higher-co-educational institu-tion. The standards are set (on paper) so high, yet we have some students who cannot even write for themselves in the class-room. Am I the only one who sees the inconsistency?

In conclusion, anyone who says to me that it is the job of the smart person to lift up the not-so-smart person is just disad-justing the not-so-smart person to be smart. Effort is a big com-ponent of being smart, and if anyone years to gain this attrib-ute than they will have to do it for themselves to truly learn. I am asking the community of Sacred Heart University to show me, through the Spectrum, what a higher co-educational institu-tion is.

I encourage those who want to write, to do so, and hold no opinion or judgement back; just take responsibility for what you say and put a name at the bottom of it.

*If you’re wondering what the title is/means, look it up in a decent Latin dictionary.

Toni Perri ’03 "LA."

What is this thing you call the I.A.?

Carmine, your assumption that I was referring to students as chimpsanzees, best put as false. I do not assume that the weaker stu-dents as you would call them, have no intel-ligence. They simply choose not to exercise it to the fullest capability. I would like to ask you the question, how do you propose we get ride of the weaker students? These students are already weeded out by their stronger and more outspoken peers. Any teacher in this University will support me when I state that the brighter students dominate the classroom and in the end prevail.

This is an appropriate time for me to address the issue of exceptions. These exceptions come into existence because of the students who generalize the Sacred Heart Students as “weak”. Within generalizations and assumptions exceptions are found. These exceptions are no longer treated as weaker students, and should now be treated as peers.

You stated that I assume that “if one is on a pedestal they stagnate and become com-placent.” This is incorrect. I believe that when one is upon a pedestal he/she views himself/herself as more capable than others, with any basis of this being only assump-tions. So now I will assert myself and say step down until you can prove yourself wor-thy of being up there through vices such as grammar and simple sentence structure.

My last assertion is that colleges are businesses. There is no doubt about it. It is not that I categorize students as sums of money, it is the administration. The universi-ty does not care if students fail or drop out of school, because there will always be more students waiting to replace them. To close I will propose a question to you. You describe yourself as a member of the Intellectual Academy, which I assume cor-rectly is where the basis of your thoughts come from. I feel it is appropriate to explain what the Intellectual Academy is to the pop-ulation of students and faculty may better understand the basis of your thoughts.

Adrienne Stoddard ’03

Come to a Senate Meeting!

Senate’s Corner

Senate’s Questions of the Month of December

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

1. What would make you apt to recycle on campus?
   - Contact Katie Semelrath or Liz Moskowski in their mailboxes in Hawley Lounge

2. What are your concerns, questions & suggestions about Sacred Heart Library?
   - Contact Jen Hradek in her mailbox in Hawley Lounge

Final Grades Posted Online

By Megan McDonald

For past Sacred Heart students, final grades were sent home to their houses while they were on winter break. There was no time to read the grades before they reached the ones paying for school, or the parents. This left no time to prepare good reasons for that D- in calculus. Also, students were on edge, waiting to find out if they had pulled that B+ up to an A.

Things have changed this year. Hopefully, sometime over winter break, students will be able to access their grades through Blackboard. Instruction on access these grades will come through Sacred Heart email. There will be two security password checks so students can be assured that their privacy will be protected.

Grades will not be “live” but they will be updated either every day or every few days.

This program should be a huge benefit to students who wish to know their grades as soon as possible. Grades will be available weeks before they would have been without Blackboard.

So What is Senate, Anyway?

By Megan McDonald

Would you know who to go to if you were angry about the price inconsistencies in Flik? How about if you were having a computer problem that was being ignored? Or what if you had a really good idea, like how to solve Sacred Heart’s parking problem? Would you know who to go to?

Sacred Heart’s Student Senate handles all of these issues. It is comprised of 16 mem-bers, 4 from each class. Our Vice-President is Dana Mohnman and our advisor is Kelly McGill. Each senator is in charge of a committee. They are required to go to meetings of the committee, such as Dining Services and Public Safety, and meet with whomever necessary to try to fix problems that affect Sacred Heart students. They can only fix the problems that they hear about through.

We represent the student body and we want to make you happy. We can only do this if you tell us the problems that you have. Please feel free to contact us. All Senate Meetings are open and you’ll love it. You’ll be at 8 p.m. in EH 135. Come and tell us what’s bothering you, what you’re happy about and any ideas you have.

We all have mailboxes in Hawley Lounge- drop us a note. Remember, we’re your best resource to get things done- all you have to do is ask!
by Christina Tantillo

You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout. But, why? Almost everyone knows that Santa Clause does not really slide down your chimney on Christmas Eve (he comes in through the front door these days).

After all, nobody would really want this man with so many aliases (Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Santa Clause) breaking into their house in the middle of the night to steal their supply of milk and Christmas cookies.

This myth of Santa Clause causes much joy, anticipation, sadness, disappointment and even embarrassment to more generations of Americans than almost anything else.

Santa evolved over time, just like the Christmas holiday he represents. Of course, the present-day legend describes this man leaving presents in the stockings and under the Christmas Trees of deserving little girls and boys. The bad ones are stuck with a lump of coal - but who ever actually received that?

Most members of the Sacred Heart community no longer believe the fairy tale of Kris Kringle, but finding out the truth often came abruptly.

Junior Juliana Cuccia from Malverne, New York caught her mother red-handed. "I walked into the basement and saw her wrapping all my presents," she reports, "then after that I started looking for them. One year I found a huge stack of unwrapped boxes that said 'Julianne'... do you know how hard it was to act surprised when I re-opened them Christmas morning?"

"I got a monitor from my grandmother, a printer from the other one and the keyboard from Santa," senior CJ Slavaugh from Worcester, Massachusetts, experienced sheer embarrassment as he found out about the big guy. "My friends all told me that he wasn't real, but I insisted that there was [a Santa Clause]. I went home and asked my parents and felt really stupid after I found out." Of course Kantarelis was not a complete fool. Most legends are based on facts, and Santa is no exception.

According to the History Channel, Santa Clause can be traced back to the birth of Saint Nicholas around 280 AD. In 1733 and 1774, Dutch-American families gathered in December to honor the anniversary of this man's death bringing St. Nicholas into American popular culture. In 1804, St. Nicholas was declared the patron saint of New York City. By 1809, author Washington Irving helped to popularize the stories of Saint Nicholas, also known as Sinter Klaas. The name Sinter Klaas was easily manipulated to the Santa Clause we know today.

Episcopal minister, Clement Clarke Moore's poem, "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" inspired the modern-day image of Santa Clause. According to the History Channel, a political cartoonist named Thomas Nast created the first image of Santa based on this poem and a few additions of his own.

Kristen Wegrocki, a junior from Plymouth, Massachusetts revealed the fairy tale for a classmate. "I was the bratty kid who told everybody," Caruso said, "Missy went home and asked her parents that there was [a Santa Clause]. I went inside and asked my parents and felt really stupid after I found out." Despite amusing evidence to the contrary, not everyone truly believes that Santa is a myth. So this Christmas Eve, listen closely to the wind for the soft jingle of sleigh bells and keep your eyes on the sky.

by Michael Di Pietro

FLIK may have a new face, but not everything has changed. Some of FLIK's most memorable employees are still around. Probably the most well known, flamboyant and sociable employees in our cafeteria is none other than Vincent Edward Condon from Reading, MA.

"Vinny is the nicest guy and everyone knows him. He's the man," said senior Rachel Hunter from FLIK. "Vinny is the only person that I know who keeps him here.

"You kids are great!" said Vinny, "I like my work, for the most part. The deli was my favorite part of the job, but I don't work there much anymore. I give out too much product." Vinny said that overall he has had very few complaints about work.

"I like to keep busy," he said, "There's nothing at work that I really have a problem doing."

While Vinny likes his work, he did say some parts of the job are tougher than others.

"The hours are tough. I usually work long days. It's very tiring," Vinny works a full week, 40 hours, usually from 11 am until 7 pm.

While doing his job is not a chore for Vinny, at times management and his fellow co-workers have a tendency to get under his skin. Vinny mentioned that being a gay man has affected his work. Some of the people he works with, as well as those he works with him a hard time and pass judgments about Vinny based on his appearance.

"It's an everyday problem I guess, the laughing and comments. I just put up with it. I know how far to let them take it," he said.

Vinny's lifestyle is reflected in how he dresses. You may see him wearing a brightly-colored scarf around his neck, eye shadow or blush and other make-up. Vinny said that just because he may dress differently than some other FLIK employees, it doesn't change the person that he is inside.

However, FLIK employees, of late, have been paying more attention to the appearance of their work environment than of their fellow employees. Vinny said that he does like the newly-renovated FLIK.

"It's great! I think it's working out for the best," he reports. Vinny appreciates the aesthetics of his work environment. He has adapted well, as you may see while he works busily behind the hot entree line preparing food for the hundreds of hungry students each day.

You can always expect his honest opinion about what is good to eat each day and students can expect to get a full plate when Vinny is working the line.

When Vinny did work on the sandwich line, he made sure every student went away with the best sandwich or wrap he could make. In fact, Vinny made some of the best looking and tasting sandwiches this side of the salad bar.

"Vinny makes the very best sandwiches," said senior, Kraig Hunter from Seaford, NY. "Vinny always spends time on each student's food and takes great pride in his lively customer service.

When not at work, Vinny enjoys relaxing and taking advantage of his time away from FLIK.

"I really like art, all types of art, music and movies," said Vinny who is often seen wearing his headphones around campus while on his break.
Monsters “Battel” It Out

By Tommy Valentino
Contributing Writer

Want to get off campus for a weekend? Or maybe do something really different over break? Then come see Kaiju Big Battel! Kaiju Big Battel is an event like no other where people dress up as monsters and battle it out in a big ring! Just like the Japanese movie monsters, these monsters battle it out in “the big city.”

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The greatest Christmas classics of all time

By Ryan Costigan
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If you asked 10 different people to make a list of their favorite Christmas stories, you’d probably get 10 different lists. There is no way to say any Christmas story is better than any other. But just the same, we all seem to have our favorites.

Christmas classics can last a lifetime.

It comes down to what touches us as a child. We will all always be partial to one or another but perhaps a list of some of the Greatest Christmas Stories ever told will peak an interest in a new story. A row story that can be shared with future generations the same way Christmas Stories of the past have been shared with us.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas". How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is a Dr. Seuss classic for people of all ages to enjoy. The story is about the Grinch, who living atop a mountain on the outskirts of Whoville for many years, grows tired of listening to the Who festivities during the holidays. So, he decides sabotage their joy by stealing all the Christmas presents and decorations in Whoville. He succeeds in his thievery, but the Grinch is disappointed when the Whos react unexpectedly. The town begins singing Christmas songs and maintaining the spirit of the holiday. Seeing this, the Grinch then realizes that there must be more to the holiday than material things. He then has a change of heart and returns the stolen gifts back to the Whos. The Whos embrace the Grinch when he returns their presents. The Grinch eventually curve the roast beef and join them for Christmas dinner.

"A Christmas Story." The story stars Ralphie Parker, a 9-year-old boy excited about Christmas. He yearns for the Red Ryder Carbine Action Two-story Red Ryder BB Gun as his Christmas present. But his worry-wart mom and crabby but endearing dad think it’s a dangerous gift, and it seems, so does every other adult in his world. Because the story takes place in the 1950’s and is told from the child’s point of view, adults and children alike have enjoyed it for many years.

"Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer". The story of the misfit reindeer that becomes the leader Santa’s sleigh, all due to his glowing red nose. In the stop motion made for tv movie, made in 1964, Rudolf encounters other misfits including a misfit elf, the abominable snowman, and a land of misfit toys. This is as classic as it gets when it comes to Christmas stories and is a valuable lesson for all those who feel that they themselves are misfits.

"Home Alone". Wild slap-stick comedy and sentiment highlight the adventures of 10-year-old Kevin McCalister as he tries to protect his house from a pair of ornerinessburglars after he’s stolen his car - it’s a frightening, nightmarish, noirish view of the tycoon (Ebenezer Scrooge) would be like without him - it’s a frightening, nightmarish, noirish view of the future generations the same way Christmas stories will be played out and over and over again on the television, the big screen, on stage, and in our homes.

However, these stories are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to great Christmas traditions. More Christmas favorites like “Miracle on 34th Street”, “A Christmas Carol”, “It’s a Wonderful Life”, “A Christmas Story”, and “Miracle on 34th Street” are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Christmas stories and for many years to come.

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Men work time and a half in 4 OT win

Several Records Fall in Highest Scoring Men's Basketball Game in NEC History

Compiled by Keri Blair
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James, who finished with eight points on the night, all of them in the extra frames, also hit a jumper with 37 seconds left in the third overtime to knot the game at 117-117 and sent it into a fourth.

The Knights held a four-point lead twice in the final 1:19, including a 129-125 advantage with only 59 seconds left. James hit his first three-pointer of the night with 35 seconds to go, pulling the Pioneers within one at 129-128.

After a Fairleigh Dickinson turnover, Hunter gave the Pioneers a 130-129 lead with 22 seconds left. Peterson was fouled with eight seconds remaining and hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 130-130, before James hit his second three of the game and gave Sacred Heart the win.

Sacred Heart had carried a slim 44-41 advantage at the half and opened the second frame with a 21-5 run, sparked by eight points from Hunter, to build their lead to 65-46. The Knights chipped away and closed out the final four and a half minutes by outscoring the Pioneers 21-10 and Lionel Bomayako (Paris, France) capped the comeback with three seconds to go by nailing a three-pointer at the top of the arc with a defender in his face to send the game into overtime.

Women’s Ice Hockey Shows Heart in Defeat

The day following the loss to Middlebury, the Women’s Ice Hockey team went head-to-head with another ranked team, Williams, Williams is ranked number five in the nation, and never gave the lady Pioneers a doubt in their mind that they couldn’t take the competition to them hard. Coach Mike Barrett stated, “We out-played them in the second period, and by the end we were trailing 2-0. By the third period it was evident that we ran out of steam because we played to our best abilities the night before against Middlebury. But that didn’t stop our goalie, Taryn Catania, from making key saves to keep us in the game.” In the end, the score left the lady Pioneers with 0, from making key saves to keep us in the game.

In conclusion, Coach Barrett said, “I am very pleased with our overall performance throughout this weekend. We had a great showing against ranked opponents. The girls showed tremendous heart and character. This suggests to me since we played so well that we a lot to build in and to look forward to. The Women’s Ice Hockey team returns home to the Milford Ice Pavilion against Manhattanville on Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart is Hot in Bowling’s Fast Lane

By Ryan Greenfeld
Staff Writer

Going into the Thanksgiving Classic that took place in St. Louis, the Sacred Heart Women's Bowling team was nationally ranked 4th.

The National Collegiate Team Match Games were held November 23-24, 2001 at AMF Strike N' Spare Lanes in St. Louis, Missouri. There were 51 teams from each division, and 4 wild card teams were added to make it a 55 team event. The teams were divided into two squads - Red and Blue.

The competition included 6 qualifying games (day 1) using the Barnhart Match Play Scoring System. In place of just bowling one team at a time; four teams competed for extra pins each game. After 9 games, the top 4 men's and 3 women's teams advanced as "wild card teams" to a 2 game match play roll-off.

All pin fall and bonus carried over from the qualifying rounds. The winners were determined by the highest total for the 11 games (with bonus).

The first day of competition was a 6 game affair. In the first game, SHU started out well with a total pin count of 1026 with Katie Atkins a sophomore of Fairless, PA having a game high of 237. In the second game the pin count increased to 1098 beating out Illinois State 966, Shippensburg 974, and California State 1058. Alexis Lepore a senior from Belleville, N.J. had a game high of 257 to help with the win, Sacred Heart finished its third game with 1123.

This achievement was helped by the efforts of Dee Teher a freshman from Endicot, NY, who bowled a 280 game.

During the next three games, Jody Fisher made game highs a senior from Oakdale, NY with a game of 221. Chrissy Rockett a junior from Maywood, NJ bowled a 209 and a 266 in the fifth and sixth games.

In the sixth game of the day SHU beat the winners of the previous year, Wichita one of the top teams in the nation, with a total pin count of 1157. This meant all of the girls bowled high 200 games.

The Sacred Heart Women's team ended day one averaging 1067.

Going into day two SHU was fourth in its squad and 7 out of 35 teams. Their first game was good, considering the team maintained a good team score of 1016 with Dee Teher game high of 257.

Bowling game 2 of the day with 981 pin count and 3 game with a total of 956 meant that Sacred Heart did not make it to the second round of competition.

SHU Women's bowling team finished the tournament in 12th earning 1012 pins within 9 games, ranking the team nationally in seventh.

The teams finishing ahead of SHU were in first place Nebraska, Morehead, Central Missouri State, Indiana, and Wichita.

The next competition is the next conference, which the SHU team is holding first place in.

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Out Scored But Not Out Played

SHU Men's Ice Hockey Contest Well With Top Team Western Michigan

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The men's ice hockey team despite two losses on the weekend produced a top action game against nationally ranked team Western Michigan at the Lawson Arena.

This past Friday the boys skated to a 0-2 loss against the Brancos however the first WMU goal came 13 minutes into the third period and the second goal was an empty netter.

Goalie junior Eddy Ferhi faced 31 shots on goal and was named third star of the game for his performance in net.

Ferhi faced 31 shots on goal and tied the game for Marks the power play and senior center Lloyd Marks tied the game for the Pioneers. On a three on three rush into the Branco defensive zone Marc-Andre Fournier slid the put to Marks who perfectly placed it top shelf. The assist also went to junior Martin Paquet.

The two teams retired to the locker room with the score tied at two.

Western Michigan opened the scoring in the second on a power play goal by Jeremy Cheyne at the 5:39 mark. Sacred Heart's Paul Sposito was named third star of the game for his performance in net.

Western Michigan put one more in that period with less then a minute left in play.

Sacred Heart played down a man for most of the third period but were able to dominate the ice, however, not getting any scoring breaks. Western Michigan put in an empty net goal with under a minute left to play in the game.

"We should have at least split the weekend. The 0-2 record does not justify the way we played. It could have very well been the best weekend of hockey our program has played," said Naumann.

Senior forward Chris Mokos received the honor of "Ironman" beating out former SHU player Eric Drake, playing in 115 consecutive games.

Junior defenseman Kevin Hawks played 120 minutes this weekend for his first time in his SHU hockey career. Hawks missed much of the previous season do to a leg injury.

"We just wanted Konn to know that his force on the ice and his ability to play for two games straight really added to our success as a unit," said defenseman Nick Nutcher.

"We were really proud of our play considering we were playing a top power house team," said Fournier (who believes he was a shining star on the ice this weekend).

The boys play AIC this Saturday in Massachusetts.

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Sports Schedule

Friday
Football Celebration 11:45 am parade from Pitt
Noon Railey in Old Gym
12:30 pm BBQ in FLIK

Saturday
Men's Ice Hockey @ AIC 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball @ Albany 1 p.m.
Women's Swimming @ Siena noon

Sunday
Men's Hoops vs. UMaine 2 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey vs. Polar Bears 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling @ Army 10 a.m.

Monday
Women's Hoops @ Brown 7 p.m.
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When The scoreboard reads 17-9 in the third quarter, making the score 17-7. It became 17-9 a few minutes later when SHU's long snapper St. George hiked the ball over Kraft's head and out of the end zone with 3:03 left in the third.

After the free kick, the Dukes took six plays to travel 53 yards and make it a 17-15 game. Duquesne went for the two-point conversion, but Cowan broke up the pass and kept SHU in front by two.

From there, the Pioneer defense shut Duquesne down. SHU Leading 17-15 with just over four minutes left, Michael Kraft punted 57 yards pushing the Dukes back to its own 11-yard line. Senior defensive back Kiheme Cowan then got free on a corner blitz and forced Dukes quarterback Neil Loebig to fumble the ball at the 1-yard line. SHU's Butch Rita fell on the fumble and three plays later, Holtfreter hooked up with Royal for a 2-yard TD pass that gave the Pioneers a 24-15 lead.

SHU's Kyle St. George hammered Loebig, who fumbled into the air. Odain Mitchell grabbed the ball and ran 35 yards for a touchdown to put SHU ahead 31-15 with 2:30 to play in the game. "One of the biggest plays was a 69-yard interception return for a touchdown by sophomore defensive back Brian Pawlowski. It opened our lead early in the second by ten points," said Marvin Royal.

Holtfreter completed 18-of-26 passes for 196 yards, five going to wideout Andrew Gonzalez, who took advantage of Duquesne's deep zone and worked himself open underneath. His five catches went for 74 yards, including a 14-yard reception that led to SHU's opening score, a 38-yard field goal by Tim Redican; and a 22-yard reception that led to Royal's 8-yard TD catch in the second quarter.

Defensive Dymond recorded 11 tackles and two sacks, and Mayowa was named NEC Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight season.

Sacred Heart becomes the second team in NEC history to finish a season with a perfect record (Robert Morris went 10-0 in 2000) and concludes the season ranked #1 in both the Sports Network and Don Hansen Gazette I-AA Mid-Major polls. Under the tutelage of head coach Jim Fleming, the Pioneers have posted a 21-1 record since his arrival last season.

The team has won because of their talent but the support of all those fans who traveled a long distance kept the Pioneers spirit high. The SHU dance team, cheerleaders, band, color guard, administrators and staff: Larry Wielk, Jim Barquinero, Don Cook, Elizabeth Lucky, Rob Contel, Mike Giaquinto and Julie Savino all took the time to cheer on the team.

"This school should be so proud of how far this team has come. I am so happy to see what these players have put into this season since freshman year and i give my sincere congratulations to the football team," said junior football fan Katie Bryan.

A perfect season was ended on the perfect note-winning a ECAC Bowl Title. What is next for this team, well they hope that all students, fans, faculty and administration join them in celebrating their victory this Friday beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The Team will parade down from the Pitt center and join fans in the University Commons for a celebration address. University President Anthony Cernera, Head Coach Jim Fleming, Football Captains and Athletic Director Don Cook will address the crowd. Then all are welcomed to join the team in FLIK for a Bar-B-Que.

This is the greatest accomplishment any sports team here at SHU has ever achieved- so come support your Champion Pioneers.