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## East Hall traffic light up and running

By Marisa Ierardi  
Staff Reporter

The traffic light outside of East Hall is now working.

Students may ask, "What's the point?"

Much of the student body has noticed the new crossing light that became activated after winter break.

In the past, students have been dependent on a police officer to cross them from the East Hall residence across Park Ave. With the new installation, that officer has been replaced by a traffic light.

Though it is a recent change, it already seems to have created a new problem regarding the safety of the students who use it. Over the past few weeks since the light has been in operation, it has become appar-

ent that students are not waiting for the light to change and are crossing the street at their own discretion, thus creating the potential for a very dangerous situation.

"We tried to make a smooth transition from the old system to the new by placing a police officer at the walk and getting the students in the habit of pressing the button," explains Dean of students Larry Wielk.

"However, without the police officer's presence, the students are crossing without using the button," Wielk added.

"We were spoiled having a police officer to stop the traffic for us and now it just seems pointless to wait for the light to change if there are no cars coming, so we just cross," commented Shelley Russo, a sophomore from Cheshire, Connecticut.

Other students like Liz Amend, also a sophomore, agreed. "I think it was necessary for safety purposes to put up the

light, but people really don't use it as it's intended and just go when traffic is clear."

This can be a very serious problem.

"We have had a number of close calls," says Wielk, "and many neighbors have called us in concern for the safety of the students."

In addition to the safety of the students, there is also the concern for the safety of the drivers on Park Avenue.

"What some students don't understand is that the cars coming from the south are actually traveling at pretty fast speeds and if a car is stopped at the top of the hill, even though there is a green light, that puts not only the students crossing in danger, but also the passengers of the cars that are expecting a clear path," said Wielk.

For all those involved, please remember to use the cross light as it was intended and be safe.



Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

## Students check grades on-line with Blackboard

By Kerry Freel  
News Editor

With a few clicks of the mouse, Sacred Heart students are able to access grades from the school's website through a program called Blackboard. No chalk is necessary to post grades.

Sacred Heart students can log onto Blackboard by entering Student ID numbers and passwords, which are social-security numbers without dashes until he changes it.

Once logged in, students can click on "course schedule and grades" from the "My Institution" tab. After reconfirming ID and password, a student can see all the courses he is

registered in and his grades.

"I found blackboard to be very helpful. I liked how I was able to check my grades online instead of having to wait for them to come in the mail," said Shelley Russo a sophomore from Cheshire, Connecticut.

"It was nice to actually find my grades out as soon as they were sent in. There is always a sense of anticipation after finals to see what your final grade for the semester was," said Bethany Rinaldi of Connecticut.

Blackboard is not just a program; it is also a company. Its main website, www.blackboard.com, explains that the company's "technological roots" can be traced to Cornell University.

The website also explains that Blackboard is used by "thousands of institutions in 140

countries."

"Sacred Heart University began offering Blackboard Course management's software in Fall 2000. The software version in use throughout that academic year was Blackboard level 1," explains Robert Tullonge of Information Technology Assistance.

"At the conclusion of the 2000-2001 academic year the Information Technology division decided to upgrade the current version of the software based on feedback from faculty and students. The existing version, level 2 v 5.5, of the application now incorporates a customizable web based portal with the course management software," Tullonge said.

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## Comedian Happy Cole entertains SHU

By Jennifer Martinetti  
Contributing Writer

On Monday night, January 21st, The Student Events Team provided entertainment by comedian, Happy Cole, in the Mahogany Room. His first name "Happy" is an accurate emotion of what you will feel after being in his presence and enjoying his act.

Cole is from Tampa, Florida and has traveled and performed all over the world. Some of his favorite places are England and Hawaii. He started his career fourteen years ago at an Amateur night in Tampa. At that time he didn't have a huge sup-

port group of friends and family supporting him in his career path.

Stand-up wasn't a big thing back then but I knew in my heart that this is what I wanted to do and I still love performing on the stage and making people laugh," said Cole. He entered the comedian field after watching Sin Bad perform. "After the show I met him and that's when I knew I wanted to be a comedian" He said.

Cole says that he admires all the comics of today, especially Bill Cosby, Eddie Murphy, and Chris Rock. He would also love to perform with Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington, "Because they are such great actors and performers," said Cole.

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# News Briefs

## Approval of New Dorm

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency approved a second ten-story dormitory on Park Ave. The new location is projected to be 1/4 mile north of East hall at 5252 park Ave. The new dorm will hold 384 students. Look for continued coverage in next week's issue.

## Greek Life Dates

Rush information sessions are as follows:

Around the World: Monday, January 28 at 10 pm

January 30 & 31 will be two information sessions

Interviews will be held February 4 & 5

A party and hazing meeting will be February 8

Rush Stars will be on February 11

## Train to be an RA!

**Tuesday, January 21- Thursday, February 14-** The RA applications can be found in Residential Life, located on the first floor of East Hall.

**Tuesday, January 29-** Is the one and only information session. It will be held in the East Hall lounge at 1:00 pm. The informational session is not required, but attendance is highly recommended.

**Friday, February 15-** The completed applications are due to Residential Life by 12:00 PM. If the application is not complete, you can't take part in the group process.

**Sunday, February 17-** Group process will be held in two sessions. The first one is from 2:00 to 4:00 the other is from 5:00 to 7:00. All RA candidates must sign up for one group process when they drop off their applications.

**Monday, February 18-** The individual interviews will be granted. Come on down to Residential Life and see if you have been granted an individual interview. Once you know you are eligible for an individual interview, you can sign up for a timeslot.

**Wednesday, February 20 - Friday, March 1-** The individual interviews will be held.

## Senior Class Mystery Trip- Monday Feb 11

The theme is "I Can't Believe You Wore That!" Tickets are on sale January 28 to January 31 in FLIK. \$10 is transportation and a t-shirt. You have to be 21 and have two ids to prove it. There will be drink specials, fee food, entertainment and door prizes.

-compiled by Spectrum editors

# Snow stops SHU events

By Kerry Freel  
News Editor

A trip to the Pyramid Palisades Power Mall in West Nyack, NY, and the winter col-or-guard tournament are two major events which were can-

celled on Saturday, January 19 because snow.

The mall trip has been rescheduled for this Saturday and the winter guard competition has been cancelled.

"I could not attend the basketball game Saturday because of the snow," said Mike Luberti, a senior football player from Oceanside, Long Island.

Some Sacred Heart students just enjoyed the snow and curled up with movies and friends in their respective dorms.

But other students embraced the snow and headed outdoors.

"It was more fun to hang out outside with my friends," said Erin Reilly, a freshman from Milford Connecticut.

# Happy Cole makes SHU laugh

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An interesting fact about Cole is how he comes up with jokes and tests them out.

"I don't," he said.

"Some comics write out there routine and then perform their act, but I just come up with jokes on the spot by observing the audience".

During his fourteen-year rise to fame, Cole had different jobs along the way.

By day he either worked at a Bank or Music store, but by night he was an MC at a Comedy Club.

"Mcing at the Comedy Club gave me the chance to develop my skills," said Cole.

The audience definitely enjoyed his performance. Everyone was laughing hysterically and had a great time.

His jokes ranged from the topics of sports, politics, to relationships, and love.

He also incorporated outrageous and elaborate facial expressions and body movement, which made all in attendance roar with laughter.

Happy Cole is an extremely funny guy and hopefully he can entertain all of us again in the future.

# A student's experience: Curtis Week 2002

By Greg Haney  
Contributing Writer

On January 9, Sacred Heart students participated in the beginning of Curtis Week, 2002. I am one of those students.

Not many people know about a life altering service program that is offered by Sacred Heart University.

It is focused on improving the personal well being of its college students as well as the neighboring city of Bridgeport.

Curtis Week is a form of community service aiming to improve the fallen city of Bridgeport.

It is a city that has found itself in the midst of financial distress.

The reward that the volunteers have received is not one that would motivate the average college student to return to school one week prior to the start of the semester.

The reward is far beyond the money they would have

made in the last week in their hometowns. The eleven Sacred Heart volunteers came to do something a little more.

These volunteers chose to lend a hand where it is much needed and got more than they expected in return.

In the 1980's the city of Bridgeport found itself in a major crisis when the local factories, accounting for most of the city's commerce, went under.

This shift left many factory workers jobless and in need of work to support their families.

Similar to many other cities in crisis, Bridgeport's condition worsened as the streets became cluttered with the formation of gangs and drug trafficking.

As the city declined, the economic conditions continued to deteriorate and many were forced to move out of the city.

The men and women of this area were left homeless and had little options.

The "curtis" in Curtis Week is an acronym for "Community Understanding and Reflection thought Inner-City Service."

It was started by Phyllis

Machledt in 2000. The members that took part in the most recent endeavor were a group of student volunteers organized by the two main leaders, Mrs. Phyllis Machledt and Mrs. Noelle D'Agostino.

This group of Sacred Heart students returned to campus a week before school started to take part in this experience.

The group consisted of thirteen people including two staff members Mrs. Machledt and Mrs. D'Agostino accompanied by four student leaders Keri Nastri, Chris Ginty, Marvin Royal, and Sabine Auguste.

This group includes a graduate student, three Sacred Heart Resident Assistants, the current president of La Hispanidad, a member of SET, the current president of the Black Coffee Poets and one of its members, the president and a member of the fraternity of Alpha, a sorority member of Phi, a student mentor at Luis Marin Elementary School, members of the Habitat Campuses Chapter, many members of Circle K, and various athletes and scholars.

Together, these diverse individuals worked together toward the common goal of helping people.

After a brief meeting at the school on the morning of Wednesday January 9, the vans were all packed and left the campus. From the moment that the volunteers moved into the old St. Charles convent, they were all put to the test.

Some days consisted of two or more projects such as working in the Prospect House soup kitchen, Remesa East elderly day care, McKinley elementary schools, the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and painting houses for Habitat for Humanity.

The experience encouraged each individual to question why people are the way they are and why people think the way they think.

The volunteers were forced to look closer into the presumptions and stereotypes that may have existed before the week began. They are also encouraged to abandon prejudgments, taking each case as separately as they come.

At the end of each day the group met together to reflect upon what they had come across in their day and how they have grown as individuals as a result of it.

The day also ended with a topic of discussion.

These discussions raised very good debates amongst the group. Each of the group leaders had a night to raise a question or a statement to the group.

This was a great experience that I am happy to say I had the privilege of attending.

It has made me refocus myself on what should be the priorities in my life and to the rest of the world.

In a world that is controlled mainly by money and greed it is easy to lose track of what is important.

I am very grateful that this experience has made me grow to be a better person, American citizen, and child of God.

Thank you to my group leaders, my fellow volunteers, and everyone else that I had come across that has helped me through this tough week.

# Blackboard brings convenience to chore of checking grades

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Blackboard has been floating around the University for a while. With the new advances it brings, it is being more noticed.

Blackboard not only allows students to check on their GPAs, but can also provide more interactive learning.

"I think that it's a good system so students can more easily communicate with their professors and with other students in their class. It opens up conversations and lines for communication where there otherwise wouldn't be," said Kathleen Crouse of North Attleboro, Mass.

Teachers can post questions for students to comment on in a discussion board.

A virtual classroom can be utilized.

Students can check course documents, like a class' syl-

labus, and any announcements on class cancellations or changes in assignments all with Blackboard.

Dr. Stephen Lilley, a Sociology Professor at Sacred Heart, is using Blackboard this semester with his courses. This is his second year of using Blackboard.

"I post documents on Blackboard. There is less Xeroxing which is saving resources. Students always have access to Blackboard, so they don't have to wait for a copy of anything," Lilley said.

With so much technology available, seminars were held in order to teach more professors how to use the program.

"The goal is to get more teachers to use it [Blackboard]," says sophomore Robert Trenske, of Naugatuck, CT who works for Information Technology Assistance at Sacred Heart.

"Academic Computing rou-

tinely provides training for faculty and students throughout the semester. Training is held in our I.T. Training room within the SC wing. Cindy Wheatly, an I.T. Trainer, routinely visits classrooms during the semester to provide additional training for students," explained Tullonge.

Tullonge also said, "Academic Computing staff members are working on developing a Blackboard training track that will introduce faculty to additional Blackboard features along with incorporating multimedia content online and allowing faculty to share their experiences to provide better pedagogical use of the application."

The near future of Blackboard at Sacred Heart will bring swipe cards for South and West Hall students for the laundry. Money will be added directly onto tuition for all swipe card usage.

# Library offering students new resources

By Aimie Likens  
Copy Editor

Sacred Heart University's Ryan-Matura Library has undergone some big changes in the past few months. The search for a new head librarian is successfully over, and along with their newest staff addition, the library is offering many new features to the Sacred Heart community.

The new University Librarian is Dennis Benamati, who started working on January 7. Until his employment, the Interim Librarian was Susan Broadstone, who will now return to her previous position as Head of Access Service.

Over the past year, the library has been working extensively to implement a new library system. The new system of innovative interfaces has improved the functionality of the library. This includes a new online public access catalog (OPAC), called "Enterprise."

By going to the library's

new homepage, [www.sacred-heart.edu/library](http://www.sacred-heart.edu/library), patrons can experience many convenient features.

It is now possible to check a person's own library record to see what books they have taken out. They can see when their borrowed books are due, and if they owe any fines. For convenience, books can also be renewed as long as they are not overdue.

The library now offers all course reserve articles on the system, and these can be accessed from anywhere on campus. Students and faculty can also e-mail suggestions, request material to be purchased, and access the library databases all via the new "Enterprise" system.

"Everyone in the library has helped work on this project. Our goal was to make a more streamline and easier to search system," commented Mary Ellen Bowen, the Reference System Librarian.

"We hope that students and faculty will benefit more from a

system that is much easier to access. They can log on from their dorm rooms and their offices now," she added

Also on the library homepage are the Ryan Matura Library Trivia Contest rules. The contest allows Sacred Heart students to use their research skills to answer questions and win prizes. The questions and deadlines are also available at the library website. All winners will be announced in the library's new quarterly newsletter, "The Library Lines."

In the future, the library will continue to institute many more new and convenient features. Soon library-goers will have e-mail reference help, e-mail interlibrary loan forms, and a world of online accessibility.

The library's new look hopes to provide students and faculty with a helpful and convenient research atmosphere. If anyone needs assistance with the new features, the reference librarians can be reached in person at the reference area desk, or by phone at (203) 371-7726.

# Holes in windows, cheerleader injures nose, and ankle distress in *Annie* in this week's

## Public Safety Incident Report

**December 13, 2001 - 12:30 p.m.** - A hole was found in a window in the Academic Building. Public Safety filed a report and informed Building and Grounds.

**December 14 - 9:44 a.m.** - Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred in the North Lot. Public Safety filed a report. The car was scratched. The student declined to call police.

**9:49am** - Suspicious mail was found in the Pitt Center. Public Safety disposed of the letter.

**December 15 - 3:39 p.m.** - Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred at the Library Parking Lot. A vehicle's window was cut. Public Safety filed a report. Student declined to call police.

**4:26 p.m.** - Larceny from a motor vehicle occurred at Parkridge. Public Safety filed a report. Resident filed a report with Police.

**December 16- 4:31 p.m.** - A medical injury occurred at the Pitt Center. A cheerleader injured her nose. Public Safety responded. The student was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital by a friend.

**9:36 p.m.** - Vandalism to a motor vehicle occurred at Parkridge. Public Safety filed a report.

**January 2, 2002 - 9:14 a.m.** - A motor vehicle accident occurred in the Administration Building Parking Lot. A resident's vehicle collided into a wooden rail, due to brake failure.

**1:32 p.m.** - There was a medical illness reported in the Main Building, Room HC109. A resident became ill. 911 was called. She was not transported.

**January 3 - 2:17 p.m.** - A fire alarm went off in the Main building, Room M102. The fire alarm was caused by paint fumes.

**4:44 p.m.** - A motor vehicle was involved in a hit and run accident in the Library Parking Lot. A student reported she witnessed a motor vehicle accident.

**January 5 - 9:09 p.m.** - A medical injury occurred in the theatre. A member from the play *Annie* injured her ankle.

**January 6 - 11:50 p.m.** - There was a power outage at Taft. A Pinkerton officer reported a power outage.

**January 7 - 9:29 a.m.** - Larceny was reported in the main building. A staff member reported her wallet was stolen from her office.

**10:55 a.m.** - A medical injury occurred in the main building, in the Faculty Lounge. A construction worker injured his right hand thumb.

**6:57 p.m.** - A motor vehicle accident was reported on Park Avenue. The citizen lost control and struck the median.

**10:33 p.m.** - A fire alarm went off in J-Hill. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

**January 8 - 12:00 a.m.** - A motor vehicle accident hit and run was reported at Taft. The resident reported someone hit his vehicle while it was parked.

**3:19 p.m.** - A medical injury occurred in the main building. An employee reported he injured his ankle.

**5:15 p.m.** - A medical injury was reported at the Pitt Center. An employee reported that he injured his back.

**8:24 p.m.** - Vandalism was reported in West Hall. A resident vandalized her room door lock.

**January 9 - 11:54 p.m.** - There was a burglary reported in a Parkridge townhouse. A resident reported the theft of a painting from his room.

**January 10 - 3:00 p.m.** - Harassment was reported in South Hall. A resident reported he received a harassing e-mail.

**January 11 - 12:43 p.m.** - A motor vehicle accident occurred on the road in front of the Administration Building. A FLIK van was struck by another vehicle while it was parked.

**January 12 - 2:12 p.m.** - Larceny was reported at Parkridge. A resident reported the theft of a watch from her room.

**January 13 - 10:21 a.m.** - A fire alarm sounded in East Hall. The fire alarm was caused by a resident using hair spray.

**2:15 p.m.** - A fire safety concern was reported in West Hall where a resident reported that his light bulbs burnt out.

**2:45 p.m.** - A Medical Injury occurred in the Theatre. A member from the play *Annie* injured her foot.

**8:12 p.m.** - A medical injury was reported off campus. A resident reported he was injured at an off campus site. He came to campus, 911 was called, and he was transported to a hospital.

**January 13** - An officer reported vandalism at East Hall in the form of a rear door being vandalized.

## Did You Know?

Modern Musicals can often be related back to famous operas. For example, *West Side Story* corresponds with *Romeo and Juliet*. The opera *La Boheme* connects with the popular musical *RENT*. Another connection can be seen through the opera *Madame Butterfly* and *Miss Saigon*. *The Crucible* is both an opera and a play.

- Dr. Patricia E. Smith, Coordinator of Music

# Editorials

## Closed out

By Megan Flood  
Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart is a school that prides itself on academics. They also focus a majority of their efforts on retaining students. But how can this school retain students if they do not offer enough classes?

Every year, right around registration time students panic. Why, you ask? Because the immense fear of being closed out of a class that you must take can bring even a football player to tears.

Many students during this time period become irate and emotional with the registrar staff, when they really aren't the ones to blame.

The people who need to be questioned are those who work in the academic department. It is long overdue for the chairs of the departments to take into consideration certain elements that should determine what classes are offered and even moreso how many should be offered.

When seniors go to register for classes that they need to graduate and are closed out, there are serious problems. When a sophomore is higher up on a waiting list than a senior, there are serious problems. If Sacred Heart wishes to retain students they must learn to accommodate them.

One of the first things that should be taken into consideration is how many students are declared in the different majors. If there are more students than spaces in the required classes for the major, we need to go back into the drawing room and rearrange things.

Who makes these decisions? Do the professors decide which days are convenient for them to teach classes on, or do the department chairs determine

how many and which ones will be taught? Something must be done, because there is no reason that a senior should be closed out of a class that he/she must take to graduate in the four year period that the school drove into our minds when we came here for freshman orientation.

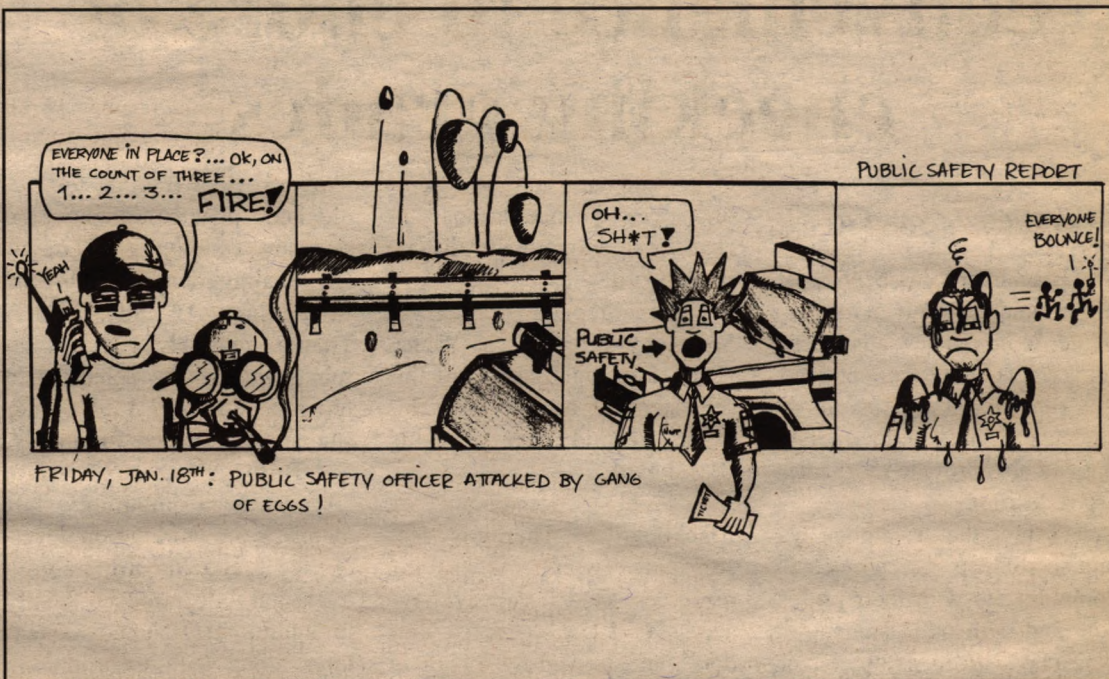
Even our own staff writer and senior class president Keri Blair commented that it is a big problem for seniors once they get closed out of classes to participate in end of the year/ graduation events. The school demands the students to meet certain requirements by the end of their four years in order to celebrate and walk on graduation day, yet the students are not provided an avenue to obtain such requirements.

Blair continues that when seniors are closed from classes they are forced to spend more money later on to make up classes and are unable to spend their remaining days with those they have built a friendship with over the past four years. It is also hard on the class officers to turn away seniors who hope to purchase a senior week package when they are fully aware that it was not the students lack of effort but rather the academic departments failure to offer enough classes.

Blair finds it noticable that it is certain academic areas that experience this lock out affect. For the most part those academic areas are promoted by our school as the "strong majors", i.e. Psychology or Education. Such majors are in turn considered academic strong suits when the University looks to persuade high school students to attend Sacred Heart. I see no strong suit when many of those in the respected major are continually locked out of classes. Yeah SHU keep bringing them in. (Even though there is no room)

# Chillin AT SHU

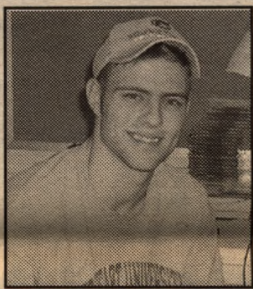
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## The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Ryan Greenfeld

### How do you feel about having Martin Luther King's Day off, but not President's Day?



**Bryan Fogle**  
Fairfield  
Freshman  
"I feel we should have both days off, not just one."



**Jenn Motisi**  
Middletown, NY  
Freshman  
"I think we should celebrate both."



**Nakisha Grant**  
Junior  
New Haven  
"M.L.K. Day holds semential value to the Africian American population. The civil rights movement should be celebrated."

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# You don't have to be smart to go to Luxembourg, just rich

Dear Editor,

One year ago to the month ten Sacred Heart students took advantage of a truly one-time opportunity. We carried SHU across the Atlantic.

Our school often boasts of progressive advancements--the building of East Hall, our Division I Athletics, wireless communications--but please do not be misled, within the last month the institution you pay thousands upon thousands to attend, greatly devolved.

Last year the History and Political Science Departments accepted undergraduate applications to study

abroad at Sacred Heart's satellite school in Luxembourg. The program existed as SHU's only self-proclaimed study abroad program in which all funds from students' Financial Aid Award Packets (including all scholarships and grants) would be allocated. This meant students could partake in a truly worldly semester for virtually the same cost of a semester here in Fairfield. The program set an incredible precedent for our rapidly growing University. Our school made an unbiased offer to challenge and redefine the college experience. And then they cut the program.

Be jealous. For one year and one year only SHU

offered the opportunity to study on another continent, to travel Luxembourg, Germany, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, to study within a truly diverse student population, and to bring together students who otherwise would never even bother to say hello in passing. The Luxembourg Program directly promoted (and in some cases like my own) enabled financially assisted students to partake in a study abroad experience. By cutting this program our school sends the message that a student (or better yet, a student's parents) better have money if they want to experience college off of the Fairfield campus--because

no other program in cooperation with SHU accepts those Financial Awards. If you earn scholarships and if you work hard to afford this overpriced education, look elsewhere to reap the benefits because SHU will budget-cut your potential.

Not one student who participated in the undergraduate Luxembourg Program was interviewed when the subject of indefinitely dispelling the program surfaced as a reality. The hierarchy of Sacred Heart obviously saw no need in hearing our emotionally driven stories, or reviewing our above average scholastic achievements. I must praise the exceptions: Dr.

Roney, Dr. Rose, and Dr. Gold your dedication and obvious support for such an incredible program should not only be remembered, but also revered. Thank you for understanding education.

Sacred Heart claims to move in a forward direction. But how can we move forward by drastically eliminating such opportunities as our own Study Abroad Program, after only one year of implementation? I know, let's get our latest scores scrolled across the bottom screen on ESPN.

Amanda Veautour  
Junior

## Another sunrise, another dilemma

By Aimie Likens  
Copy Editor

I've come to enjoy the pre-dawn hours. I often spend them staring at the ceiling, out the window, or at my damn alarm clock with the damn red digital numbers. I tell myself to go to sleep, but that doesn't happen. I tell myself to relax, but that doesn't happen either. Why have I turned into a raging, melatonin-popping insomniac? Let me tell you...

For the past three and a half years I have been planning for my future. I've worried about GPA's and GRE's and financial aid. I've made portfolios and resumes and practiced interview answers. I've dealt with the Registrar and Res Life and no parking. But does this make me any better off than the average high school dropout? NOT IN THIS ECONOMY!

The time has come for me to think

about finding a job. This wouldn't be such a horrifying concept if there were any jobs to be found. In this so-called recession we are facing, it seems like all anyone is talking about is losing jobs, collecting unemployment, and hopelessly searching the classifieds.

It's just too bad that this all starts to happen the year I am supposed to graduate. The year I'm supposed to become a better person. The year I am supposed to start my life as a successful career woman. The year I am supposed to start paying back my obscenely high student loans!

Hopefully a miracle will occur and I'll land the perfect job. That miracle will come when the stock market gets it's act together.

So like I said before...am I better off than the average dropout? Definitely not. In fact, I better make friends with some of them so we can stand in line together.

Oh, and someday I might get a good night's sleep.

## Writers block plagues SHU

By Megan Flood  
Editor-in-Chief

It may seem as though I am repeating myself, but I will continue to say it over and over again until everyone understands what I am saying. Another semester begins and the same holds true from last semester: if you have something to say, put it in writing.

I'm tired of students and faculty approaching myself and my staff and complaining. If you feel the need to say something and get a response it needs to go in the paper to warrant a response. I have confidence that there are things that need to be said. If we are receiving multiple com-

plaints then this section should be full of well-thought out editorails. Instead, we scrape the bottom of the barrel, only to receive more complaints.

Don't get me wrong, feel free to criticize our stories, writers or anything else, but put your name on it. The only way we can improve is to receive your feedback and then take into consideration the feedback from the school. We are not here to cater to your every demand, but the paper is here to carry your opinion within its pages.

If you cannot stand behind what you say, don't say it. If you can't take ten minutes out of your day and write it down then we don't want to know.

We put a great deal of

time and work into these pages and hope that we are serving the school the best we can. The editorial section exists for this purpose, so make use of it.

Furthermore if you feel that the Spectrum should cover an event, please let us know. But this does not mean that it will go in. A large part of the journalism process is determining the importance and priority of a story.

As we have already seen it is difficult to get students to respond, even to controversial issues. Maybe someone out there can explain why this is so. Why does it feel that we are pulling teeth when we try to get a response from the SacredHeart community.

## It's good to be back

Dear Student,

Welcome back! As most of you already know, second semester has a way of flying by even faster than the first. I hope that all of you will take some time to enjoy the things around you, and make the best of these next 4 months. I would also like to send out a word of encouragement to get involved with our school in any way possible, if you have not already.

Many people I talk to will often complain about something not working or something that they do not like about SHU. They are quick to pass judgement, but slow or hesitant to take any action. Commenting on similar emotions, Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Inspired by these words, I ask that more students dare to seize every opportunity made available to them. I hope that you, a member of Sacred Heart University's student body will begin

to see what incredible power you hold, both individually, and as a whole. As quickly as this year is going, it is not too late to join a club, an organization, or partake in some other activity on campus. I am proud to say that Student Government has completed one of its most successful semesters in SHU's history this past semester, and we plan on continuing with that same level of excellence for the remainder of this year to serve you, the student body.

I urge everyone, regardless of what year you are, weather you are a commuter or resident, a traditional or nontraditional student, to stop by the Student Government office in Hawley lounge and tell us your concerns, complaints, and suggestions. Most importantly, help us to make Sacred Heart University the school you want it to be. Good luck to you all and let us proceed this semester confident in our abilities and optimistic in the job we can do in the next 4 months ahead.

Sincerely,  
Thomas A. Pesceg  
Student  
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# Features

## To Party or Not to Party: Spring Break 2002

By Christina Tantillo  
Features Editor

Last weekend's blizzard left many students daydreaming about warmer weather and the warm weather event of the spring semester - spring break.

To those who have not already booked a flight to a tropical paradise, it's not too late.

According to Stacy Grossman, a Travel Agent with Liberty Travel in Fairfield, the most popular locations this year seem to be "the Bahamas, and as always also Cancun and Key West."

She also reports a decline in several Florida locations such as Daytona Beach and Ft. Lauderdale attributing this phenomenon to the unpredictable Florida weather in March. According to Grossman, Key West seems to be close enough to the Caribbean to avoid the temperature fluctuations that the rest of Florida can suffer in the winter and early spring.

Grossman says that Spring Breakers traveling to Cancun or the Bahamas can expect to spend \$600, while Key West trips may be a bit cheaper. Also, she advises students to consider going for



The Fiesta Americana Cancun Hotel provides Spring Breakers with a beautiful beachfront venue in sunny Cancun, Mexico, a traditional spring break hot spot.

five or six nights rather than a full week, as discount packages may be available.

However, more and more students are turning to the Internet to plan their trips. Many webpages have been set up for the benefit of travelers in general and spring breakers specifically.

Those who have never planned a spring break trip before and want to spend the

week partying may want to begin their search at [www.paradiseparties.com](http://www.paradiseparties.com). This site gives you the option of picking locations in Mexico, the Bahamas, Jamaica and South Padre Island, Texas, with the option of selecting hotels in a variety of price ranges. The site allows you to book online an even add a "party pass" with various discounts at local hot spots.

Joanne Ponder, a Junior

from Braintree, Massachusetts will be traveling to Orlando this March, "I'm looking forward to the sun and being tan when I get back."

She planned the trip in October and because she is staying in a timeshare with five other girls the trip will be relatively inexpensive at less than \$500.

Stephanie Morda, a Junior from Cumberland, Rhode Island planned her trip with Ponder. "We're going to just relax go to the beach, go to the pool, maybe

go to Disney [World] and enjoy the nightlife. Basically, I just want to party and have fun."

During her freshman year, Morda went to Cancun, "I'm just not one of those girls," she cautions, "that is just ridiculous."

To those who are planning to go to Cancun, Morda explains "There are a lot more girls than guys! And female nudity is definitely everywhere." She recommends the trip only to those without serious relationships and says the city is just as crazy as the Girls-Gone-Wild videos make it out to be.

However, not all spring breakers are out for fun in the sun. Many webpages are devoted to those looking to spend their break on the slopes or just hanging out by the beach without the party. A favorite for those seeking this spring break experience might be [www.counciltravel.com](http://www.counciltravel.com). Council travel offers discount travel to students year-round and offers package trips during spring break. Students can even take advantage of their time off to travel to Europe for less than \$1000.

So no matter where you are going this March, be it Cancun, Daytona Beach, the Bahamas or simply your hometown do your research and make sure the trip is a fun and safe one.

## Reading is FUNdamental

By Romy Sarrazin  
Staff Writer

"Reading is fundamental" you have probably heard this saying many times during your childhood years.

Reading is an essential part of one's education. Students here at Sacred Heart are reaching out to the Bridgeport community through community service and teaching young children to appreciate reading.

The Read Aloud program at Sacred Heart is run by the Service Learning and Volunteer Programs office on campus, and helps place students within classrooms in Bridgeport.

Phyllis Machledt runs the program along with the help of Angela Bowden a graduate student at Sacred Heart. The Read Aloud program is a volunteer service that students at Sacred Heart can choose to participate in.

A number of professors

have incorporated the program into their classes so that the students can be introduced into the Bridgeport community.

Read Aloud emphasizes the value of reading and uses books with themes that have to do with lessons being taught within the classroom at that particular time.

Read aloud works along with two organizations the School Volunteer program and the Bridgeport Parent Center to coordinate activities within the Bridgeport, Stratford communities. Reading to the class usually takes about an hour and the children range in ages from 5-11.

This program has been such a success at Sacred Heart that last semester the program introduced "Guest Reader." Differing slightly from the original Read-Aloud program, in which a short book is read, Guest Reader allows readers the opportunity to read one assigned class a chapter book. This program is designed for children in grades 3 through 6.

Senior Madeline Recknagal of Germany comments, "The kids look forward to you every week, I've really enjoyed it."

The Guest Reader Program allows the Sacred Heart students the chance to become friends with the children and to really be a positive example in their lives.

The next Read Aloud opportunities will be January 25th at the Stratford School, February 7th at the Curiale School and February 12th at the McKinley School.

There are generally about 5 Read Alouds per month. If you are interested in either one of these programs feel free to contact Phyllis Machledt at [Machledtp@sacredheart.edu](mailto:Machledtp@sacredheart.edu) or by signing up at the Service Learning and Volunteer Programs Office in the SC 101.

By participating in service learning events, you can go out in the community and show children that reading really is fundamental.

## Green-Up SHU

By Dr. Grant D. Walker  
Contributing Writer

During the Fall 2001 semester, twenty-one Sacred Heart University Students conducted research on global environmental issues. On the basis of their findings, they have recommended a number of actions that could be taken on campus that would make a positive contribution to the health of the environment.

They recommend we put greater emphasis on conserving the earth's resources and promote awareness of environmental problems by holding seminars, inviting environmental speakers, and requiring classes about the environment.

They conclude that we should educate the members of

the University Community on the impact of their food choices upon the environment and the misuse of antibiotics.

They recommend we further educate the university community as to products that contain compounds that will eventually damage the stratospheric ozone shield. The researchers encourage people to protect themselves against ultraviolet radiation.

The researchers note that there are over 100 native trees and woody shrub species that could be planted. Such planting will enhance the beauty of the campus, provide more wildlife habitat, and increase the absorption of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

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# SHU Remembers Dr. Martin Luther King

By Janine Graffeo  
Staff Writer

"...Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood." On August 28, 1963 on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. a man named Martin Luther King uttered these powerful words from his most famous speech.

King has shared his dream with us. The principals and philosophy he fought so hard for still linger in our minds today. His quest to stomp out hatred between race, religion, and ethnicity has delivered him the honor and praise that make his presence and soul live on.

In his pursuit to obtain equality and respect for all people, he stated his views always in a peaceful, non-violent manner. American people celebrate his values and strive to keep the peace by living his word. When he spoke, people listened because his words transformed the masses. His desire was to see and live

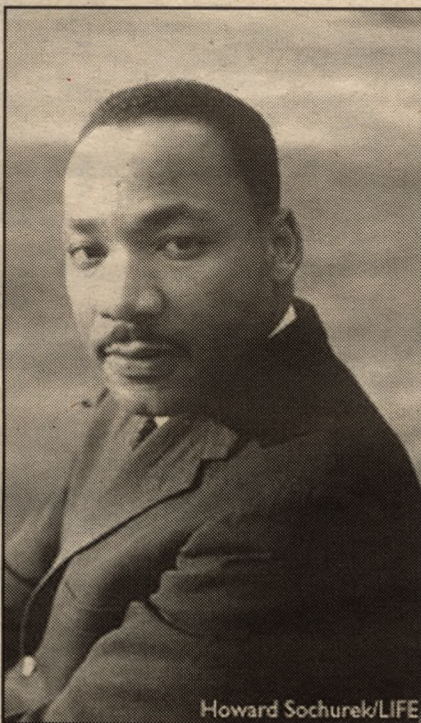
in a world where people knock down the walls of injustice and prejudice in order to understand and care for one another. Each individual is unique and it is of utmost importance to help one another break down that wall a little each day.

Students at SHU remember and pay tribute to this man of integrity. Sarah Alberghini, a junior from Monroe, Connecticut said, "King was a man who fought for civil rights, men and women, black or white all respect him."

Another student, Kaylan Schultz, a junior from Terryville, Connecticut remarked, "he is to be accredited for his high values and he has made a positive impact on the entire world."

While still recovering from the 911 tragedies, people can grasp his important cause even during times such as this. This indecent lack of respect and lack of understanding one another is what fuels the inferno of hatred and fear permeates throughout the air.

Oddly enough the Martin Luther King Day that we celebrated Monday was quite difficult to obtain. The *Seattle Times*.com website explained that "There were petitions carrying more than 6 million signatures, which was



Howard Sochurek/LIFE

SHU observed Martin Luther King Day Monday January 21, 2001

the largest petition drive in history and were submitted to Congress in 1970."

Nevertheless, SHU remembers and takes a piece of his soul with us while we wait in anticipation to see his dream come to its fruition. We recognize and honor King today and pray that we can overcome our differences that hold us back from the peace and love that await us.

## metro encounter #1

By Brandon M. Graham

i've always thought the circumstances underneath which we met to be most peculiar for the reasons that i actually enjoy riding the metro and u can't stand public transportation even more strangely u were supposed to be in london study abroad for a semester and i

to be quite honest... i wasn't looking but it was one of those forces of nature things when i by chance looked over to the left and u glanced up momentarily to the right and we just stilled in brief moment of intimate silent where we exchanged goofy grins

all one glance u had left me in a trance of curiosity

so i approached

# SHU Students Suggest Changes for Campus

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They want to protect the wetland between the University's South Parking Lot and the Fairchild Wheeler Memorial Golf Course. Additionally, the parking lot is frequently littered with trash and beer cans.

The researchers want to monitor the "Flik River." There is often a stream coming from the loading dock area behind the Flik kitchen, flowing across the pavement, down into the South Parking Lot possibly polluting the ground water. Many students said that they do not drink the water on campus for fear of contamination. Periodic testing might reassure them.

The student researchers recommend that Sacred Heart promote the shuttle and carpooling. More than 3,000 cars come to the campus everyday. That means a lot of polluting and global warming emissions.

Often there are too many cars for the available parking spaces.

If Sacred Heart would publicize the shuttle routes and schedules more, and make them more convenient and more reliable it would improve the situation. Expand the Commuter Council to all students who drive to campus.

The student-researchers would like to see Sacred Heart find out what would make people more likely to use the shuttles and carpooling, encourage teachers to become more educated regarding car emissions.

The researchers would like Sacred Heart to promote bicycling, rollerblading and walking, provide more bicycle racks and put in lockers for those who wish to roller-blade to campus.

The student-researchers believe that Sacred Heart should provide more containers for paper and other recyclables, and place them in more conspicuous, convenient locations.

The student researchers would like to see the school remind people more frequently what should be recycled and where.

The researchers concluded that we need to purchase paper

and other thing made from recycled materials as much as possible. Every week, the University purchases 40 cases of paper for printing and copying, at 5,000 sheets per case. None of this

**More than 3,000 cars come to the campus everyday. That means a lot of polluting and global warming emissions.**

paper is made from recycled materials. Trees are cut down, fuel is burned, and pollution is generated in producing paper. Recycling reduces new demand on the earth's forests and other resources as well as reducing the amount of use paper burned or dumped somewhere.

The researchers point out

that we must recognize that our behavior can change. Efforts to organize a Society and Environment Club among students succeeded in enrolling 10 active members and numerous other supporters.

These researchers believe that we must do something about overpopulation on the campus. There are too many students for the available dorm rooms, classes, faculty, counselors, cashiers in the dining hall, seats in the computer labs, spaces in the parking lots, and so on. Perhaps the staff could consider accepting fewer applicants for admission.

The researchers believe we all need to promote awareness regarding the environmental problems that the university is already solving.

For example, observation and interviewing revealed that the majority of students do not imagine that there is a sewage problem on campus. Most do not want to be bothered with thinking about a possible sewage problem. But with more than 6,000 students and hundreds of employees, there

would be a health emergency and a catastrophe for the local environment if human wastes were not properly disposed of.

This is a problem that is being solved for the University community every day. The University's sewage is piped to a plant where it is treated and discharged into Long Island Sound.

Perhaps the impact of this discharge on the plant and marine life of Long Island Sound could be investigated.

We could join other universities in Environmental Stewardship. For example, hundreds of university presidents belong to the "University Leaders for a Sustainable Future," an organization in which each university sets an example of environmental responsibility by establishing programs of resource conservation, recycling, and waste reduction.

The students hope that these recommendations positively influence the future of this university and the community at large.



### What is Neo-Soul?

By **Brandon M. Graham**  
Contributing Writer

A revolution is underway. No need to be alarmed or call the police.

It is a peaceful musical revolution. A group of young innovative artists have taken the smooth sound of the old-school and messed it together with new-school creating a whole new category referred to by

many as Neo-Soul.

Neo-Soul is a fresh new sound that was born in the middle of the '90s resting on the shoulders of classic groups such as Mint Condition and Tony Toni Tone.

The sound is a fuse of the best of '60s and '70s soul, jazz and funk in collaboration with the best of modern day soul. Neo-soul artists tend to create music that can be referred to as being "real."

Their music is more edgy than the packaged sound of pop music. The lyrical content in Neo-Soul has a tendency to be more oblique, yet more socially and emotionally relevant than those of gangsta rap.

These artists strongly believe that their job is to entertain, however, they also believe in shouldering a certain level of responsibility in the raising of their social consciousness of their audience.

When asked about how he felt about this relatively new sound, senior Marvin Royal (Atlantic City, NJ)

said, "It is refreshing to hear music that also carries a message."

I believe that all people can gain a sense of empowerment from the lyrical content, this music is progressive in the truest sense."

On the forefront of this musical revolution are artists like Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Musiq Soulchild, and Maxell, whose sounds are distinctive and a bit far from the norm, but have also somehow lassoed the music market having mainstream success without jeopardizing the integrity of the music.

Another interesting aspect of this new soulful sound is that musicians included in this genre often times focus on individualism at a time when the trend in the Black community is away from the individual and toward the mass. The sound of these artists is reflective of the "I" experience.

A junior and president of UMOJA, Nikisha Grant, (New Haven, CT) said, "A lot of these musicians are writing about personal trials and tribulation and I think that is why their audiences

identify so closely with them."

Crowned the high priestess of the genre, Erykah Badu, with her afrocentric head wraps, sensuous grooves and beautiful voice, captured the attention of record buyers selling more than a million copies of her debut album *Baduizm*.

With the success of her sophomore album, *Mama's Gun*, Erykah is sure to be around for a long time.

Badu is here to do no less than reclaim decades worth of musical heritage for a new generation.

She stands well poised to deliver a singular musical statement that thrives on rich jazz era.

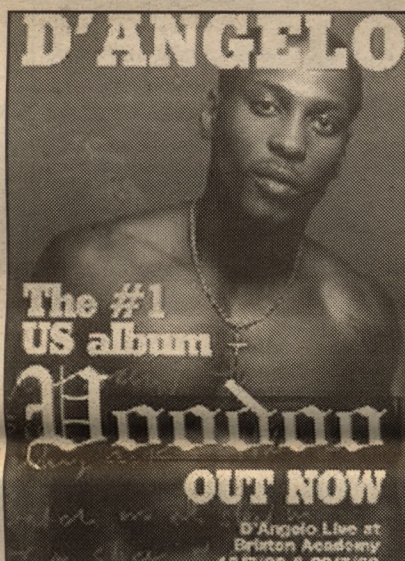
Another Neo-Soul artist that has taken America by storm is Angie Stone. She is known for lacing her eclectic vocals for many artists, such as Common and fellow Philly artists The Roots, and the father of her child D'angelo who also is making waves in the Neo-Soul movement.

Angie is enjoying her crossover success with her

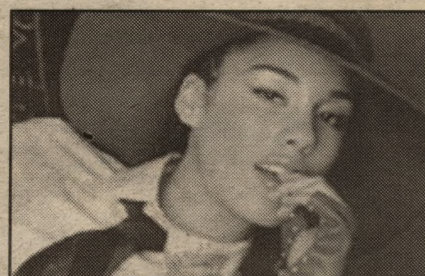
CD's debut single, *Brotha*, which is a tribute to black men everywhere.

The songwriter boldly discards artistic blueprints, achieving an unexpectedly brilliant and satisfying musical fusion.

Other Neo-Soul artists who are steadily climbing up the charts: India Arie, Alicia Keys, Nelly Furtado, Macy Gray, Amel Larrieux, Glenn Lewis, and Jill Scott.



D'angelo continues to trend.



India and Alicia are Neo-Soul.

## Twisting moral fable: Vanilla Sky

By **Samantha E. DeVita**  
Contributing Writer

Once again, brilliant director Cameron Crowe joins together with actor Tom Cruise to create one of this year's best films.

In his adaptation of the 1997 Spanish film 'Abre Los Ojos', Crowe twists the plot into a dramatic and psychological thriller that leaves the audience waiting for more and questioning their own lives.

As the movie moves along through a series of flash backs, the viewer is forced to become completely immersed in the story, only to find themselves more confused as another surprise is thrown into the mix.

Cruise portrays David Aames, an early thirties millionaire who seems to have it all: the cars, the incredible penthouse,

and a gorgeous playmate named Julie Gianni (Cameron Diaz). His sexual relationship takes a twisted and drastic turn when Julie drives them off a bridge killing herself and disfiguring Aames.

This scene boasts the film's most memorable lines: "When you sleep with someone your body makes a promise, whether you do or not."

Yet the promise is not made there, rather at a birthday party for Aames when he meets Sofia Serrano (Penelope Cruz), the Spanish beauty whose "smile will be the end" of Aames.

As the chemistry between these two ignites, the plot takes off on a twisted journey between right, wrong, what seems to be, what is, and what has happened.

The car accident launches the viewer into an unknown world where Aames stands accused for the murder of Julie Gianni, or so it seems.

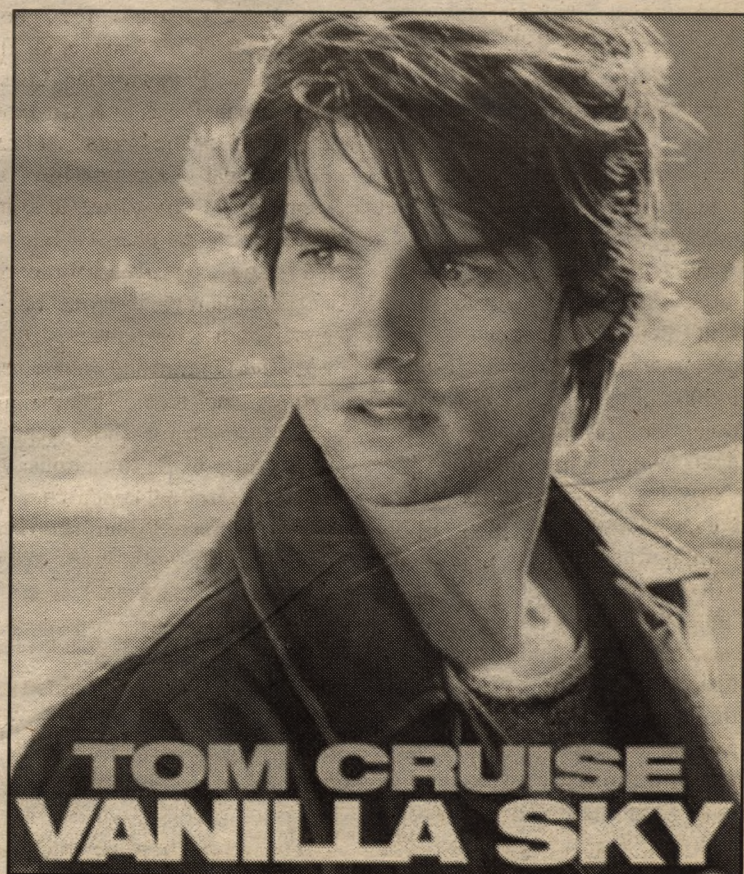
Without giving the outcome away, all one can say is to pay close attention to the story line and certain recurring images, themes, and sentences throughout the movie.

You may have to see the movie more than once to really understand the brilliance of Crowe's construction of human psyche and drive, but it would be worth the money.

After leaving the theater, you can expect to be restless, bewildered, and generally pleased in a yearning sort of way.

We'll have to wait and see if Cruise picks up a nomination for an Oscar with this latest role in "Vanilla Sky".

The twisted moral fable shows just what human desires can do to a person and just how far the mind will go to achieve them, all the while reminding you that there are serious consequences for your actions.



The question is will Tom pick up an Oscar nomination?



# Short but sweet: The 59th annual Golden Globes

By Kathleen Haughey  
Contributing Writer

The 59th annual Golden Globes ceremony ran like clockwork, so much that it even ended 19 seconds early, perhaps



Crowe picks up a big win.

a record for any award show.

Even though some were concerned about security issues, it seemed the celebrities didn't mind coming out in force.

The show started with a montage of the stars walking in on the red carpet, traditional and appropriate.

Unfortunately the entrance was coupled with a rendition of Jennifer Lopez's song "Waiting for Tonight" with the lyrics changed to "Waiting for the Globes" complete with lyrics that corresponded with shots of stars on the red carpet.

The satire was most likely the creation of Golden Globes producer, Dick Clark.

Then, without a moment of hesitation, the awards were immediately handed out, with Halle Berry first up to give the best supporting actress (drama) award to Jennifer Connelly for "A Beautiful Mind".

Berry, who was nominated for her role in "Monster's Ball," unfortunately

lost out to Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom") in her own category of best actress in a drama.

Next up was the award for best actress in a TV comedy or musical.

Not so surprising was Sarah Jessica Parker's win for "Sex and the City", but what was surprising, was Parker's short hair cut, hopefully not her new look.

After thanking her other three cast mates and more, Parker made perhaps the most poignant point of the evening with her reference to New York City.

"This is also to the city of New York, who is indeed the fifth lady."

Another one of the most surprising moments of the evening was Keifer Sutherland's win over "The West Wing's" Martin Sheen for Best Actor in a TV drama for the show "24".

Things started to pick up considerably when Robert Downey Jr. came out to announce the best supporting actress for TV and told the audience he was "so glad to be out here."

"It's getting evil in the green room," noted Rachel Griffiths of "Six Feet Under," when Downey announced her win. She was full of energy as she bounced up onstage, cordially thanking the producers, calling them "crazy bastards!"

She added, "A show about dying...sure!"



Six Feet Under pulls major upset of the night.

She also thanked her homeland of Australia, which had a huge contingency at the Globes, including Nicole Kidman for her role in "Moulin Rouge", Russell Crowe for "A Beautiful Mind", Hugh Jackman, Cate Blanchett, "Mulholland Drive's" Naomi Watts and director Baz Luhrmann (Moulin Rouge).

The big moment of the evening belonged to Harrison Ford, who received the Cecile B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ben Affleck came out to introduce a long string of clips from just about every movie Ford has ever made.

This must be why the show forged ahead so diligently, so they would have enough time for this stuff.

Harrison Ford was every bit as taciturn and unimpressed by himself as you would hope he'd be, given his screen persona as a rugged, no-nonsense fellow.

Ford delivered a marvelously laconic speech, "I thought it might be a long evening, so I'd give you a short one. Thank you."

It was in fact a short evening, filled with ups and downs, but seemingly appropriate for the year in which it was recapping.

## A year to remember, or to forget?

By John Ruggiero  
A & E Editor

An interesting title to the very first article of the year 2002, but it can be taken in many different ways.

First off, is it referring to 2002 and what sort of year it will be? Or is it referring to last year, 2001, a year we'd all like to forget but probably never ever will.

Well I'm talking about 2001, a year where everyone was looking for their fifteen minutes, and for that matter, they got it.

In entertainment, 2001 was a widely successful year for the box office.

Films came out one after another to knock each other out of the top spot in Hollywood. The success began in May of 2001 with the "Mummy Returns", only for it to last up top the mountain for just a short

period of time.

Just to name a few, there was "Shrek", "Fast and the Furious", "Planet of the Apes", "American Pie 2", "Rush Hour 2", "Lord of the Rings", "Harry Potter" and "Monsters Inc." all topping the box office at some time during the year 2001.

And how could I forget the music industry? The year began with a very controversial start with the Grammy Award nominations and five going to the rather controversial rapper, Eminem.

Eminem went on to play "Stan" alongside the legendary Elton John at last year's Grammy Awards and this was just the start of what was a very "different" year in music.

Bands and performers basically came out of nowhere to top the record charts.

Who knew that Shaggy, Lifehouse, Linkin Park and Alicia Keys would not only be household names by the end of 2001, but also become monsters

of the Billboard charts as well.

Last year did however see familiar names in the music industry reek havoc on the charts as well with the Backstreet Boys, Nsync, Britney Spears, Creed, U2 and No Doubt all having their moment in the sun.

But you mostly remember the bad rather than the good, and in 2001 the negative overtook the positive.

Aaliyah, a beautiful 22-year old young woman had her life taken much too early in late August of 2001 after her plane crashed just outside the Bahamas.

Aaliyah was filming a new video for Rock the Boat; a single off her newly released self-titled album, when the plane went down killing everyone on board.

Then just over two weeks later, tragedy struck again, this time it hit just a tad bit more.

September 11th will forever be remembered as the darkest day in American history, but the

outpouring of help, especially from the entertainment industry, tried to stitch the wounds so-to-speak.

Countless telethons and charity events helped raise the spirits of the fallen while bringing back the smile this country once grinned from ear to ear.

The second year of the milenium will forever be ultimately remembered for what was lost. But hopefully 2002 will be remembered when its all said and done for what was gained.

I guess we'll just have to wait and see.



Some moments of 2001 will be forever etched in stone.

**ECAC SHU Women's Hockey**

# Four game winning streak put women's hockey in third place

By Keri Blair  
Sports Editor

This past weekend the women's ice hockey team shut out Holy Cross and Salve Regina.

Tuesday night the Pioneers skated past Trinity College with a score of 4-0.

"Trinity is not a very tough team for us. We were looking to the win to help us continue up in the standings. Currently we are ranked third in the ECAC Div III East, only one point out of second place and five points out of first," said sophomore defenseman Amor Rhiannon.

The Pioneers opened the scoring in the final seconds of the first as Lyndsey Bennett lit the lamp. Sarah Bergin and assistant captain Angela Yuhas assisted on the goal.

The Pioneers scored twice in the second with another Bennett goal at 18:17 into the period. Yuhas was able to put one more past the Trinity netminder with less the 30 seconds remaining.

Sacred Heart scored their last goal of the game at 13:44 as Ahlona Biegel tapped in a pass from captain left wing Rori Jean.

SHU goaltender Kimberly Derleth recorded 18 saves on the win.

Saturday the Pioneers took home ice against Salve Regina and defeated them by a score of 5-0.

The Pioneers tallied 47 shots on goal for the game as goaltender Taryn Cataria recorded the win with 20 saves.

The game opened with SHU scoring twice in the first. Bergin hit the twin as Bennett

**Winning streak continues SHU 4, Trinity 0  
SHU 5, Salve Regina 0  
SHU 4, Holy Cross 3**

and Yuhas set up a great play from down low. The next goal came late in the period as Jean (unassisted) put one past Salve Regina's goaltender.

Bergin put in Sacred Heart's third goal of the game on the power play at 11:33. Yuhas and Amor dug deep on the power play to get Bergin the put for the goal.

Minutes last Yuhas was set up on a great play by Bennett and junior Kristin Dudenbostel deep in the left corner.

In the third Yuhas would score her second of the game at 4 minutes into the third.

"Bennett, Yuhas and Jean

had a great game. They really put a great deal forward every time they are on the ice," said Derleth.

On Sunday the women skated again on home ice as they faced Holy Cross. The Pioneers held on to win 4-3 over the Crusaders.

SHU scored all four of their goals in the first period. Bennett, with assists from Bergin and Yuhas, opened the scoring five minutes into play. Two minutes later the same unit would put one in as Bennette and Yuhas dug deep to get Bergin the puck for the goal.

Scoring third for SHU was Meredith Glavin, assisted by Jean. Bennett would follow with a power play goal a minute later. Bergin and Amor assisted.

Holy Cross opened their scoring at the ten minute mark in the second. Followed sec-

onds later by another Holy Cross goal. The teams would retire to the locker room with SHU up by two.

In the third Holy Cross was able to find the net only 22 seconds into the period, cutting the lead to only one. The Crusaders would not be able to find the net again.

Holy Cross out shot the Pioneers 32-19 but SHU goaltender Derleth was able to come up big in net.

"Derleth played great against Holy Cross. She really kept us in the game. We skated hard and knew we could and had to defeat them. We are happy about our four game winning streak and look to climb the standing," said junior forward Ahlona Biegel.

The women take the ice Friday against Wesleyan and Saturday against St. Catherine.

**WRESTLING**

## Reynolds goes to Nationals

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In other wrestling news, the Pioneers are glad to report a mid-season addition to the SHU roster. Michael Messina a transfer from Boston University has come. Sacred Heart and will be sure to solidify the lower weights for next season.

Coach Reardon says that "Mike is a great wrestler and he will add to our program in a variety of different aspects. He has been well coached his whole career and adds a missing component to our program."

Reynolds and Cucolo are

still demonstrating that slow and steady wins the race. Both currently are undefeated in dual meets and are amongst the best in the CAA with the best chances to be the first Pioneer wrestler's to earn a birth at the NCAA Division I National Championships in March. Reynolds has just been invited to compete in the most prestigious dual meet event in the country and is ranked #12 nationally in his weight class.

He will be the first wrestler from Sacred Heart to compete in the National Wrestling Coaches Associations All-Star Classic to be held January 28th in Hempstead, NY.

## Sports Schedule

**Tonight**

Women's Hoops  
@ LIU  
7 p.m.

**Friday**

Men's Ice Hockey  
@ Holy Cross  
7 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey  
vs. Wesleyan  
7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

Men's Ice Hockey  
vs. Holy Cross  
5 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey  
vs. St. Catherine  
1 p.m.

Men's Hoops  
@ Wagner  
TBA

Women's Basketball  
vs. St. Francis  
2 p.m.

Wrestling  
@ North Penn HS (PA)  
2 p.m.

**Monday**

Women's Hoops  
@ CCSU  
7 p.m.  
Men's Hoops  
vs. C Conn  
7:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Bailey and Samuels earn honors while men's B-Ball go 4-6 over break

By LaMar Kennedy  
Staff Writer

While the majority of SHU students were home enjoying their popcorn balls and champagne toasts over the break, Pioneer basketball were busy evening their record at 4-4 in NorthEast Conference play.

For their hard work the Pioneers have taken hold of seventh place in the conferences standing. Which would earn them a spot in the conference post-season tournament in their first year of eligibility, if the season ended today.

The team started their break on December 16 with a 96-69 upset road win over defending NEC champion Monmouth. Playing in his first game as a Pioneer, Rider transfer Maurice Bailey (Hempstead, NY) scored a game-high 23 points, and added five rebounds and two assists.

This was followed by a 20 point performance in a 85-76 loss to Big East upstarts Providence; this was a hard fought game in which the Pioneers squandered a twenty one point first half lead on root to the loss.

Those performances earned Bailey the honor of being named NEC week 5 player of the week. Not loosing himself in Bailey's coming out party was freshman guard Tre' Samuels (Uniondale, NY) who earned his second NEC Rookie of the Week in week 5. This was done after posting a career high 19 points, and adding four assists and two steals in the win over Monmouth.

Since joining the team Bailey has moved into the starting line up and has become the conference leading scorer at 19.4 points per game. While Samuels continues to contribute becoming the team's fourth leading scorer averaging 9.8 points per game. Both have provided coach Bike much need sparks.

Following Providence, there was a 69-81 loss to Harvard, and a 77-69 win over Robert Morris.

Bailey lead all scorers in the win with 22 points he also added seven assists, Tre' Samuels added 19 points, while senior Tim Welch (Narragansett, RI) added eight rebounds in the win.

The Pioneers then proceeded their first three game-losing

**Men in Seventh Place**

streak of the season. Starting with losses to St. Francis (PA) 67-70, Quinnipiac 78-86 and their broadcast loss to Central CT State on the Madison Square Garden Network 47-76.

Win number five came on a 75-63 defeat of Fairleigh Dickinson, Maurice Bailey led the team in scoring with 17 points.

Senior Tim Welch scored 13 and added a game high nine rebounds, while sophomore Omar Wellington and senior Andrew Hunter rounded out the double figure scorers adding 12 and 11 points respectively in the win.

Next up was the 82-80 home loss to Wagner over this past weekend. Wagner guard Courtney Pritchard scored a lay-up with 0.2 seconds left to go in the game to steal the win.

Next up for the Pioneers are games at Robert Morris, and the rematch with Central Conn. State here on Saturday January 26. Tip time is at 4pm the second game of an afternoon of b-ball with the women tipping of at 2pm..

HOOPS



**Brook Rutnik**

## SHU Posts Back to Back Maryland Wins

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(Palmyra, PA) scored 18 points and 12 points respectively in the loss. This was followed by a ten-point loss to Wagner 57-67, on January 7.

The Pioneers then started what was to be their most successful stretch of the season. Starting with a 72-61 win over conference rival Quinnipiac.

This game saw three Pioneers score in double figures with Brook Kelly (Medford, NJ) leading the way with a game high 19 points and ten rebounds, Ashley Kohl added 17 points while senior forward Leslie Newhard (Northampton, PA) scored ten points and added ten rebounds in the win.

The Pioneers then proceeded to destroy NEC rival Central CT State 55-38.

Brook Kelly led all scorers with 15 points, eleven of them coming from the foul line; Brook Rutnik pulled down a game high 12 rebounds in the win.

A twelve point win at Mount St. Mary's 87-75 came next, in a shoot out with four SHU players scoring in double figures. Brook Kelly scored a game high 23 points on 6-13

shooting, while Ashley Kohl scored 17, Brook Rutnik and freshman guard Allie Bagnell (Newtown, PA) chipped in 13, and 10 respectively.

The women completed their most successful four game period of the season with a 70-66 road win over the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Monday.

The balanced scoring continued with four Pioneers reaching double figures, including Brook Kelly who scored a game high 17 points and added a game high seven rebounds.

Following Kelly in scoring was Brook Rutnik's 15 points, Allie Bagnell's 11 points, and Ashley Kohl with ten points.

With the win the Pioneers bring their record to 9-7 overall and 5-2 in league play. Currently the women are tied for second place in the league with LIU. But they will be looking to take total control of second when they play tonight's road game at LIU tip off is at 7pm.

The women will then return home on Saturday, game time is at 2pm against ST. Francis (NY.) It is the early game of a double header with the men's team who will tip off at 4pm.

HOCKEY

## Men's hockey in third place... heading into weekend series with Holy Cross

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Metcalfe opened the scoring four minutes into the game with at top shelf goal. Nutchter and freshman forward Garrett Larson assisted Metcalfe.

Sacred Heart scored again five minutes later with the game winner from junior forward Lloyd Tennant. Paquet and Sposito

**Sacred Heart 9**  
**Bentley 1** assisted on the goal.

Once again the Pioneers would light the lamp as Fournier received a pass from Marks late in the period.

Bentley would be able to put one pass goaltender Eddy Ferhi with less than a minute left in the opening period.

The second period opened with a goal by SHU less than a minute into play. Reagan tallied his third point of the weekend as he pushed the passed the Falcons netminder. Fournier and Marks both received points for the assist.

Again SHU scored as junior forward Kyle Messier lit the lamp at 6:24 into the period. Michael Forsland and freshman

Barclay Folk assisted the goal. Less than a minute later Metcalfe would score another as defense pair Naumann and Jesse Saltmarsh set up the goal.

The Pioneers had a field day with Bentley as they put two more passes the Falcon goaltender before the end of the second period would come.

Marks scored a power play goal at the ten minute mark. Paquet and defenseman Les Hrapchak were two of the Pioneers on the ice for the assist.

One minute later Larson slapped one in with a pass from Saltmarsh and senior captain Pete McRae.

The third period saw only one goal scored again by the Pioneers. McRae put it in at the ten minute mark. Bremner and Marks assisted. The assist for Marks accredited him with his 100th college career point and set new records for the Sacred Heart University hockey team. Marks becomes the first SHU hockey player to record over 100 points since the team entered the MAAC division. Marks was named First Star of the game for his performance.



Head Coach Shaun Hannah

Ferhi faced 26 shots by the Falcons only allowing one. He was named the third star of the game for his performance in net.

SHU had 55 shots on goal for the night and Metcalfe was named second star of the game for his efforts.

The Pioneers are currently alone in third place and with wins against Holy Cross this weekend they can look to advance into second and possibly first. They play away on Friday but return home the the Milford Ice Pavilion Saturday. The puck drops at 5 p.m..

# Sports Roundup

## Women's Swimming

In the beginning part of the break the women's swimming team faced Siena College. Siena defeated Sacred Hear with a score of 108 to 97.

Christine DePierro, a sophomore from Cromwell, was among those who swam well for Sacred Heart. DePierro placed second in the 1650 freestyle and 500 freestyle. She placed first in the 100 butterfly. Patty Saums, a senior from Edison N.J., placed second in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke for SHU. Senior Kimberly Gradale, from Hartsdale N.Y., placed third in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 freestyle. Freshman Christine Giblin, from Billerica M.A., placed first in the 50 freestyle, while Lauren Testa, junior from Hastens-on-Hudson N.Y., placed third in the 400 Individual Medley. Junior Laurie Honan, from Brooklyn N.Y., had strong swims in the 1650 and 500 freestyle events.

"It was a competitive meet, we matched up well with Siena and had some strong swims, but we just fell a bit short in the end," said assistant coach Trish Welch.

Photo By Debra Reid



Ali Agee, 12, waves an Olympic flag at torch relay in Salt Lake City

## 2002 Olympic games Salt Lake City

15 days to go

Friday, February 8:

Ski Jumping Normal hill qualifications, 11:00 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony, 8:00 p.m.



An Olympic building wrap goes up on the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Photo By Douglas C. Pizac



# Sports



## Men's ice hockey in pursuit of advancing to first place in MAAC with two wins on weekend

### Marks tallies six points this weekend bringing his college career points to 100

By Keri Blair  
Sports Editor

Friday night the Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team traveled to the John A. Ryan Skating Arena to defeated Bentley College 6-3.

Sacred Heart opened the scoring with an even strength goal by Chuck Metcalfe at 44 seconds into the period. The **Sacred Heart 6** **Bentley 3** went to freshman Ryan Bremner who was unable to play the first half of the season due to back injuries.

Metcalfe scored again unassisted at 8:56 to keep the Pioneers on top at the end of the first.

The second period opened with an even strength goal by senior forward Paul Sposito at 5:41. Defenseman Nick Nutter and forward Richard

Naumann assisted on the goal. The Pioneers scored again before Bentley answered back. Marc-Andre Fournier's unassisted goal at 8:20 into the second proved to be the game winning goal for SHU.

Bentley was able to tap in two goals before SHU scored one more to end the period. Junior forward Martin Paquet scored a power play goal with less than a minute left in the second period. Mike Reagan and senior co-captain Lloyd Marks assisted Paquet. Marks' point on the assist was the first of six on the weekend. Marks broke the SHU career point high this weekend with 100 points.

In the third period Sacred Heart scored first with a goal by Reagan at 5:48. Marks and Noel Henck assisted Reagan on the goal. Bentley scored the final goal of the game about five minutes later.

Sacred Heart totalled 45 shots on goal as Bentley totalled



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Senior Co-Captain Lloyd Marks tallies six points on the weekend against Bentley bringing his career point total to 100

30. SHU goalie freshman Kevin LaPointe recorded the win with 27 saves.

"It was a good game. We completely outplayed them the entire night. All of the guys had their heads in it especially

Reagan who played a solid game," said Sposito.

Saturday night the Pioneers returned home to host Bentley in front of a 200-plus crowd. At the Milford Ice Pavilion Sacred Heart crushed Bentley once

again by a score of 9-1.

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## Women's hoops start and end break with streak Pioneers improve to 5-2 in league play 9-7 overall

By LaMar Kennedy  
Staff Writer

Being picked as one of the top two teams in your conference can be equal parts good and bad for any team. The good, being that you have earned the respect of your peers. The bad, being that now you have to go out and prove you are worthy of such high praise, because everyone in the league will be bringing their (A) game trying to knock you off. This is precisely the quandary that Pioneers found themselves midway through their season.

The Pioneers started their semester break in the middle of a five game road trip. On December 18 the women made their first stop on the teams first ever trip to the "Buckeye State"

to take on Conference USA foe Cincinnati. Result a 42-75 loss and the beginning of a season high three game-losing streak.

**The women are currently tied for second in the league with LIU...**

Next came a cross-state trip to Big Ten power Ohio State on December 20, where the ladies shot 36% from the field in a 50-87 defeat; the road trip ended with a 45-75 loss to New Hampshire.

A 53-50 win over Ivy League Yale ended the Pioneers win less streak. This game saw junior guard Ashley Durmer (Nashua, NH) score a game

high 11 points, and junior forward Brooke Rutnik (Albany, NY) grab a game high 11 rebounds, three on the offensive side of the glass.

But the women did not have long to savor their win as they went on to lose their next two games by a combined 18 points. The first was an eight-point loss to NorthEast Conference foe Long Island U 63-71. The game was highlight by LIU junior guard Kim MacMillan (Toms River, NJ) scoring 18 points and in the process become the schools all time leading scorer.

Ashley Durmer and sophomore guard Ashley Kohl

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## Wrestlers Pin Victories

By Mike Di Pietro  
Staff Writer

While most of the University's students were at home, relaxing over winter break, the SHU Wrestling team was very busy both on campus and on the road competing.

Sacred Heart took to the mat on Saturday the 12th against conference rival and New England power Boston University. The Pioneers were off to a slow start as they were stunned in the first four bouts.

Steve Forrest was deemed unable to complete his match by the referee and forced to medically forfeit at 165 pounds.

With the SHU grapplers elected to make a move to salvage the meet. He substituted Aaron Torres at 197 lbs. and wrestled Junior Captain Anthony Reynolds at heavy-weight. Torres's forfeit made the score 6-19 and with Reynolds earning a major decision the Pioneers were back within nine.

The remainder of the match was tough for SHU, with the only other victory being earned by Jason Cucolo at 133 lbs. The final score of the dual meet was Boston University 31- Sacred Heart 13.

Tuesday the 15th the Pioneer wrestler squared off against Connecticut rivals and defending Division III New England Champions, Trinity College. The Pioneers won 8 of the 10 matches to secure a 38-7 victory.

The winners of their individual matches were Reynolds (197), Derek Venne (HWT), Phil Kalil (125), Jason Cucolo (133), Justin Iannello (149) and Rob Belville (157). Winning by forfeit were Jerry Doyle (174) and Peter Krzyzewski (184). Reynolds and Cucolo improved their personal dual meet records to the perfect 5-0 mark. Currently the SHU squad has an overall dual meet record of 3-2.

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