Seven freshmen allegedly caught drinking & arrested

By Tina Shushelnycyk
Staff Reporter

Seven freshmen students were arrested Wednesday Feb. 6th in Fairfield and each charged with procuring (trying to obtain) alcohol by a minor.

The students allegedly caught drinking at Russell’s Sports Bar on Kings Highway Cutoff were Jessica Wernicki of Bethpage, N.Y.; Kimberly Keating of White Plains, N.Y.; Lauren Tomasico of Cranston, R.I.; Daniel Geiger of Moriches, N.Y.; Jaclyn Donatelli of Scituate, R.I.; Jonathan Twombly of Bedford, MA; and Nicole DeCampes of Holmes, N.Y. Each was released on a written promise to appear in court.

Although details of the arrest were unavailable pending further investigation, Fairfield police Sergeant Palazzolo gave a synopsis of the police report.

According to Palazzolo, the students were witnessed by a Patrol Supervisor getting out of a cab and entering Russell’s Sports Bar.

A check by the officer with the taxi company revealed that the passengers came from West Hall.

“A patrol officer on duty happened to witness a group of young-looking kids get out of a cab. He called the Cab Company [and] SHU’s public safety and deduced that they came from a freshman dormitory,” Palazzolo said.

The students were each issued summons to appear in court, which according to Palazzolo is equivalent to being arrested.

“In the eyes of the law they were arrested,” Palazzolo said.

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Lack of equipment delays treatment of professor’s heart attack

By Kerry Freel
News Editor

Dr. Peter Gioiella, chairperson of the Education Department, suffered a heart attack on February 1 in the locker room at the Pit Center where his heart stopped for seven minutes.

According to several SHU officials, the addition of life-saving equipment would have provided medical assistance sooner.

“We would have been able to shock him a lot quicker if we had an AED [Automatic External Defibrillator] on campus, whether it was us or Public Safety,” said Mark Athanas, a Graduate Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer and EMT.

“The Athletic Training Department and Public Safety both requested AED in August, but it wasn’t able to get done,” said Vince Mancini, a Graduate Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer.

Bill O’Connell, Director of Public Safety at SHU said, “I’ve conducted research to ascertain what would be required of Public Safety in order to purchase and be trained on the use of AEDs.

“The Fairfield University Security Department followed a process of obtaining authorization from the Town of Fairfield, then applied to the State of CT to become supplemental First Responders, then purchased the equipment and trained their staff.

“I’ve got a call in now to the Fairfield Fire Department to begin this process,” O’Connell explained.

When help arrived, Gioiella’s heart was shocked once. He was then reanalyzed and shocked again. His caregivers quickly got a pulse back at 5:39 p.m.

He was taken to St. Vincent’s Hospital where he, as of February 11, is in critical condition in the surgical intensive care section, a hospital representative said. The representative added that Gioiella is taking visitors, but no phone calls.

Three SHU personnel monitored Gioiella and performed CPR when they assessed he wasn’t breathing. Athanas and Thad Grabowski, a Graduate Assistant Certified Athletic Trainer, performed CPR and chest compressions for Gioiella.

Mancini monitored Gioiella’s pulse.

“There were other staff and students that helped us by getting supplies,” Athanas said.

At Sacred Heart, no course is offered in CPR and AED training, but students and faculty can take courses through the American Heart Association or the Red Cross.

An AED device itself costs approximately $3000 before insurance and maintenance costs according to the National Center for Early Defibrillation Website. Fairfield U has three AEDs on campus. Two are located in Public Safety vehicles. Kathryn B. Macaione, from student health services at Quinnipiac University said there are two AEDs in the training room on campus. These are accessible to use at any time.

The University of Connecticut does not have any at the Stamford location. The University of Bridgeport does not have any on campus yet, but the school is in the process of purchasing one or two a university representative said.

“Don’t have to be an EMT to use AED,” Athanas said.

An article from the American Heart Association Journal Report describes a study that was conducted on 15 sixth graders from a private school who learned how to use AED.

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Problems at Parkridge

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The landlady could not be contacted to comment, as she usually communicates through a realty company. Christopher Suznovich, a senior from New Brunswick, NJ reported that, "we didn't have any porn added to our bill." A resident of 36B, Suznovich did, however, mentioned that his, "roommate Andrew [Hunter] said his jacket was stolen, because he came back [to school] early. He mentioned it to the contractor, and the contractor cut him a check to reimburse him for it." Carol Haines, Director of Building and Grounds, would not comment on the situation. The Parkridge bathrooms were re-done to include new showers, sinks, floor tiles, and track lighting. Though students have felt hassled by the recent events, most of them agree on one thing, summed up by Morash, "the bathrooms are really nice."

The Terpsichore Winterguard participated in the Brookfield Flags in Flight Competition this past Saturday night. The girls competed in the Independent A class, and came in second place. Their next two competitions are February 16 and 17.

AIDS Awareness Week at SHU

By Laurie Nagy
Staff Reporter

AIDS Awareness Week activities, sponsored by Phi Omega Tau, begin next week.

"I'm very excited for this week. We put alot into it and I hope it will be the best so far," commented Phi Omega Tau president Melissa Mezzina.

Sunday, February 17th begins AIDS Awareness week sponsored by the sisters of Phi Omega Tau this year titled "One world, one hope."

Sunday night there will be an opening ceremony beginning at 9:30 p.m. in the Mahogany Room filled with song, dance, and some acting too.

On Monday there will be a showing of the movie Gia in Hawley Lounge at 12:30 p.m. as well as "Sex Jeopardy" at 10:10 p.m. in the East Hall Lounge.

The event is co-sponsored with East and Taft Hall Councils.

On Tuesday, Gia will again be shown in Hawley Lounge and the sisters of Phi Omega Tau will have a service auction in the Outpost at 10:10 p.m. to raise money for charity. Some of the sisters will be up for auction for those who are interested in spending a little money for a good cause.

On Wednesday, Phi Omega Tau, Student Government, and Greek Life will dress in black, as Grim Reapers, to show how many people can be affected by AIDS.

On Thursday, the Phi sisters will wear red for the cause and will host speaker Mike DeStefano in the Mahogany Room at 12:30 p.m.

To close the week Sunday's mass will be dedicated to AIDS Awareness and there will be a candlelight march in the quad at 9:30 p.m.

Throughout the week, the Phi sisters will have a table in FLIK with information about AIDS and will be selling ribbons for the Ribbon Project.

For $1 a ribbon can be purchased, written on, and hung on the wall in the cafeteria.

"We are working really hard for this week and we hope that everyone comes to the events and supports us throughout the week," said Danielle Weiderligh, a junior from Ramsey, NJ and Vice President of Phi Omega Tau.
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Nicole DePompeis, Jonathan Twombly, and Jaclyn Donatelli were unable to be reached for comment. Jessica Wernicki, Kimberly Keating, Daniel Geiger and Lauren Tommasi had no comment on the incident.

According to Sergeant Palazzolo, minors attempting to obtain alcohol at local bars and restaurants is an on-going problem.

"We get calls on a pretty consistent basis from bars in the area that have underage kids trying to drink "[in their establishment]," Palazzolo said. "We recently hit an area bar with a $6000 fine and a one week revocation of their liquor license."

Dean of Students Larry Wielk who was on campus the evening of Feb. 6th and was the first to be notified of the arrests said "They [the students] are in violation of the alcohol and judicial guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook...they violated the State's law, our mission as a university and SHU's social standard."

When asked what disciplinary action would be taken by SHU Wielk said he was uncertain. "Once we get the full police report then we will determine what disciplinary action to take," Wielk said.

Dean Wielk asserted that the "delines and sanctions concerning alcohol are outlined in a contract that all residents are required to sign at the beginning of the school year. "We have a four-step plan with residents. Disciplinary action may be different for each student depending on if this is their first offense or fourth offense," Wielk said.

A first offense could mean a written warning, probation, a twenty-five dollar fine, a phone call to parents, and/or notification of coaches for athletes and advisors for clubs and organizations.

Yet a third offense may result in a ten day non-academic suspension, a one-hundred dollar fine, alcohol assessment and loss of lottery placement or other appropriate sanctions as deemed by a hearing officer. A fourth offense could warrant a hearing with the Dean of Students.


Read next weeks Spectrum for a full story.

Public Safety Incident Reports

January 18 - 7:59 p.m. - An alcohol violation occurred in the South Lot. A South Lot Officer reported a group of males concealing alcohol. A 30-pack of beer was confiscated.

8:30 p.m. - An alcohol violation was reported outside the main campus. An officer observed two males carrying a large bag. It revealed alcohol.

9:05 p.m. - An Alcohol violation was reported at East Hall. An East Hall Lobby Officer observed a resident entering building through side exit carrying a bag. Alcohol was confiscated.

11:18 p.m. - Vandalism was reported at East Hall. A resident reported someone vandalized his room door handle.

January 19 - 12:45 a.m. - An alcohol was reported in South Hall. An officer observed a resident with alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated.

1:47 a.m. - Harassing Telephone Calls were reported at West Hall. A resident reported to the Dispatcher that she received a harassing telephone call.

2:52 a.m. - An alcohol violation occurred at West Hall. An officer noticed a Resident carrying a can of beer and all beer was confiscated from a room.

2:51 a.m. - An Alcohol Violation and Medical Illness and Housing Violation was reported in South Hall. An intoxicated female was transferred to the hospital.

3:44 a.m. - An Alcohol Violation Paraphernalia & Possession of (not drugs) was reported at West Hall. An officer searched a room. Found beer cans and a small piece of marijuana.

January 19 - 12:19 a.m. - Vandalism was reported at West Hall. An officer found a fire extinguisher had been discharged.

5:03 p.m. - A fire alarm sounded in South Hall. The alarm was caused by a hair dryer.

10:58 p.m. - Vandalism was reported at West Hall. Screens were ripped out of the windows.

January 20 - 12:15 a.m. - Possession of Marijuana was reported at South Hall. Public Safety and Residential Life conducted a room search. Marijuana was found.

12:58 a.m. - A medical injury was reported in the South Hall Lobby. A resident was hit in the lip while playing football.

1:10 a.m. - Disorderly conduct was reported in the parking lot by south and west hall, the handicapped spaces. A snowboard was thrown at a passenger in a Public Safety Vehicle.

2:03 p.m. - An attempted burglary was reported at Avalon Gate Apartments. Resident reported damage to a door frame and latch area.

3:30 p.m. - A burglary was reported at the Academic Building at the Flik Marketplace. Cash drawer money was stolen. Pry marks were found on the door and the door latch.

10:49 p.m. - A medical injury was reported in South Hall. Resident stepped on a sewing needle and punctured her toe.

11:18 p.m. - Vandalism was reported at West Hall. A resident reported someone vandalized his door handle.

10:41 a.m. - Theft was reported at the JCC parking lot. A resident found the passenger side window smashed, glove compartment open, and a stereo missing.

12:43 p.m. - A motor vehicle accident was reported at Avalon Gate Apartments. A University shuttle sustained slight damage when hit by another vehicle. The other vehicle sustained no damage.

7:50 p.m. - A fire safety violation occurred in West Hall. A resident was smoking a cigarette in the room.

Book Drive for Caroline House

By Kacey Semler
Staff Reporter

Members of Sacred Heart University's Circle K, along with the staff of the Spectrum, are co-sponsoring a book drive which will run until Friday, February 22.

These two organizations are asking the Sacred Heart community for donations of books specifically for children in Kindergarten through 12 grade. Whether they are fiction or non-fiction, new or used, paperback or hardcover, every contribution is appreciated, and needed for the Caroline House, located in Bridgeport.

The Caroline House is an educational center, which focuses on providing underprivileged women with an opportunity to learn English as a second language (ESL). A tutoring and daycare program is also offered for children, whose mothers are eagerly involved with these classes.

Any books given to this foundation are used to teach and strengthen the reading skills of these unfortunate children. Students, faculty, and staff who wish to contribute to this fund-raiser may drop off books at any of the following locations: Hawley Lounge, FLIK, Campus Ministry, Public Safety, the Mahogany Room, and the English Department.

Circle K and Spectrum members will also be painting and uniquely decorating bookshelves, which are to be present ed to the Caroline House as well.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like more information regarding the book drive, please contact Michael Davis, of Circle K, or the Spectrum office at (203) 767-7963.

Breaking News:
Bomb threat at Fairfield U

As of 7:30 p.m. on February 12, when the Spectrum went to print, seventeen students and one professor were being held hostage at Fairfield University. The hostages were in a religion class when the attack occurred.

The alleged accomplice is a former student of the university, who wish to contribute to this
Editorials

So my computer has a ghetto?

By Jennifer Simeonidis
Assistant Editor

So let me tell you about a funny thing that happened to me the other night. It was a Sunday and I was sitting down about to be all scholarly and do some homework. I boot up my trusty laptop and settle in to write the first of several short papers I was planning to write on this particular evening. I was even slightly excited to write these papers because I had just had my laptop upgraded to Word 2000 (by the good people at Comp USA)- which enables me to type in Spanish and as a Spanish major this makes my life oh so much easier.

So I am; books spread out, ready to work. My computer was ready to work as well, after I waited the hour or so it takes to wake up. I double click on my Word icon and see that my computer is deep in thought- I know this because I can see the hourglass icon. I wait patiently, knowing that sometimes my computer has trouble thinking and I don’t want to rush it. However, the thinking cap icon goes away and Word does not come up on my screen. In fact, my screen remains blank. So I try a few more times, even going to the start section and trying to manually pull up this program. Still my computer thinks for a few minutes about opening Word- the only program I really know how to use on the damn thing anyway. I am tired to listen to my directions. At this point, I give up. I realize that I hate my laptop with a deep and profound hatred that is hard to describe in words. I dislike that it stutters, that stuff blips onto the screen so slowly that even playing Snood has lost its fun and challenge, that it doesn’t listen to me and the things I tell it to do and that no one is capable of helping me. What I really want is a brand new laptop- that I realize will suck in three years anyway- but at least then I could do my homework. So now, as I type this up on someone else’s laptop, I am bitter and angry. Maybe someone could explain to me why I paid thousands of dollars for this machine which sucks and which I don’t even know how to use- and never need to use for that matter. So thank you, thank you to all of the fabulous people who brought this laptop into my life. It surely has been beneficial. Just one last thought: since my laptop has technically been unusable or living in the care of the Comp USA people for at least half of my years here at SHU, can I get reimbursed since it seems we have some sort of joint custody arrangement?

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“Hell Yeah... You never know when it’s going to stop by!”
Dear Editor,

In the past few weeks, I have been wondering about how the Residential Life system works. I don't have questions about what it is like to be an RA, or about the housing process or any of that. What I really wonder about is the alcohol policy. Why are shot glasses illegal and since when? Is there a written set of rules somewhere and if so I want to see them. I know that people will tell me to look in the Student Handbook, and my response to them will be that I did that and didn't see anything that tells me that shot glasses are illegal. So why was one confiscated from a 2-8 freshman campaign because we had come all the way to a big deal? A shot glass was confiscated. Yeah, but that was lost on me. It just disappeared into the Res. Life black hole I guess, because no one knows where it went.

The reason for taking it was because it was alcohol paraphernalia, but as I was always told, paraphernalia is from the purchase of alcohol (i.e. empty cans or bottles, labels, bottle caps, and boxes that the alcohol came in.) The last time I bought beer, I didn't get a shot glass, so how can Res. Life possibly back that excuse. One RHD told me that shot glasses have always been illegal, even though I never got in trouble before for the, or was even told that they were illegal in the first three years I was here. Plus, if they were illegal to own, why do they sell them in the bookstore and why can't I carded freshman year when I bought one. The same RHD told me that there was nothing that Res. Life could do to replace it because it wouldn't be missing if I didn't have it. No crap. But it also wouldn't be missing if a hypocrite didn't take it.

It might seem that I am making too much out of this, but a souvenir from Italy that a friend bought me went missing in an exactly hypocritical system. A 21-year-old can't own a shot glass but certain RA's, who will remain nameless, can knowingly drink with their underage residents, yet act like they are such good people who do nothing wrong and are sticklers for the rules. But the last time I checked, they were a little worse than owning a shot glass. People told me that I shouldn't have wonders about how the housing selection process? What suggestions do you have?

-Contact Carrin David through her mailbox in Hawley Lounge

-Courtesy of Megan McDonald

Problems with Residential Life policy

Confessions of a football player

It felt good to win a National Championship, this because we had come all the way from a 2-8 freshman campaign and equally disappointsong sophomore year finishing up 2-9. My junior year we came out the gates with our guns blazing and finished 10-1, the one lost left a bad taste in our mouths for a whole off-season. We collectively as a team vowed to participate in post-season play the following year, which implied we would probably have to finish the upcoming season, undeafeated. We did. We went 10-0 and were presented with the opportunity to represent the NEC (NorthEastern Conference) against the conference winner of the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) League in the ECAC Bowl Game. The reality of what we have done as a dry apartment at the time, but making our stay at Sacred Heart. A question that was asked by a graduating senior and two-year starting cornerb ater of Central High School was, "Is College football hard?". My response was a simple one. I told him that college football is not hard, but challenging.

Upon my entry to college I made a commitment to excellence, and made promises to excel in the areas of academics and athletics. The professor and advisor as well as the coaching staff here at Sacred Heart University have all challenged me, and I believe that I am a better person because of their persistent raising of the bar on and off the field. The past two seasons, this season in particular, is a true testament of the idea that those is no, then you can write up. And if not, write your own damn self up. Steve McCabe Senior

Come to a Senate Meeting

Monday nights at 10:10 in the Faculty Lounge. All meetings are open. See you there!

Senate’s Questions of the Week

What type of articles would you like to see in the Spectrum?
-Contact Megan McDonald through her mailbox in Hawley Lounge or at M-McDonald@sh sacredheart.edu

What improvements would you like to see in the Housing selection process? What suggestions do you have?
-Contact Carrin David through her mailbox in Hawley Lounge

-Courtesy of Megan McDonald

Pioneer Classifieds

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Can you feel the love?

By Romy Sarrazin
Staff Writer

Today is the day of Love, can you feel it? It's in the air. It's Valentine's Day! As couples kiss and frolic on Sacred Heart's Campus you may think about love, chocolate, and roses but have you ever wondered how Valentine's Day came to be?

Valentine's Day wasn't always a time for pink cupcakes and cutey hallmark greeting cards. Most scholars say this love-focused day leap from the Roman holiday Lupercalia, a festival celebrated more than 2,000 years ago to mark the beginning of spring.

After Christianity came to Rome, the Church decided to use this day to honor a priest. And the priest was named? You guessed it - St. Valentine.

They renamed the holiday St. Valentine's Day, and moved the date back to February 14. February 14 was then celebrated in anticipation of the love rites of spring. Emperor Claudius was said to have imprisoned St. Valentine in 269 for his Christian faith.

St. Valentine fell in love with his jailer's blind daughter and wrote her a sonnet in ink that he squeezed from violets. Isn't that romantic? From violets. St. Valentine signs his farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," a phrase that we all know.

The legend says that the words enabled the blind woman to see again, but her father was unmoved and the following day, he executed Valentine. That's why greeting cards acquired the St. Valentine's name. Valentine's are being sent to many Sacred Heart students.

"I have so much fun being in show choir. Dancing and singing on stage for an audience gives me such a great feeling." Bill Woodruff from Brookfield said, "The show is really a step up from last year and I'm very proud to be a part of it."

The program will feature musical numbers from various past Tony Award winners in such categories as best score, "I love u..." more than circumstance more than comfort zones more than luxuries "I simply love u more..." more than personal freedoms more than previous commitments more than contractual agreements more than lonely walks uphill more than early morning bus transfers more than inflated cab fares more than cold trains rides more than on-time airplane flights more than impatience (which inevitably) leads to late night arguments and early morning apologies more than jealousy more than disagreements more than confrontations "I simply love u more..." more than late night conversations on the telephone that end with: "hang up no u hang up first" more than the moments of intimate silence shared between us "I simply love u more..." more than childhood fears more than adolescent worries more than middle-age insecurities more than religious yells (besides, you like your scrambled and i like mine over-easy) more than a mother's wisdom more than a father's inhibition more than a best friend's quarrel "I love u..." more than the distance shared between us more than the favorable advice of peers who say long distance relationships never work out more than those who said no when we said yes and to be quite honest I'm not really certain just how or particularly why we in fact did say yes I'm just kinda glad we did "I love u..." more than possibility "I love u..." simply because u saved me and that's not a theological statement "I love u..." because one day u woke up and walked through the doors of room 2345 deciding that I would love u "I love u..." more simply because u embodied the concept of less and [pause] became a contradiction the result being that often times u are much more...much more than i can handle Bluntly spoken: "I love u more than my own salvation. [period]"
By Christina Santillo
Features Editor

They have no qualms about expressing their views and labeling themselves I.A. - but they give little explanation of what that title means. In fact, nobody really knows who they are or the organization or what they stand for.

Beginning last semester editorials ran in The Spectrum from Tvarious SHU students identifying themselves as members of a group known as the Intellectual Academy, or I.A. This group did not describe what they stood for or even who they were. Nor were they officially recognized as part of the university. All the Intellectual Academy revealed was that Carmine Perri, Nicholas DeAntonis and Tony Perri had ideas that differed from other students at Sacred Heart. Parker Kristofferth, from the Fairfield-Bridgeport area founded I.A. and is responsible for its "entire philosophy. The Academy is not directly affiliated with Sacred Heart. In fact, most of its members are not from this university or any university at all.

"We have members from [age] sixteen to eighty," Kristofferth explained, "All from different walks of life." Some of the members are even CEO's and Vice Presidents of corporations. He also reported that there was at least one Sacred Heart student in the organization who has not yet identified herself publicly. According to Kristofferth, this is the reason the group declined to publish a photograph in The Spectrum.

The only qualification to join the group is intelligence, which he defines differently than many others might. "In order to be intelligent you need to exercise, train and practice, just like to be an NBA player you need to exercise, train and practice," he said. When asked why I.A. members often argue with students who may not be interested in arguing he responded, "Their brains are always on. If you can't stop thinking because you are an intellectual elite, how are you supposed to interact with the masses?" he added.

His group seeks to isolate an intellectual elite, the top 10% of society. People need to work to attain this goal, and they need to work all the time.

This kind of constant control is often associated with cults. Kristofferth admitted with a laugh, "we fit every piece of the definition of a cult, except that we do not live together."

To join the group you must pay a fee that Kristofferth describes as modest. Members must also do a half-hour to an hour of E-discourse daily, which he describes as problems of all varieties. Kristofferth critiques and returns the problems via e-mail to be corrected. Members practice every discipline through their E-discourse.

Junior Adrienne Stoddard from Syracuse, NY was careful about the word cult. "Anything that is different from the norm, people consider a cult. It's out of the ordinary... but they are only in it to better their own lives, not to hurt society," she said.

One I.A. member believes that the group is largely mis-characterized.

"As far as how people perceive it, it basically stems from ignorance... one could characterize I.A. as a cult because it goes against traditional norms of society," senior Nicholas DeAntonis from Westford, MA explained. "Many people do not even know what it's about... They think it's Me, Carmine and Tony in the woods conversing with each other."

He describes I.A. as, "a true application of one's mind outside of the [school] setting." He added that many people think they are working this way, but Intellectual Academy members are more disciplined than most others at Sacred Heart.

"Everybody reads Socrates and Plato and thinks they are great people. In a way, this group is doing the same thing and they are getting slack for it!"

So, the I.A.'s efforts are not condemned by its members. "It's just a normal day," said Beth Spect from South Berwick, ME "but they have to realize those truths themselves out in the world and not consider others when they themselves are human."

Jordan Walton, a Junior from Nashua, New Hampshire has strong feelings about this group. "Any club that doesn't tell people what they are about and claims to be intellectual isn't a club!"

The irony is that members of I.A. are merely focusing on their own achievement and really do not care what others think of them.

Sophomore Tony Perri from Byram, NJ agreed wholeheartedly with Kristofferth. "If one can't intelligently show me that I'm wrong, then basically their argument is mute because it's not really getting anywhere and that's what it means to not let the masses affect my life."

The other I.A. member, Carmine Perri declined comment though he seems to have no problem expressing his ideas openly.

The mystery that surrounds this organization is likely to continue. However, now the name I.A. may mean something. For a group that doesn't like labels - theirs seems to suit them just fine.

Sing, sing, sing, sing

choreography, director and actor/actress. "My personal favorite is the number from Cabaret," explains Woodruff. Other featured musicals include Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Tommy, A Chorus Line, and 42nd Street.

"I am more of a dancing and great songs that everyone will recognize. It will be totally worth it to come see the show," said Bethany Rinaldi, a sophomore from Tarryville.

Choreographing the program is Artist in Residence Regina Zona and Kathy Hennigrel, from outside the university. Other added features to look forward to are special lighting effects, a brand new sound system complete with 10 wireless microphones, and more elaborate costumes than last spring's show.

"The show is going to be really great this around, especially because we have such a diverse group of people in the business run the light and sound boards," said Dr. Smith.

This year Dr. Smith had to be very selective in choosing who will be part of the Show Choir. "We had over 100 students come to the audition, but I have to limit the number to 29, due to restricted space on stage and budget."

today and so are roses and chocolates, but what will Sacred Heart students be getting on this Valentine's Day? Jamie Boppert a junior from Long Island, NY is planning on having a romantic night. "Since Valentine's Day is on a Thursday, I am not going to do anything because my boyfriend will be working late, so he is taking me out to dinner this weekend." When asked what else will she and her boyfriend be adding to the night's festivities, Jamie responds, "We are also going to exchange gifts."

Not all of Sacred Heart students have plans for Valentine's Day, some have found love as a normal school day. "My plans for Valentine's Day are the same as yesterday and the same as tomorrow," it's just normal day," said Sabine Auguste a sophomore from Stamford.

Other students will be hanging out with groups of friends such as Nancy Cordio, a junior from Middletown, RI. "My friends and I are going to dinner and then we plan on going to a club, that's about it... trying to be one of those girl's night right out, our friend is turning 21 so we are going to party hard, without the guys."

Junior Christina Nave retta from Queens, NY will be hitting the slopes this Valentine's Day weekend. "I am going skiing with three friends from Quinnipac University, we are going skiing at Hunter Mountain, it should be a good time."

Whether you are having a romantic dinner with a boyfriend/girlfriend, clubbing with your friends, chilling in your room with some CD's, or skiing on a mountain in Upstate NY may you all remember how Valentine's Day began 2000 years ago with St. Valentine and his love for his jailor's blind daughter.

"Everybody reads Socrates and Plato and thinks they are great people. In a way, this group is doing the same thing and they are getting slack for it!

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Lovin' you
It's Valentine's Day!
So it's time to test your knowledge

By Samantha E. DeVita
Contributing Writer

People send these to friends and loved ones on Valentine's Day. Another word for candy that is given on Valentine's Day. Sometimes on Valentine's Day, a secret will send you an anonymous present.

If you don't have a Valentine, you might do this into your pillow. Hershey's is this type of candy. Roses, lilies, and daisies are these.

If you get flowers for Valentine's Day, you will put them in one of these. These flowers come in different colors, but red ones are given on Valentine's Day.

Couples may want to get away for a dinner or weekend. The abbreviation for this month.

The person whose holiday this is is named after. You give a friend these color roses. Cupid's last minute shoppers

By Brandon M. Graham
Contributing Writer

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On this Tuesday, February 19, Tim Blake Nelson's serious and provocative "O", a modern re-imagining of William Shakespeare's "Othello" will be released on DVD.

Set in a modern day high school, "O" takes "Othello" off the page and into the reality that is teenage life, filled with jealousy, love, hatred and betrayal.

In a world where most young people are more concerned with Will Smith than Will Shakespeare, it's refreshing to have a movie come along that cleverly attempts to get teens interested in the tales of the greatest storyteller of all time.

Following the tradition of Baz Lurhman's "Romeo + Juliet," Nelson's adaptation is modern, fast-paced and fresh, yet it still retains some dramatic flair that is Shakespeare.

Filmed in 1999, the movie's release date was delayed due to the Columbine tragedy.

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

I never understood the infatuation with Robert Altman. Forgive me I have not seen Mash or Nashville. A director that has been touted as one of the best around in the industry, I always asked: why? Then, I saw The Player and had some idea what all the fuss was about. Now I know what my Altman problem was: I never saw any of his films. You could say I was a narrow-minded virgin when it came to experiencing his films. While I can say I loved or even enjoyed his latest efforts Short Cuts or The Gingerbread Man, I noticed his ability to incorporate many characters into film with relative ease.

Altman's latest effort, Gosford Park ranks high on his best list. Set in 1930 in England, the story centers on the McCordle family and a weekend hunting party they throw for a number of friends. As the weekend unravels, we get a sense of the parallel worlds between the guests staying upstairs and the lowly servants downstairs making sure the weekend goes according to plan.

Now I must warn you that there are so many characters that I will not list them, but there are a few that steal the show with their moments of glee and sarcasm.

Where one would seem too many characters would be a major concern, Altman brilliantly allows the camera to move all the time in and out of conversations from the guests to the servants allowing the viewer to stay attentive throughout the narrative.

The real drama takes place when a murder takes place calling into question who had motive and who had the nerve.

The script cleverly sets up the events at the house when a Hollywood producer comes for the weekend and he has been working on a script about a murder in a country house with a bunch of guests. A coincidence? Every snippet of dialogue has a certain amount of weight depending on how you the viewer take it.

Another smart choice has an inspector come to investigate the crime who virtually rules out the servants as suspects because they have (and why would they?) no contact with the guests upstairs. A possible mistake on their part.

Notable characters to look for: Maggie Smith (Harry Potter) shines as Constance, a Countess who seeks an allowance from Sir William. She has moments of sheer rudeness and one-liners that cut right through a person without her caring one way or the other. When a famous actor/pianist plays the piano in an attempt to impress the crowd, she tries to stop the guests from clapping and replies, Don't encourage him, he'll only play longer.

Helen Mirren gives a compelling performance as the Housekeeper making a case for an Oscar nod and Ryan Phillippe, dare I say, has graduated from his world of mind numbing teen movies to make a wise choice and has many of the films best scenes as the valet for the Hollywood producer.

As I said earlier, Altman is an acquired taste and the film does not operate at the pace that we see in other movies that play well below our intelligence.

Altman respects our intelligence to handle the dialogue and simply lets the camera roll and whether we like it or not, places the cast in situations that require the audience to think for themselves.

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This is due largely to the fact that Hugo's dad, played by Martin Sheen, is the coach of basketball team.

His favor obviously rests with Odin rather than his own son, who just so happens to be Odin's right hand man on the court.

This point is drilved home over and over again with dramatic reaction shots when the father talks to Odin and even at one point in the film he says, referring to Odin, "I love him like my own son.

To add insult to injury, Odin's friend, Michael (Andrew Keegan), takes under his wing. Hugo then concocts a marvellously evil plan to use Odin's tragic flaw, his jealousy, to bring him down.

By slowly planting seeds of doubt in his mind, Hugo starts to make Odin believe that Desi and Michael are much more than friends and Odin's jealousy gets steadily out of control.

The movie then begins an expeditious spiral in which the imparting of a sense of tragic inevitability is told.

Hartnett gives the best performance of his career so far with an excellent combination of brooding ham and unspoken anguish wonderfully brought to life on screen through his body language, facial expressions and tone of voice.

The climax to the film is wonderfully capped when a strong, tortured Odin, and delivers a final灌注, which in its heart-breaking auspice inspires our pity and empathy.

Though straying at times, the movie does stay very close to Shakespeare's original story, with slight variations on the names of the original characters, maintaining their general nature.

It is understandable to see why this film was delayed from it's opening.

Yet some-how it's all too tragically ironic timing seems to emphasize the power of transcendence Shakespeare literature has.

By casting the story in a modern day high school, the film became a mirror to actual events, complete with the "outcast" who plots revenge on the popular jocks.

Even four hundred years ago, Shakespeare saw the true nature of people and managed to express it in a way that could be related to even today.

The best modern adaptation of Shakespeare in numerous years, "O" is an intense and moving film.

Its strength is that is speaks on the level of its audience with an allegory that stays faithful to the concept, purpose, refusing to dumb itself down.

It's definitely not another teen movie, which is fortunate because unlike most this one is actually worth seeing.

The Gosford party

By Kathleen Haughey
Contributing Writer

The "O" brings a whole new life to "Othello"

February 14, 2002

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Men’s home game tonight: a must win for the Pioneers

By LaMar Kennedy
Staff Writer

Although the Pioneers remain the eighth place team in the NorthEast Conference their playoff hopes are fading fast. Even with two losses this past week including a must win game against Long Island University the men still hold their destiny in the palms of their hands. Starting with their game tonight against Quinnipiac in the Pitt Center; tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

This game is important for two reasons, first if the Pioneers win they will switch places with Quinnipiac in the standings becoming the seventh place team in the conference. Second they will have avenged an early season loss to the Braves, and with four games remaining the team will be in pretty good shape to make the conference tournament that starts March 1, at Wagner College, in Staten Island, NY.

Last Thursday Feb. 7, the men lost an 88-80 decision to LIU, a team that until that day had only two other wins on the season to boast of. SHU did everything right to win the game, they won the rebounding battle 48-39, and they only turned over the ball nine times. But what they were unable to do was stop senior guard Antawn Dobie (Corona, NY) who scored a career high 31 points. The men held a 79-78 lead with 2:25 left to play, but Dobie would score six of LIU next ten points as the Blackbirds went on a 10-1 run to close the game.

Senior Tim Welch (Narragansett, RI) scored 17 points and pulled down a game high 18 rebounds in the loss. Freshman forward Kibwe Trim (Narragansett, RI) scored 17 points in twenty-eight minutes, Maurice Bailey scored 20 points on 7-16 shooting. Maurice Bailey (Hempstead, NY) scored 12 points in the loss.

On Saturday Feb. 9, the Pioneers traveled back to New York to take on the number two team in the conference the Terriers of St. Francis (NY). The result was a 77-76 loss, after senior forward Clifford Strong (Brooklyn, NY) sank two free throws with 10 seconds left to seal the win. Free throws played a huge role on the loss as SHU left seven at the line going 19-26.

Freshman guard Tre' Samuels (Uniondale, NY) found his shot again scoring 17 points on 7-16 shooting. Maurice Bailey scored 20 points in twenty-eight minutes, while fellow underclassman Kibwe Trim pulled down a game high ten rebounds, six on the offensive glass.

The Pioneers will be looking for revenge against these same teams starting on Saturday Feb. 16, when the Terriers come to the Pitt Center to finish the season series between the two teams; tip-off is scheduled for 4 p.m. LIU comes to campus on Wed. Feb.20, to complete their season series with the Pioneers, this is a must win for the men if they hope to make it into the conference tournament. All students are encouraged to attend the game, as the men will need all the support they can get.

Recruiting Trail

The Pioneers are actively recruiting 6-8 forward Isaac Sullivan of Bridgeport, CT. Sullivan is the starting power forward of defending state champions Warren Harding High School. Sullivan made an unofficial visit to campus on Sat. January 26, and witnessed the Pioneers 69-78 loss to Central CT.

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Win over St. Francis puts SHU in first: three games remaining

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scored ten points in the win, while senior forward, Leslie Newhard (Northampton, PA) grabbed 13 rebounds to go along with her five points.

On Saturday February 9, the women hosted Mount St. Mary's currently the number eight team in the NEC. But for most of the first half the Lady Mountaineers played like they were the number two team beating the Pioneers at their own game.

Sophomore forward Myriam Daccord (Fairfax, VA) led the charge with thirteen first half points on 5-7 shooting including 3-4 from behind the three-point line.

This would change as the Pioneers found their game and rallied back from a brief seven point first half deficit, to take a six-point half time lead. Led by the perfect shooting of senior Leslie Newhard, who scored 8 points on 4-4 shooting, and pulled down four rebounds; Newhard ended the game with 14 points.

In the second half the Pioneers out scored the Mountaineers 40-27 to come away with a 77-58 win. Junior guard Ashley Durmer (Nashua, NH) scored a game high 17 points on 7-14 shooting; followed by Brooke Kelly's 16, and junior forward Brooke Rutnik (Albany, NY) rounded out the double figure scoring with 12 points and grabbed a game high 11 rebounds.

With the warm-ups now over the women now focus their attention on their next opponents; MSG reporters in Pitt for women's game live.

Saturday's pivotal home game against the Red Flashes of St. Francis College (PA). This game is the first meeting of the season between the two schools, but even more importantly it places the top two teams in the Northeast Conference against each other. The winner will take over sole possession of first place in the conference, and more importantly a win for the Pioneers would put them in the drivers seat to number one seed in the conference tournament.

Game time is set for 2 p.m. in the Pitt Center. The women will then face Robert Morris on Monday 2/18, tip off is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Pitt Center.

Notebook

A win Saturday over St. Francis (PA) will put the women in first place in the conference with three games remaining. Against these three teams the women have a record of 2-0, with their third game against Robert Morris being the first meeting of the season between the schools. Currently Robert Morris is the number eleven team in the conference, with a record of 2-19.

If the women run the table they will become regular season champs, and will be in a good position to make it into the NCAA tournament, but they would also have to win their conference tournament to guarantee this. This would be the first such trip in the 20-year history of women's basketball at Sacred Heart University.

SHU Football Honored by Walter Camp

By Kyle St. George  Staff Writer

This past weekend the 2001 season SHU Football team Captains and Coaches were honored at the annual Walter Camp All-American black tie awards banquet, where head coach Jim Fleming was presented with an award in honor of SHU's amazing National Championship season.

One of the oldest and most prestigious awards presentations in the nation, the Walter Camp Foundation yearly recognizes an All-American team that is composed of the nation's most extraordinary athletes. In addition, the Connecticut based foundation regularly honors exceptional personal and team achievements throughout the state.

Representing the Sacred Heart community at the affair was Don Cook, athletic director, Elizabeth Luckie, associate director or athletics, Larry Weilk, dean of students, Dr. Gary Rose, Mark Adzigin, director of athletic marketing and James Barquinero, vice president for enrollment and planning. Respectfully the school President Dr. Cernea was unable to attend because of a prior engagement.

"It is tremendous exposure for the University as an institution of excellence," Coach Fleming said of the event that required all those who attended wear a tuxedo. "We all feel honored to receive such recognition," He later added.

Fleming accepted on behalf of the team a "Special Achievement" plaque that cited the football team's infallible 11-0 season that he and his coaching staff orchestrated this season.

SHU two year captain Kayode Mayowwa (Providence, RI) who also attended the occasion was asked to comment.

"It was excellent exposure for the program and all around just a great experience," Said Mayowwa who was accompanied by fellow 2001 Captains Brandon Graham (Cheshire, CT) and D.J. Dymond (Woodbourne, NY). Both Dymond and Graham agreed that the banquet was an event to remember.

The banquet regularly attracts some of the biggest names in the American football community. Among those who attended this years banquet were former Walter Camp All-American and Heisman Trophy Winner Herschel Walker, Mike Singletary, Tony Rice, George Rogers and O.J. McDuffy.

On Friday several members of the SHU Football team also participated in the Walter Camp Fan Fest located at Yale New Haven University, where they interacted with a host of the area's youth in an effort to pass on their love of Football.

"It was a great opportunity to showcase the Pioneers off the playing field, as well as bring a greater exposure of SHU athletics to our community," Stated SHU Junior Jason St. John (Wartettown, CT), who was recently elected by his fellow teammates to lead them as captain in 2002.

Those players who volunteered for the "Fan Fest" spent the majority of their afternoon coaching young kids in flag football games or signing autographs for wide eyed youngsters.

"It was really special to see the excitement in the eyes of all the kids," Said SHU Junior Blake Neri (Dover, NH) who was among the 15 Sacred Heart players to attend the festivities. Also present at the event were the Walter Camp All-Americans as many current and current NFL players, who all spent the greater part of their time signing autographs and interacting with the fans.

Tasber & Curley enter record book: NEC Championships set for this weekend

Compiled By Keri Blair

Sacred Heart University was second at the Collegiate Track Conference indoor championships held in New York City with 103 points, the Owls won the championships scoring 169 points to top the 20-team field as Quinnipiac University came in ninth with 22 points and the University of New Haven placed 14th with 15 points.

Sacred Heart freshman Gregg Curley (East Wareham, M.A.) earned his first NEC Rookie of the Week nod after placing second in the pentathlon at the CTC indoor championship last weekend. As part of the pentathlon event, he set a new school record in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.42, and then broke it the following day with a time of 8.41, while finishing seventh in the 55 open hurdle event. In only his freshman campaign, Curley owns six Pioneer records and ranks on the NEC's top 15 lists in the long jump and triple jump.

Sacred Heart sophomore Sara Tasber (Hartey, N.Y.) earns her first NEC Athlete of the Week honor after winning the 800 meters at the CTC indoor championship last weekend. Tasber's time of 2:17.45 topped her own school record by 1.5 seconds. Tasber was also part of the Pioneer record-setting 4x400 relay team, anchoring the team to a time of 4:05.81 with her split of 58.4. Heading into this weekend's NEC Championships, Tasber holds the league's top times in the 400 and 500 meters and ranks third in the 800.

Tasber is on the championship watch this coming weekend with her top 800 and 500 meters and third in the 400.

The 2002 NEC women's and men's indoor track and field championships are this weekend at the Prince George's County Sports Complex in Landover, M.D. Participating schools include: Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickenson, Long Island, UMBC, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, St. Francis, Wagner and Sacred Heart.

The presession poll has St.Francis picked to repeat as NEC Men's Indoor Track & Field champions while Monmouth is picked to win for the women's championship. Both Pioneer teams look to upset the polls and use their record breaking season to their advantage.
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**Women top Wagner 54-48 live on MSG**

By LaMar Kennedy

Staff Writer

Last Wednesday the women's basketball team defeated Wagner College 54-48 in front of a packed crowd at the Pitt Center. The game was the first for the women to be televised in the tri-state area (NY, NJ, CT) on the Madison Square Garden network. In a show of support for their second place basketball team 941 students, faculty, and family members came out to witness the win. The crowd was the largest ever to watch a woman's game at the Pitt Center.

Neither team shot particularly well in the contest, as SHU was a dreadful 29% for the game, including 11% from behind the three-point line on 2-17 shooting. Despite their poor performance SHU was able to hold the Seahawks to fewer than 36% shooting for the game including 16% from behind the arc.

Junior Brooke Kelly (Medford, NJ) continued her dominance in NorthEast Conference play scoring a game high 18 points and pulling down 7 rebounds, seven on the offensive glass. Sophomore forward Kate Maher (Waterford, Ireland) had 11 points and seven rebounds.

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**Icemen win sets run for first**

By Keri Blair

This weekend the men's hockey ice team advanced into third place in the MAAC standings as they tied undefeated Mercyhurst 3-3 and clinched an overtime 6-5 win against Canisius. The Icemen are now in both the Fall and Winter season's third place with Holy Cross at 25 points. Both teams are one point out of second place as SHU looks to take on Iona (ranked seventh with 22 points) this weekend.

Two wins on the weekend could secure SHU in second place depending on how Quinnipiac plays against Canisius and Mercyhurst this weekend.

Friday night the Pioneers put up a good fight and were able to outshoot the undefeated Lakers 42-40. SHU opened the scoring in the first with a goal by Garrett Larson three minutes into play. Richard Naumann would put the Pioneers on the board again in the final seconds of play in the period.

Mercyhurst would open the second with two early goals. Three minutes after the Lakers' second goal the Pioneers once again took the lead on the power play as defenseman Les Hrapchak blasted a shot from the point.

Late in the third the Lakers would tie the game with a short handed goal. Neither team was able to capitalize in overtime.

SHU goaltender Eddy Ferhi recorded 37 saves on the night.

Saturday played out much like Friday with back and forth goals for both teams, yet an overtime win would put the Pioneers past Canisius in the MAAC standings. SHU once again out shot their opponent, this time by more than half. Sacred Heart's Michael Forland scored the first of the game. Canisius would answer back twice before the period was over. In the second Chris Mokos would score back to back goals for the Pioneers putting them ahead by one. Canisius again would answer back with two for the lead going into the third.

The Griffins would open the scoring diminishing their lead late in the game. Captain Peter McRae would hit the back of the net to pull the Pioneers within one. With less then two minutes left in the game Marc-Andre Fournier would go top shelf on the Griffins goalie. Chuck Metcalfe and Naumann assisted Larson on the goal.

The Pioneers play Iona here this Saturday. Puck drops at 5 p.m.

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**Equestrian currently ranked second in zone**

By Mike Di Pietro

Staff Writer

When students think of all the Varsity sports offered here at SHU, many do not realize that there is another very exciting and difficult one that has gone almost unnoticed. That sport is Sacred Heart's Equestrian Team. This emerging NCAA Division I team, comprised of twenty-five dedicated women, competes in their zone or conference and competes against Connecticut teams such as Fairfield University and Yale, as well as out of state competitors Hofstra, St. Joseph's and C.W. Post. All 25 members of the team show at each competition, which makes for a very long day of riding. Junior Janet Mowka (Saratoga Springs, NY), roommate of team Captain Stephanie Birnbaum said, "It's hard being a roommate and devoted friend of an equestrian team member. Steph and the team put in countless hours on horseback and it shows through their success. Giddy Up girls!"

When asked what was the biggest set back the team has been, all the girls replied, "Nobody knows." Many people don't even know we have an equestrian team here at Sacred Heart," said Birnbaum. Junior Renee Travillion (Torrance, CA), a self-proclaimed new equestrian fanatic said, "I never truly appreciated the art that is equestrian. Through my close relationship with my roommate and the girls on the team, I've grown to really love the sport."

There have been several developments in this program such as a new facility and new coach. The lady riders have recently changed their team facility from Lion Hill Farm to Forexide Farm, located in Newton, CT. Forexide is closer and offers a better atmosphere for the team to compete and practice. Also new for the team this year is their head coach Justin Gregory. Gregory, an SHU alumni and former member of the equestrian team, is taking the team in a new direction, according to team Captain Stephanie Birnbaum, a junior from Ramsey, NJ. "He has had a very positive impact on our team and he is teaching us to strive for new goals," said Bimbaiun.

The team's first competition this semester will be on February 17th at New Haven Farms. The show will consist of SHU riders as well as numerous other zone opponents. In April the team will travel to their regional show, which will showcase pre-qualified riders Senior Christina Pratt, Juniors Jessica Gehrihan, Kristine Bracketeridge and Stephanie Birnbaum, as well as Sophomore Crystal Cassetori.

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