Public Safety: ‘no serious crime on campus’
Annual report informs about crimes and campus policies

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Sacred Heart University’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) released its annual Campus Crime Statistics Report on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The report showed no serious crimes committed on campus.

“I was pleased with the statistics on the report,” said Jack Fernandez, director of Public Safety. “They were consistent with past years.

The report details all crimes committed on Sacred Heart’s Fairfield, Stamford, Griswold, and Luxembourg campuses. It also outlines the DPS’s mission statement, security policies, emergency medical services, and evacuation procedures.

The only crimes appearing on the report were various liquor law violations, drug law violations, and burglaries.

Many Sacred Heart students feel that the campus is relatively safe.

“I don’t see much of a threat from anyone around here,” said junior Thomas Mannuccia.

Senior Samantha Mentore agrees with Mannuccia.

“I think it’s really safe here,” she said. “Public Safety is always around. I live behind Roncalli, and they’re always doing rounds.”

According to the report, the DPS is the campus agency with jurisdiction to handle all security and public safety functions.

Although department officers do not have the authority to make arrests, they have a cooperative working relationship with local police, fire, and first responder agencies. Officers also have the ability to issue citations to students in violation of university policies.

The department is required to publish a crime statistics report in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, also known as the Clery Act.

According to Fernandez, Public Safety also issues an annual fire safety report as required by the Higher Education Act.

Fernandez says that the department also strives to educate the Sacred Heart community about safety.

“Throughout the year, we send out safety tips, conduct Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes, hold fire safety training, and conduct safety inspections of buildings,” he said. “All of these measures, and more, are taken to increase the university community’s safety awareness.”

Students have responded to Public Safety’s awareness efforts and try to take precautions of their own, especially when out of the safety of the Sacred Heart campus.

“I live off-campus, so I have to be generally aware of what’s going on,” said Mannuccia.

One of the ways to stay safe is to stick together when going out.

“My friends and I travel in packs, and we don’t ever let anyone go by themselves,” said Mentore.

Fernandez emphasizes that the department cannot take the proper action to continue to prevent crime on its own.

“We rely on the university members to report suspicious activity and to be aware of their surroundings,” he said.

Dr. Abigail Disney addresses an audience in the Schine Auditorium on Oct. 3.
The common room for students in the Thomas More Honors Program at Roncalli Hall.

Colleges attract students with luxury housing

Sacred Heart emphasizes academics over housing

Andrea Coronis
Staff Reporter

As times change, some universities are updating residential housing to adapt to new students. According to an article by CNN, schools across the nation are offering improved living situations to attract more potential students.

At the University of Michigan, a new state-of-the-art building now has 450 residential rooms, study lounges with SMART Boards, high-tech classrooms, and flat-screen televisions previewing events in nearly every hallway.

The dorms at Michigan are just as luxurious as the new building. According to CNN, the dorm has suite-style living arrangements intended to mimic apartment layouts. A new apartment complex at the University of Michigan comes with leather couches, a flat screen television, granite kitchen counters, and students’ own washers and dryers.

While some universities are going to extremes to lure in potential students, Sacred Heart University focuses on something it believes is more important: Most students are attracted to Sacred Heart because of our academic quality,” said Joel Quintong, Director of Residential Life. “It is a place where students will accomplish their goals.”

According to the Sacred Heart website, more than 70 percent of full-time undergraduates at the school elect to live on-campus as part of the Residential Life program.

Sacred Heart Residential Life is designed to help students connect with others while finding a home away from home. “Students here learn early how to deal with others and communicate through housing,” said Quintong.

Some students said that when choosing Sacred Heart, housing was not a factor in their decision. “I came here because I just really liked the campus,” said freshman Serena Doyle. “I liked that it was small because I came from a small high school and that's what I'm used to. I also loved all of the people I met.”

Senior Marc Gratta chose Sacred Heart over colleges with more lavish housing. “I decided that I didn’t need to go to a school with the most amazing dorms,” he said.

On the other hand, other universities believe that changes need to be made in order to accommodate students and their belongings.

A dorm room at Sacred Heart contains a bed, desk, dresser, a refrigerator, and a microwave. In addition to those essentials, many students said they also bring a lot of extra possessions, which makes for cramped living spaces.

“My dorm room is really cramped, and it’s hard to fit all of my stuff everywhere,” said Doyle. “Students said that they thought Sacred Heart could attract more incoming freshmen if campus housing was updated.

“I think that upgrading housing would be a great idea here, especially freshman housing,” said senior Marcella DeCarlo. “When students start to look at colleges, where they are going to live has a huge impact on their decision, so when they see a brand new, upgraded dorm, they are more likely to consider that school.”

In addition to luxurious on-campus housing, some private companies are offering first-rate off-campus housing near major universities. One company, Landmark Properties, has units near the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia, and North Carolina State University.

DeCarlo also feels that the school could attract upperclassmen by making on-campus housing more comfortable. “I think it’s harder to attract upperclassmen because they look to move off-campus,” she said. “But if there is a brand new dorm for upperclassmen to live in that contains the luxuries juniors and seniors desire, then they might consider living on campus.”

Senior Brendan Guerrin feels that more housing should be available for upperclassmen. “At a lot of schools, housing is only guaranteed for freshmen,” he said. “If there was more housing available for juniors and seniors, they would be more likely to stay on campus for all four years of college.”

The ONE Campaign looks to prevail in Campus Challenge

Erin Burke
Columnist

The ONE Campaign has been active at Sacred Heart University for over six years, and has been consistently ranked one of the Top 20 Collegiate Organizations in the country. This is measured through their efforts in what is called the ONE Campus Challenge, or the OCC.

Today, the ONE Campus Challenge will kick off on campuses across the country for the fifth year in a row, as thousands of students work to earn the title of the hardest, extreme poverty-fighting student body in the country.

With a new structure, and a prize worth fighting for, the ONE Campus Challenge resumes with more than 30,000 students from across 250 college campus chapters nationwide and a first place title that is still anybody’s game.

Launched in 2007, the OCC is an intercollegiate competition designed to mobilize students to make a difference in the fight against extreme poverty through advocacy campaigns.

Season five of OCC will have two competitors. The fall challenge starts now, and we will launch the spring challenge in early 2012.

This year, ONE will take students from its top six campuses to the Bonnaroo Music Festival in June 2012, where they will help share its Living Proof campaigns with thousands of fans. The winning campuses will be chosen based on their performance in the fall and spring challenges.

“I’m excited to see what the students will come up with this season,” said Sheila Nix, ONE’s U.S. executive director in a press release sent by the organization. “They never fail to deliver in terms of their creativity, passion and dedication to helping their peers in Africa build a sustainable path away out of poverty.”

This sentiment is echoed by Matt Higginson, ONE’s senior manager for College and Young Adult Organizing. “As campuses take action, they will also earn points in the contest to being a critical pillar of ONE’s advocacy efforts.”

With that said, Higginson is proud of the organization’s accomplishments. “The ONE Campus Challenge has evolved from a contest to being a critical pillar of ONE’s advocacy efforts,” said Higginson. “This year is bigger and better than ever.”

Sacred Heart Co-President, junior Margaret O’Connor comments on Sacred Heart’s participation in the OCC. “As a campus and really as a generation, we’ve taken on this issue as our own and the ONE Campus Challenge is the vehicle for us to keep pushing harder. We’re ready to hit the ground running, and rest assured that Sacred Heart will be top come June.

As of Sept. 29, students have embarked on four challenges to help promote ONE priorities.

Specifically, these include the importance of continued U.S. investments in agriculture to fight the current famine in Somalia, and the push to end mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

As campuses take action, they will also earn points in the challenge.

The more effective and innovative the actions, the more points schools will be awarded in the competition.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference, come to the meetings on Tuesdays at 10:10 p.m. in Haw Lounge, to learn more and see what you can do!
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Controversy over a recent capital crime case was brought to an end two weeks ago. Georgia death row inmate, Troy Davis, was convicted of the murder of a police officer in 1991, and was executed through lethal injection on Sept. 21.

Davis was charged in Savannah, GA on Aug. 19, 1989. The decision for capital punishment was made in 1991, but the action was not carried out until now.

"Troy Davis had more than 20 years of court hearings all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court," said criminal justice professor James McCabe. "The term 'rightly convicted' is a misnomer. He had all the opportunities a criminal defendant can have in our system of justice. So did he have fair access to the courts and a full exploration of his case? Yes, he did."

Davis made a final attempt to plead his innocence in the shooting and killing of a police officer. He was still found guilty and was executed at age 42.

According to an article from the Associated Press, several witnesses placed Davis not only at the scene of the crime, but also as the shooter. Controversy arose when no murder weapon was found. A lack of blood or DNA evidence also failed to link Davis to the crime.

The state of Georgia is one of 34 states that offer the death penalty as a punishment for committing a capital crime. Other states include Connecticut, which is one of the only Northeastern states where the death penalty is legal.

McCabe believes that the death penalty will continue to divide states in the coming years.

"I don't think it will be possible, or even an appropriate goal, for all 50 states to have the exact same laws when it comes to capital punishment," he said.

McCabe believes the reason for state disagreement has to do with the two guidelines set by the U.S. Supreme Court in "Gregg v. Georgia." This 1976 ruling, mandated appellate review, and the use of aggravating and mitigating factors in determining the appropriate sentence of death.

"These conditions have been expanded upon since 'Gregg,' but allow states leeway to craft law that meets their individual interests, while still complying with the Eighth Amendment bar on cruel and unusual punishment," said McCabe.

The difference in opinion does not only exist among the states. It is also evident when talking to members of the Sacred Heart University community.

"I believe the death penalty is not an appropriate form of punishment. It is too costly in both financial and human terms, does not make society any safer, and I believe it is morally wrong to take a person's life in this fashion," said McCabe.

Some Sacred Heart students agree that the death penalty is improper.

"I think in certain cases, the death penalty is inappropriate, but in most situations I think it would be better to let prisoners spend their life in jail to reflect and understand the severity of their actions," said freshman Katie Duda.

Other students support the state's right to execute prisoners.

"I am for the death penalty," said senior Kristin Legenza. "If you take a life you should not be able to keep yours."

Senior Adam Turner agrees. "I am a conservative," he said. "I believe that if you were found guilty of a crime, you deserve to be punished. And if you committed a crime that resulted in many deaths, the government has the right to put you to death."

For senior Ryan Usor, the state-to-state variance of death penalty laws makes it a somewhat difficult issue. "I think it's a proper punishment for certain crimes, but it's tough to only make it legal in some states," he said.

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DON'T ASK, DO TELL
Obama administration repeals 'DADT'

Keisan Gittens
Staff Reporter

At 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, bisexuals, gays, lesbians, and transgender individuals have a lot to say to the U.S. military.减肥和eating together, certain diets and eating patterns can be formed among friends and family. Therefore, healthy eating seems to be important for many Sacred Heart University students. It's very strict with my food choices and not to eat. I think my food choices have influenced my diet, as well." While friends can benefit from each other by eating better foods, one study showed that healthy eating patterns are actually the least commonly shared behaviors between friends and family at dinner tables. Eating together can also have a negative impact, and diets can change for the worse.

According to the Framingham Heart Study as reported in the Huffington Post, the habits that were most shared between people who eat and drink together were drinking alcohol and eating snacks. "Even though we try to eat healthy, it's definitely harder when my friends and I go out to get food," said Arensault.

The Framingham Heart study also reveals that the stronger the shared environment is between friends or couples, the more probable it is for them to eat similarly. So whether it's eating wings with your boyfriend during a football game or having a salad with your girlfriend at lunch, the people you surround yourself with at meals will directly impact the way you eat. It's sometimes just simpler to get food, that's not the healthiest when with friends," said Arensault. "Popcorn is basically a necessity when we all go to the movies."
One step closer to unlimited cell service

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You’ve got mail — and text messages, and phone calls — even underground. According to a press release from the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), six subway stations in New York City now enable cell phone service for AT&T and T-Mobile subscribers, as of Tuesday, Sept. 27. Transit Wireless, owner and operator of the subway station wireless communications network, predicts the remaining 271 stations will have the service within the next four years.

“Working with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, AT&T and T-Mobile, Transit Wireless has created a win-win-win scenario in the New York City subway system,” said Transit Wireless CEO William A. Bayne Jr., in the MTA press release.

“For security purposes, as well as travel purposes, it would be much easier if people were able to use their cell phones for emergencies.”

-- Allison Thurston, senior

Some Sacred Heart University students feel this initiative will be detrimental to transit riders.

“The subway is a closed area with a bunch of people crowded into it — listening to someone’s loud and personal conversations when you want a quiet morning commute is obnoxious,” said sophomore Anthony Pascarella. “Out of common courtesy, people should put their cell phones away.”

While talking on a cell phone can irritate some, texting can also create a problem for others.

“I’m not a fan of cell phones. They are inappropriate in lots of places, like churches, classes, and offices,” said Dr. Sandra Young, English professor.

Other students feel this further illustrates a general dependency on electronic devices.

“I think that society is becoming too attached to technology — cell phones in particular,” said senior Allison Thurston.

“People are constantly on their phones and almost feel like they are missing part of themselves if they don’t have their phone.”

However, Thurston also sees the value in underground service.

“For security purposes, as well as travel purposes, it would be much easier if people were able to use their cell phones,” said senior Andrew Borts.

She is not the only one. Sophomore Anthony Borts believes the ability to make a phone call, or send a text will be instrumental in crime prevention.

“I think that cell phone service is something that should be available in as many places as possible in order to make public places, such as subways, safer,” said Borts.

Many students believe in a happy medium, so to speak. While phones should be available for safety reasons, many students believe that social functions are seen as excessive.

“A cell phone should work at all times in case something bad happens and people need to get in touch with either 911, family members, or friends,” said Thurston.

“Other than that, cell phones shouldn’t have to be used in subways.”

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He said/She said

Joseph Buquicchio
He said

It’s going to be difficult for me to write about what makes or breaks a date because it’s such a personal experience. It’s been a couple of months since I’ve actually been on one and I may have forgotten what makes or breaks a good date. It’s not a matter of not wanting to go with someone new — I’m just nervous.

An ideal date, for me, would be one that was fun, relaxed, and altogether a pleasant experience. If the person you’re going out with makes you feel that way, then what does that say about you? Being yourself and give it a real chance.

Arielle Mangiaracina
She said

So many things can make or break a date depending on the person, the situation, or a variety of other factors. When I sat down to think about this question, I didn’t know where to start.

In an attempt to get some perspective on this matter, I asked some of my girlfriends what their opinions on it were and I got various answers. Some were typical and some were a little more unconventional.

Here are some of the responses I received for what breaks a date.

“If he doesn’t offer to pay.”

“If he initiates or talks about sex.”

“If he’s too into himself or takes longer to get ready than me.”

“If his mom calls to check on him.”

Manners are a big one that can either make or break a date. A guy has to be polite and respectful all the time. We would come in contact with while we’re out — rudeness is just not acceptable. Texting, tweeting, updating your Facebook and generally using your phone while on a date is discourteous. It shows that you are uninterested in being there or with your date.

Guys, be a gentleman when you are on date. Open the car door for her and pull out her chair. Trust me, she will notice and appreciate it.

Chemistry definitely makes a date. If the conversation happens naturally, that’s a plus. However, not talking enough or talking too much, can break a date. Nobody wants to sit across from someone who’s not going to talk unless they are asked a question. On the other hand, nobody wants to sit across from someone who is going to ramble on and on about anything and everything.

Certain topics should also be avoided on a date — particularly a first, second, or third date, when you’re still trying to get to know each other. Talking about religion, politics, expenses, and any other topics that could make the other person uncomfortable should be avoided. Talking negatively about other people or the place you are in should be avoided too, as you do not want your date to get the wrong idea about what type of person you are.

In addition to having a bad conversation, behaving strangely or inappropriately while on a date can break a date. Odd behavior can mean a number of things, including but not limited to drinking too much, making dirty jokes, criticizing other girls or guys, and getting too touchy-feely.

You know you have chemistry right at that first date though if you have long conversations that make you lose track of time, stop, and wonder how you got on that topic. When you feel comfortable with other person, your conversation and the progression of your relationship will have a natural, easy, feeling.

On a great date, you and the other person can make each other laugh; there are no, or few if it’s a first date, awkward silences. If you can talk like you have known each other for years even though you just met then you’re on a good date.

Finally, if at the end of the night you know you want to see the other person again then you went on a good date.
Making a leap of faith, with a leap across the pond

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When I first decided to study abroad in Dingle, Ireland this past spring semester, I had no idea what to expect.

I knew of Ireland’s major cities and some counties from a trip I took to Galway with some friends a few years ago, but Dingle was a place that I’d never heard of. I decided to give it a go, so I typed “Dingle” into Google Maps, talked to some students who had gone before, and flew out on Jan. 9.

The six of us going for the semester were all anxious and excited for the upcoming months to unfold as we collected our luggage at Shannon airport and began the journey to Dingle. No sooner had we arrived at our cottages were we greeted by Sean Pol, the program director in Dingle, who became our mentor and good friend. The part I loved most about our classes was how we’d be in the classroom for a little while, and then the teacher would say, “Okay, that’s enough. Let’s go see what we’ve been talking about.”

We went almost weekly on field trips throughout the Dingle Peninsula to see ancient artifacts, visit holy wells, view the Irish language on signs around town, and listen to sessions.

I had never experienced education in such a way, yet it was during those trips outside of the classroom that I gained the most knowledge.

Although I was hesitant to study in Dingle for the semester because it wasn’t a major city like Galway or Dublin, it honestly was the best decision I’ve made. I wouldn’t have been able to hike Mt. Brandon or go surfing twice (who would’ve thought that Ireland was known for surfing?).

After the 130 day lockout, an agreement was reached bridging the gap between the NFL owners and the NFL players.

Free agency opened up, and with little time between the end of the lockout and the beginning of the NFL season, there was much doubt as to whether or not there would be football on Sundays.

Ready to build off his “Comeback Player of the Year” award, Michael Vick was eager to take the field as the franchise quarterback for the first time since being released from prison.

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Who would have thought after four weeks of football, the Philadelphia Eagles, the self-proclaimed “Dream Team,” would be sitting at 1-3 at the bottom of the lacklustre NFC East.

Making strategic moves in one of the wildest free agency periods in recent football history, the Philadelphia Eagles put together a star-studded team that many people decided before they even touched a field would have a Superbowl or bust type of season.

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Looking back on it now, my semester in Ireland was a turning point in my life. I learned more about myself in those four months than I had in the 20 years prior.

If you’re contemplating doing a two-week program or whole semester abroad, GO! Studying abroad opens your eyes to so many new experiences and opportunities. I had such an incredible experience living in Ireland that I’m planning on going to grad school there after I graduate.

Although you might think that you’ll miss out on what’s happening on campus or with your friends, there’s so much more to see outside of our everyday lives. Take the initiative and go out of your comfort zone — studying abroad is not something to be missed.
James Cameron confirms big budget ‘Avatar’ theme park set to open by 2016

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Staff Reporter

Director James Cameron will be taking audiences deeper into the planet Pandora with the 2016 opening of “Avatar Land,” an interactive Disney World attraction, based on his three dimensional, blockbuster hit, “Avatar.”

Cameron told MSNBC, the ideas for the park are based off of fan requests. “The scenes that people liked best were not the obvious things like the big battle scenes,” he said. “It was the creatures, it was learning to fly, it was being in the forest at night.”

The UK’s Daily Mail reports, “The park will see the planet Pandora created. Park visitors will be able to walk through rainforests and experience the oceans.”

Cameron also confirmed that the park will not open until the release of the “Avatar” sequels. This will allow elements of all three movies to be incorporated into the park.

Staff Reporter

According to the LA Times, the park is estimated to cost $500 million, and will be located within the already existent Animal Kingdom.

“Avatar’ adventures coming to Disney

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Lisa Panzarino
Staff Reporter

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Thats the really desperate housewives of New York City
Bravo replaces four cast members of NYC spin-off

Chelsea Ilg
Staff Reporter

While the metaphorical hair pulling, and verbally abusive "diva" may have contributed to ratings, Bravo has decided to give a pink slip to four New York City housewives.

"This needs to be a wake up call to everyone, that teenage bullying and teasing is an epidemic in this country and the death rate is climbing," said DeGeneres in her video on the site. "My heart is breaking... for our society that continues to let this happen."

However, action has already been taken in some parts of the country. According to NJ.com, in East Hanover, NJ, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights allows a child to bypass their principal and take a school bullying case directly to officials.

Whether it is a push for legal or psychological action, it doesn't seem like America is backing down from taking a stand against bullying anytime soon.

#Bullying #MakeALawForJamey

Our generation has the power to end it. Trend it.

Lady Gaga posted, "Jamey losing to finally stop the harassment, hatred, bigotry, and bullying #MakeALawForJamey."

"Jill looks forward to personally opening up about all of this very soon and announcing some exciting new projects," said Zarins rep, speaking about all of this very soon and announcing some exciting new projects, "Jill is happy that the season was a success for her beauty business."

"In a hundred percent good with this decision," she said to a Hollywood reporter. "Everyone knows the Completely Bare spas nationally now."

While Zarins and Brashop may be looking to their futures without the show, McCard and Van Kempen are not yet ready to move on.

According to E! Online, "the couple are fighting for their rights."

The show must go on, even without these four women and their drama. However, sophomore Hana Boyle is confident that she will notice the void.

"I really enjoyed the show with all of the cast members, even though it did get crazy at times," she said. "I really am going to miss watching it with all of the old members."

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"In a hundred percent good with this decision," she said to a Hollywood reporter. "Everyone knows the Completely Bare spas nationally now."

While Zarins and Brashop may be looking to their futures without the show, McCard and Van Kempen are not yet ready to move on.

According to E! Online, "the couple are fighting for their rights."

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"You see bullying in middle school and you expect that by high school it will stop, but that's obviously not the case," said senior James Meeg. "Even in college you see it. Something needs to be done to end this, and soon."

"However, sophomore Ryan Bushman thinks that there are even more issues that needs to be addressed, rather than just jail time."

"Things need to happen within schools instead of bringing police in," he said. "Maybe send the bullies to therapy or different programs to help them focus on the underlying issue for their habits."

With the help of celebrities, bloggers, and YouTube videos, President Obama has been made aware of these incidents and the need for change.

According to the Huffington Post, he plans to attend the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Summit in Washington D.C. to discuss an end to bullying with state and national groups.

However, some students believe that even a federal law will not help reduce the number of bullying victims.

"Kids are still going to be kids," said senior Emmet Manning. "A 12-year-old won't care if there's a law that says he can't make fun of some kid. Bullying has been going on forever and kids need to learn to take appropriate measures when it happens."

According to Millionlooks.com, "The whole world seems to be changing. Men become more like women and women strive to look and act like men."

The article explains how this will result in a variety of masculine shirts, suits, boots, and hats in a majority of fall and winter collections.

This trend will appear in line from designers like Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Sonia Rykiel, Stella McCartney, and Balenciaga.

For ladies, try pairing a pair of jeans with a boyfriend blazer, or a pair of trendy combat boots.

Alyssa Shapiro from Glamour Magazine dishes on the hot nail colors for this season as well.

Let it be known that this season, fashion trends are not lost on men.

QQ magazine suggests trends for the "well-dressed gentleman" this season, and how to wear it with style.

"Today: rocker tees, killer scarves, and ace puffer jackets," the magazine said of current male trends.

Similar to the ladies of this season, scarves are a must have accessory. Another big hit this year are turtlenecks.

"Turtlenecks were in every designer's collection," said QQ. However, these tips maybe for the more passionate male fashionistas, as junior David Bray isn't convinced that he should be dressing so out of his comfort zone.

"I don't know what a rockstar tux is so I probably wouldn't wear it," he said. "Bray: this year, he says, he will be sticking to sweatsuits and jeans.

For anyone who is looking to change up their look, or just continue to take their style into the new season, there are a variety of new designers to look out for.

Marc Anthony's new collection is coming to Kohl's, and offers affordable pieces geared toward the male fashion enthusiast, and the affordable Clarks are a must have for all.

For fall foot fashions, Christian Siriano's shoe collection is now at Payless.
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS PROFESSOR TERRY NEU?

Kelly Taylor
Staff Reporter

For Prof. Terry Neu, eating bugs, reptiles, and snakes is not something gross—it’s just dinner.

This lively, natural born explorer was born in Abilene, TX and will be the first he tell you, “I’m not the one with the funny accent, ya’ll are.”

His resume includes coaching both football and soccer teams for his children, driving a school bus for a high school in rural Central Ark., and teaching biology and history at a high school level.

However, at Sacred Heart, Neu is one of the El Salvador delegation leaders. He is responsible for guiding a group of 15 Sacred Heart students to the developing country of El Salvador.

As a delegation leader, Neu assists in interviewing candidates for the trip, educating the new group about their journey, in particular with what they will endure while on the mission trip. Neu’s presence on the trip is something many students look forward to every year.

“Professor Neu is such an energetic, knowledgeable, and informative person,” said one of last year’s participants, graduate student Lauren Merriam.

Upon arriving in El Salvador, Neu, the three other delegation leaders and 15 participants begin their work on the mission. Due to his familiarity with the culture, Neu is able to become a liaison for the group.

“I make the connection between the students and townspeople. I am pretty familiar with the way the town operates, so I know how to act as this figure to them,” said Neu. “I also ensure that the transition for the students in this new world is comfortable. This trip will be life changing for all of them.”

Neu explains that his attachment and love for the El Salvador trip has grown immensely over the years.

“I am the only faculty member at the university who has journeyed to El Salvador 14 times. It really is my second home,” he said.

Merriam reinforces the sentiment by saying that her trip to El Salvador would not have been the same without Neu.

“You can tell he has been on the El Salvador trip many times. It was a big help to us to have him. We would answer our millions of questions about everything,” she said.

Neu describes that his journey to the country is increasingly gratifying each time he returns. He has both shared and experienced life-changing moments with the natives.

“If all my trips, El Salvador is closest to my heart, I have truly learned the difference between cultures, and the true meaning of appreciation,” said Neu. “There have been many instances that have left impressions on me.”

Neu described one particular story of a man from a local village, who showed great appreciation for the work efforts he and his team were completing on a community center.

“One day, after working on the center for almost six days, the village cow boy had given me one of his 12 chickens. Chickens to them are a form of wealth, and to have been given one just was an honor,” he said.

Director of the Volunteer Programs, Margaret Casey, also shares an appreciation for the work Neu has done.

“For the students that go to El Salvador, and don’t know him before they leave, they don’t realize until they are there how at home Terry is in El Salvador. He knows everyone there, and they all love and appreciate him,” Casey said.

“Prof. Neu is a larger than life figure. He has a wonder in everything that he is doing and he leaves an imprint on people’s lives”

-- Margaret Casey, Director of Volunteer Programs

However, leading the El Salvador Delegation is not all that Neu has to offer the world.

“My travels really began when I was working for the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented. The connections I made there really launched my career,” Neu said.

He explained that he has initiated and directed many educational research programs on grants.

“I work with a project called Project High Hopes,” he said. “It is a program that has allowed me to travel across the nation speaking about differentiating instruction for high ability students with disabilities.

“I have instructed programs on a concept called dual differentiation. It is a way of teaching that takes into consideration student’s strengths. We use technology and audio-visuals to teach students a new way of learning. We want students to have the ability to produce their own product.”

Neu explains that all his traveling has given him a greater awareness of the world.

“Traveling enlightens your perception of others and informs you that life on this planet is varied, full of diversity, and quite challenging for many. Simple things are taken for granted in these United States that are highly prized in other areas of the world,” he said.

Neu believes it is extremely important for many American citizens to realize just how lucky they are.

“Connecticut’s recent Hurricane Irene experience forced people to consider that fresh water and electricity are not given. This fact is every day life in the majority of developing countries,” he said.

The professor’s work has touched countless lives around the globe.

“Prof. Neu is a larger than life figure,” said Casey. “He has a wonder in everything that he is doing and he leaves an imprint on people’s lives. Education is a part of Terry; he has to help other people experience education. He is just a natural born teacher, and role model.”

Fall fun at Jones’ Family Farm

Meghan Pero
Staff Reporter

With autumn’s arrival, it’s time for your favorite seasonal activities.

Jones Family Farm, located in Shelton, Conn., offers Sacred Heart University students a “daycation” filled with fall fun.

Originally started as a working farm in the 1850’s by Phillip Jones, it still remains in the Jones family six generations later.

In the farm’s brochure, Terry Jones expresses the love he has for his work.

“We’re a farm that cares passionately for the land and we hope we can share that passion with you,” he said.

The farm itself is nestled in the windy roads of Shelton and gives visitors the opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of every day life.

In the month of October, the farm offers pumpkin picking, corn mazes, and hayrides. Throughout the year, visitors have the opportunity to pick strawberries, blueberries and purchase Christmas trees as well.

“We have over 50 varieties of squash and pumpkins,” said Keith Padin, Director of Marketing at the farm. “We really want to emphasize squash as a food and agricultural product.”

As a part of the education programs at the farm, there are seasonal cooking lessons offered.

Also, to promote the use of squash as a food, recipe cards featuring three easy-to-follow recipes are distributed which each purchase.

Pumpkins are priced by size, ranging from $1.50 to $30.

“Usually we have an all you can carry event,” said Padin.

Visitors are able to purchase all of the pumpkins they can carry in a single trip for one set price.

With pumpkin season in full swing, Padin expects this weekend to be one of the busiest.

“The first weekend always brings a large crowd,” he said.

The pumpkin patches are about a quarter of a mile away from the Jones Winery, which opened in 2004. The winery offers wine tastings and sells wine by the bottle or the glass.

“It’s something fun for students 21 and over to come and experience,” Padin said.

Visitors are also excited to share their experience at the Jones Family Farm.

“The farm was really nice,” said senior Brian De Palo. “It was a really friendly environment, me and my friends are going back in a few weeks.”

The farm is a half-hour drive from campus, filled with scenic routes along the way.

During the weekend of Oct. 22 and 23, the farm will be hosting its annual UNICEF festival.

“It’s a fun family event,” said Padin.

The farm prides itself on their warm and welcoming atmosphere and stands by its motto, “Be good to the land and the land will be good to you.”
Molto is located on Post Road in Fairfield.

MOLTO WILL HAVE US GOING BACK FOR MORE
Lindsay Caiati & Kelley Bligh
Assistant Editor & Managing Editor

The bustling street of Post Road plays host to many student-friendly bars and restaurants, but nestled between all the others is Pizzeria Molto, Mozzarella & Wine Bar.

While this casual eatery might not be kind to your wallet, it is sure to please your palate. Much more than its name implies, Molto also offers an extensive menu of tapas (appetizer sides dishes), paninis, pasta, seafood, salads, and classic Italian entrees.

While the layout of the restaurant is ideal for mingling at the bar, space is limited. Waiting to be seated with our party of three was a rather awkward circumstance, as there is no designated waiting area.

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Our first course of tapas that consisted of mozzarella fritta, and gnocchi pesto was the perfect precursor to our entrees and dessert.

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We may have to save up first, but we will be returning to Molto when we can.

Megan Holmes was careful not to miss a thing during her overseas adventure in the Mediterranean.

Holmes spends summer at sea, explores world and self
Alyssa Amoroso
Staff Reporter

While most Sacred Heart University students spent their summer working, interning, or on the beach, sophomore Megan Holmes opted for something more unusual. Holmes set sail aboard an MV explorer ship for two and a half months.

"I spent my summer sailing through the Mediterranean stopping in Spain, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, and Morocco," said Holmes. "I fell in love with the atmosphere of watching the sunrise with no distractions, seeing dolphins and whales, watching the calmness in the middle of the ocean and watching a breathtaking sunset every evening." Everyday at sea, the students would take three classes. When the ship would dock, academic field trips were available. Classes such as Global Studies, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, and Religions of the Modern Mediterranean were among the options where college credit was given.

While traveling, some sights surprised Holmes. She referred to Bulgaria as "the hidden gem of the trip." There she went on a jeep safari excursion through the national park, ate local meals, relaxed at the beach, and visited the historical town of Nessebar.

"In Nessebar I went to the salt and mud baths," said Holmes. "We all had to sit in the Salt Lakes of Bourgas, which smell of sulfur. Then we had to cover ourselves with rich, dark mud and wait for it to dry before washing it off in the ocean."

Holmes also expressed her unexpected liking of Turkey during her semester at sea.

"Although Turkey wasn't my favorite port on this trip, I did enjoy a lot about it," she said. "I was glad we were able to be in a country that is primarily Muslim, and were able to see how people act during Ramadan. It was interesting to hear the call to prayer five times a day." Holmes explained how her semester at sea left a long lasting impression. It was the trip that helped her realize what she loved to do.

"I discovered who I really am," Holmes said. "It was when I didn't have the things that made me feel content that I had to know who I was and what I wanted. I found myself when I became a traveler."

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W. Volleyball goes 2-1 over the weekend

Emily Pepe
Staff Reporter

The Pitt Center was flooded with Pioneer red and white as the Sacred Heart University women’s volleyball team battled the Big East powerhouse Marquette University. In front of a packed crowd of over 600 screaming fans last Thursday night.

The ladies fell short of a victory as they lost 3-1 in a non-conference match.

"It was a good effort against a very strong opponent," said head coach Rob Machan. "We competed hard for most of the match and were able to keep pressure on Marquette at all times.

The Golden Eagles came ready to attack in the first game taking an early 8-3 lead over the Pioneers. The girls would fight back cutting the lead to 13-8. It would be all Marquette from there as they finished the game 25-15.

After the first game, the Pioneers regrouped and re-focused as they came out on fire, turning the table on Marquette taking an early 4-1 lead in the second game. This early surge had the student Heart Attack section pumped up and feeling confident in their team.

"When we have the break we need to be very aggressive," said senior Jessica Colberg. "The first five points are very important." said senior Johanna Ovesenek and graduate student Kim-mee Roleder as they led the team. Ovesenek finished the set with six kills while Roleder had nine.

Marquette would test the Pioneers defense, closing the gap several times before the Pioneers finally closed the game winning 25-22.

"We came out strong in the first set, but we got out jousted to Marquette’s physicality, but after we did, we recognized that even though we weren’t as tall as they were across the board, we were just as physical," said Machan. "It was more of the team gaining confidence in what we can do."

Going into the third game both teams were even at one game apiece, but it would be the Golden Eagles once again taking control winning the third game 27-25 and take the match 3-1.

"I enjoy working with an athlete coming to rehab and treatment and having that feel good about what they're learning in the classroom, to what they’re doing on the court," said Stritch. "They are very proactive when it comes to rehab and treatment and have a great program with the younger student athletes that are learning hands on in there everyday," said Evans.

The students trainers must also be present at games and practices while attending school, "Developing patient trust makes us more effective at our job," said Bonini. "We feel that our role is to facilitate with the athletes to help the team to apply what they're learning in the classroom, to what they are seeing," she added.

There are 31 varsity teams and 23 club sports on campus. When these athletes are in pain or hurt, they are taken care of by the athletic training staff. The trainers typically treat a number of injuries ranging from soreness in muscles to anterior cruciate ligament tears.

When an injury occurs, we do an evaluation and then we can heat, ice, or need to refer to physicians if needed and also provide rehabilitation programs.

If an athlete gets hurt there are a number of activities that an athletic trainer can provide.

"The training staff here is second to none," said Jones. "They know how to take care of players, and give them all of the best options available in diagnosing injuries."

Student-athletes also play a pivotal role in the athletic training room.

They get outfitted to all of our varsity sports, club sports, high schools as well as other colleges in the area," said assistant athletic trainer, Shannon Bonini.

"Their job is to facilitate with the athletic trainer to help the team to apply what they're learning in the classroom, to what they are seeing," she added.

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Field Hockey ‘Sticks it to Cancer’

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Staff Reporter

Laced in pink, the Sacred Heart University field hockey team tightened up their gear and gripped their sticks freshly wrapped in pink tape ready to face Lock Haven University.

This match was more than just a game to them as they had a more important cause in mind.

The field hockey team participated in the second annual ‘Stick it to Cancer’ campaign Saturday afternoon held by the leading cancer charity, National Foundation for Cancer Research.

“Our first year doing the ‘Stick it to Cancer’ game so I am really excited to be representing such a great cause,” said red shirt junior goalkeeper Kelsey Cox.

The campaign is very close to home for Sacred Heart’s field hockey team. The game and event was dedicated to Ken Hoepner, father of junior defender Maddie Hoepner, who is battling Central Nervous System Lymphoma. He is recently received a successful stem cell transplant.

The support shown by the team is an example of the unity of the Sacred Heart field hockey team.

“I feel blessed to have such giving and loving teammates,” Hoepner said.

“The fact that my coaches and team have dedicated the dedication be towards my dad shows me how much the school cares for its members.”

Although it is the team’s first time participating, the overwhelming response to the event suggests otherwise.

“Coach Blais said, “The amount of support we have received in such a short amount of time has been tremendous.”

With only one mass e-mail, Sacred Heart students were more than willing to join in.

“After sending one global we have had people from all over campus wanting to purchase shirts and bake for the bake sale.” Blais said.

Players from other teams at Sacred Heart also showed their support for cancer this weekend. Members of the football team wore pink armbands and used pink tape for their game against Central Connecticut.

Freshman running back Keshard Spence wore his new pink Nike cleats in support.

“My aunt had breast cancer and she beat it. I’m a big supporter of the breast cancer cause so I felt like going all out for all the people across the world who have breast cancer. It made me feel like I was playing for all of them,” said Spence.

The event gave fans and students outside of the field hockey team a chance to come together and support a major cause.

Hoepner said, “I’m just glad that we can do something to support the NFCR’s pursuit for a cure. I think the more awareness we bring, the more people will realize that cancer really isn’t that rare of a thing and that it has probably impacted someone you know.”

W Soccer falls short on Pennsylvania road trip

Peter Mormino
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart University women’s soccer team traveled to Pennsylvania this past weekend to take on the Red Flash of Saint Francis University (PA) and the Colonials of Robert Morris University.

The Pioneers would come up empty after dropping both games, making their record 1-6-1 (1-2-1) on the year.

“This weekend was a rough one, it’s unfortunate that we worked hard, but were unable to get what we wanted,” said junior Lauren Boccio.

“If we keep our heads up and stay focused for the rest of the season we’ll sit right where we want to be for the NEC playoffs,” said Boccio.

The Pioneers were relentless, out-shooting the Red Flash 14-7, but were unable to capitalize with double the attempts.

2010’s NEC Player of the Year Tena McKibben put two behind junior goalkeeper Sydney Judkins, leading the Red Flash past the Pioneers 2-0.

“We fought hard and it was a tough game, especially with the field conditions,” said senior Amanda Stiles. “The game was much slower. It was difficult to play the game we’re used to.”

The Pioneers would travel to Moon Township, Penn. for their second game of the weekend.

A cold and rainy afternoon lead to an overall slower and duller. The final whistle blew leaving the Pioneers on the better end of it after a hard fought 90 minutes in addition to overtime.

“The field was barely playable,” said senior Erika Wicke. “The ball wouldn’t even move because of the puddles and puddles were everywhere. It was a mud pit.”

Outshooting their opponent once again, the Pioneers had 13 shots to Robert Morris’ seven. The Pioneers also had 14 corners to the Colonials three corners.

Unable to benefit from their offensive opportunities, the Pioneers were held scoreless.

“We dominated the whole game against Robert Morris, but we didn’t finish on our opportunities so unfortunately they scored with four minutes left in overtime,” said Wicke.

The Colonials ended the game in the second overtime when Jamie Merrit sent in a deep crossing pass to Brianne Bell who settled and touch delivered a shot past Judkins.

“We’re learning from these losses and know what we need to correct and we’re putting this behind us to continue to strive for our goals,” said Stiles.

Coach Kim Banner is currently in her seventh season heading the Pioneers women’s soccer program.

“Earning a spot in the Northeast Conference playoffs in her first three seasons, she is looking to make a fourth appearance.”

“Coach Banner is constantly striving to make our team better,” said junior Mikela Wolf. “Doing whatever it takes is imperative in being successful, and our ultimate goal of becoming the top team in the Northeast Conference is what we are seeking.”

Junior captain Jen Mulvey also credited Coach Banner as well.

“She’s definitely had a new coaching outlook going into this year,” said Mulvey.

“Her philosophy has helped our team on and off the field bringing us closer together as well as more of a well-rounded team.

Mulvey continues to keep a positive outlook on the rest of the season, not letting the events from this weekend in Pennsylvania.

“We had a rough weekend in Pennsylvania but it’s going to motivate us to work that much harder throughout the rest of the season,” she said.

The Pioneers dropped both of their contests this past weekend,

“It’s helpful that she stresses the importance of learning from the losses and moving forward.”

The Pioneers understand it is vital to have a short-term memory after a loss and move forward.

“The losses this weekend are going to light a fire under our team which will push us to work harder,” said junior Mia Gardner.

“We have a good portion of our conference games left on our schedule, finishing strong will be key in determining our playoff position.”

The Pioneers travel to Bryant University on Sunday for a match against the Bulldogs.

The Pioneers return home next Friday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. on Campus Field against Fairleigh Dickinson University. The Pioneer schedule consists of NEC play the rest of the way, closing out the regular season with four of five games on Campus Field.

Stats courtesy of Sacred Heart Athletic Communications.
Freshman Alissa Young (#12) flies high in a losing effort to Marquette. The Pioneers travel to West Point, NY for a match with Army tonight (Oct. 5).