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There is a quietness throughout campus as tragedy hits close to home this past week. Freshman Will Cadogan was found dead in his dorm room late afternoon on Thursday, Oct. 18 after suffering from unknown causes. He was 19-years-old and lived in the Business Living Learning Community on the fifth floor of Roncolli Hall.

Despite his short tenure here at Sacred Heart University, news of his untimely death spread to hundreds of students over the course of three hours and reached over 750 students to attend a prayer service in his honor at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Father Jerry and Dr. David Coppola, Vice President of Strategic Planning, led the service and reflection while President Petillo read a poem titled "Death is nothing at all," by Henry Scott Holland, to the community.

The church pews and vestibule of the chapel were packed with students grieving over this loss for the community and remained silent throughout the service. Afterwards, everyone congregated outside on the quad and stood in a circle, holding lit candles and offering prayers.

Regardless of his short time on campus as a pioneer, the student body showed their support for a fallen community.

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News across the world

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Pakistan Girl Shot

ISLAMABAD (AP) According to reports, the shooting of a 14-year-old educational activist Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan by members of the Taliban has sparked international outrage as well as overwhelming support for the young schoolgirl.

Members of the Taliban climbed onto her school bus and shot her in the head for promoting the education of girls.

In order to give Yousafzai the best medical care possible she was put on a medical jet and sent to a hospital in Birmingham, England to undergo treatment.

Syrian Holiday Cease-Fire

UNITED NATIONS (AP) United Nations and Arab league officials are hoping for a cease-fire agreement in Syria. This will at least temporarily suspend the fighting that has been occurring for over 19 months and would allow citizens to honor the Muslim holiday Id al-Adha.

Muslims all through the Middle East and worldwide begin to celebrate this holiday on Oct. 26 which is in remembrance of Abraham who was willing to show obedience to God by offering to sacrifice his own son.

Officials are also hoping that the cease-fire will allow for a more political stability and allow for a more democratic political process.

Syrian president Bashar al-Assad and those fighting against him have yet to agree to any negotiations or cease-fire whatsoever.

According to Anti-Regime activists and the United Nations, and estimated 33,000 people have been killed since the uprising started in March 2011.
Nursing Director receives prestigious award

Caitlin Feeney
Staff Reporter

The Connecticut Nurses Association or CNA has awarded Sacred Heart University Director of Undergraduate Nursing, Kathleen Fries, one of their highest honors.

At the CNA’s annual awards ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 18, Fries received The Josephine A. Dolan Award for Outstanding Contributions to Nursing Education.

According to the Conn. Nurses’ Association, the Josephine A. Dolan Award “recognizes innovations and achievements in areas which may include, but not necessarily limited to: improving the quality of the educational environment; developing new learning approaches to subject matter; strengthening faculty, clarifying and enlarging nursing education’s role in society.”

“I am honored to be nominated by nurse educator peers and then to receive the award, was an even bigger blessing for me,” said Fries. “I am proud to work among dedicated nurse educators and expert nursing clinicians. As a team, we provide teaching activities that are interesting, engaging and clinically relevant.”

Many students supported the nomination.

“Doctor Fries is very passionate about her work which shows through her teaching,” said junior Jennifer O’Rourke. “She also has a unique style of teaching that allows and keeps all of her students engaged in the lesson.”

Kathleen Fries’ degrees and certifications include: Ph.D., at the University of Conn., M.S.N. at Sacred Heart University, and B.S.N., at Seton Hall University. She also has specialty and training as a Certified Child Birth Educator and Lactation Consultant.

Fries is very passionate about teaching and hopes her students will continue to learn more.

“I hope my students take away a passion for life-long learning and a desire to be the very best nursing professional they can be,” said Fries. “I hope that my students are active thinkers in class and use their clinical experiences to further their classroom learning.”

Fries knows what it takes for a student to be successful.

“Attributes that promote student success include: organization, commitment to personal health, and valuing learning from each other. Many times a student peer will raise an insightful question that another peer can answer. Collaboration begins early on in Sacred Heart Nursing and benefits students, patients, and their families,” said Fries.

Andrea Coronis
News Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, polls opened at 8 a.m. for the class of 2016 to vote on the freshmen Student Government board. The polls closed at 4 p.m. and shortly after the results were released.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., students from the senior, junior, and sophomore boards sat outside of Seton, Merton, and Roncalli Hall, as well as Halsey lounge with computers to allow freshmen to vote.

We set up tables in Roncalli with a computer for freshmen to vote,” said junior board member, Alexa Oberle. “We also had speeches of the candidates printed out and were giving away t-shirts when people voted."

In the election, 577 freshmen voted and 13 students ran for office. The students elected were: Chloe Smith – President, Sawyer Butto – Vice President, Rachel Carpen – Secretary, and the Senate members are Ayesh Noman, Brianna Grills, Dierdre Schaefer, and Alissa Watts.

Prior to voting, students running for positions were allowed to campaign. Newly elected class president, Chloe Smith, went about campaigning in a very productive way.

“I hung the traditional posters and flyers, but it was meeting the students that made it exciting,” said Smith. “I went door to door to all the freshmen dorms with candy bars and cookies. It was great getting a chance to speak to everyone and I figured food is always a good conversation starter!”

Student Body President, Miss James, was very pleased with how everything turned out on Election Day.

“I am very excited about the new board,” said James. “They all seem extremely enthusiastic and full of ideas to unify their class.”

On Friday, Oct. 20, all of Student Government E-Board put together a series of bonding activities for the boards to get acquainted with one another as well as learn different methods of handling situations.

“The Executive Board worked as a team to lead activities related to communication, working as a team, balance, and how to treat those you work with,” said James.

Members who participated thought the activities were informative and helpful to their board. One of the activities was having members sit back to back and explain to the other an image they had to draw.

“The drawing activity really made me think of how hard it is to accomplish a task without being able to ask for help from my peers,” said senior class Vice President, Torkel Knutson. “I won’t take for granted the ease of communication my board has formed.”

The activities were both engaging and educational and were meant to be applied with real life situations during their time in Student Government.

“It was a great balance between learning and fun,” said James.

The new board is excited to get started with their term for this year.

“I am honored to be a representative to be a member on this board,” said Smith. “I will use this opportunity to not just have a seat at the table but to have an active voice for my class and SHU.”
Donald Hinton
Staff Reporter

The smell of pumpkin pie, cinnamon and peppermint can only mean one thing: the craze for fall season flavors has begun.

The recent fall flavor trend has spread to popular products like coffee and doughnuts and even to potato chips. According to New York Magazine, "pumpkin is the new bacon."

The increase in fall flavored foods has gained a lot of attention from Sacred Heart University students.

Many Sacred Heart students have embraced this fall food trend. "It’s great," said senior Kimberly Nania. "I just get so excited about the new flavors, food on campus has included fall flavors in their menu.

"I think it’s really awesome. I love to bake and I just love to bake pumpkin stuff in the fall," said senior Sujatha Herne. While many students delight in the new flavors, there are also many other students who aren’t impressed by them.

"I really love the fall, just not the flavors," said senior Felicia Carlini. "I get why people like the fall flavors, I’m just not a fan of the pumpkin craze and stuff." A down side to pumpkin flavored items is the high sugar content in these popular drinks and snacks.

Although many students might like pumpkin flavored soda some, think that the change in season makes companies go overboard.

"They always overdue holidays," said Carlini. "I like how they hype it up, but they take it away so quickly so it's just too limited." Some of the new items offered in the pumpkin and apple cider varities are strange but surprisingly have been widely received.

"It definitely gets you in the fall mood with all the cool flavors and new products, but it can also drag out the season of fall," said Nick Liaporri. However, other students feel that the food on campus have included fall flavors without being overbearing.

"They’ve done a good job finding a middle ground," said Nania. Having a balance of some items to choose from is a nice way of welcoming fall to campus and reminds students that the holidays are approaching.

"I don’t feel it’s too extreme," said Herne. "They don’t try and do too much and it belongs in the seasonal spirit people get.”

Whether fall flavors are something you look forward to when the seasons change or you’d rather pass on the sugary concoctions to carve a pumpkin, fall is officially here.

He Said/She Said
How are you a supportive partner?

Adam Andexler
He said

Perhaps one of my favorite things about being a couple is that you get to share in each other’s lives. You get to share experiences and adopt common interests, as well as try new things that your partner is interested in.

"My interests are truly something that has helped my relationship with my girlfriend grow quickly. Although we share many interests like tennis, she has her own interests just as I have mine."

The only real issue we have ever had with each other is her interests in involvement in Greek Life.

In the beginning, I was indifferent to her involvement. Because our relationship was new, I did not want to cause problems by telling her that I was beginning to dislike her involvement in her sorority.

A few months in, as our relationship and the situation with the sorority progressed, I thought it was necessary to voice my opinion about her involvement. She was holding her back as both a person and a student.

Initially she brushed off my concern, telling me that I didn’t know what I was talking about. She believed that her sorority and her Charlie was the main reason she was here. She was very concerned about her as much as they did.

As her boyfriend, I tried to help her when she experienced problems with finding her own click within the sisterhood. I gave her my opinion on what she should do because I wanted to see her happy.

Suddenly, my ramblings about how the sorority life wasn't for her started to make sense. I don’t mean to make blanket statements, but I feel as though the whole sorority lifestyle is both overrated and counterproductive. In whole, it should have been a wonderful thing.

However, in order to miss any meeting or activity she needed written permission from one of the higher-ups in the sorority. This sounds ridiculous to me.

No other non-sport group on campus executes this kind of unprecedented control.

What angered me the most was how they chose who the socialized with by assigning mandatory "sister dates." where she must hang out with people outside the sorority, who share the same values as she does, and overall she is a happier person.

Weird. They're not necessarily in the same ship with Johnny in high school, I was members in the sorority who share the same values as she does, and overall she is a happier person. We are the type that falls in love easily. We are the type that rolls with the punches and goes with the flow.

And although being supportive of one another is important to me, I thought it would be better to tell her my honest feelings rather than lie about how I felt.

Telling the truth in a relationship trumps any other rule.

Amy Nunes
She said

According to the ten commandments of relationships I would say that coming in close second to thy shall not kill is thou shall be supportive. It kind of goes without saying, but for all the socially unawared and insensitive folk, I will explain.

Disclaimer: If you want to be THAT overbearing boyfriend/girlfriend that doesn’t let their significant other participate in anything that doesn’t involve you then stop reading immediately. Please draw your attention to a large portion of humble pie praised with a side of get the hell out of here. No really, get out.

Johnny is a runner. He comes from a family of very talented runners, thus lives and breathes running. He attends Columbia University where he was recruited to run.

I am his biggest fan. The way he talks about running is beautiful, passionate even. You can feel his passion when he speaks about it. Going into my relationship with Johnny in high school, I was unknowledgeable of everything track.

Over the years I’ve learned and can honestly call myself a track fan. I became knowledgeable because I care.

What I’m attracted to the most myself in everything he does, especially running. Sure it takes up a lot of his time and it’s hard for us to visit each other because our seasons overlap but we survive.

Trust me, I am not a robot. I do miss him when I’m not with him but you have to look at things in perspective and be selfless.

People are often too selfish in relationships. Complaining about your relationship on Facebook and how you have not seen your girlfriend/boyfriend in over 3 hours is a little obsessive. Give me a break. I mean if you aren’t supportive of your significant other’s passions at least get some of your own. I wouldn’t want to date a non-motivated person. What’s your passion? I would want an involved, busy, passionate person over an uninvolved, uninterested one any day.

Johnny and I are both in college doing the things that we love and are passionate about.

The key to a successful relationship is to let each other grow and thrive in each other’s passions. By listening and being supportive, a stronger relationship will grow simultaneously.

So, if you don’t like or are uninterested in your significant other’s passions, my advice is to hop off the complaint train, stop tweeting about it, ask questions. You are their cheerleader. Celebrate their accomplishments and hard work.

Oscar Wilde said, “Never love anybody who treats you like you’re ordinary.” He is a good man. I agree with his quote because the fact everyone has unique talents and passions that they will undoubtedly pursue. As a significant other, or a decent human being for that matter, support of these passions is essential.
Unfriending political differences

Tiffani Lynch
Staff Reporter

With the election rapidly approaching, politics could be playing a role in arguments between friends via social networking sites.

Samantha Stokes.

"Voting is private."

"Not everyone is going to agree with your political stance, but that is one thing to do," said sophomore Sarah Collins. CNN.com said Twitter reported that 10.3 million tweets were posted during the first presidential debate. This makes the debate the most popular U.S. political event on Twitter.

"During the debate my news feed was packed with political statuses," said Collins.

"If you feel that strongly about it, you should post all the time — not just during the debate."

According to CNN.com about one-fifth of people confess to defriending, hiding, or blocking someone on social media over political postings.

"If they’re constantly posting up a status, I would just defriend them," said Oberle.

Today.com reported that a recent survey conducted showed that 18 percent of people on social networking sites have defriended, blocked, or hidden someone because of political postings.

"I would defriend people because of a political status. People delete other people because of spelling words wrong," said Corbo.

"I think half the people who post statuses about politics don’t even actually vote," said junior Britanna Lauria. "They just need something to complain about."

According to today.com, 16 percent of people who utilize social networking sites have followed or friended someone because they have the same political opinions.

"It’s not going to change anyone’s opinion," said Oberle. "If I’m voting for a certain candidate and I see someone posted something about the opposing candidate on the Internet, it’s not going to change my decision."

While some students do not find Internet postings helpful or useful, other students do.

"I think it gets an idea in your head that you might not have thought of before," said sophomore Sarah Collins.

"We take it pretty seriously yet we don’t we're taking it too seriously," said Carabott. "It’s not going to change anyone’s mind."

"It’s not going to change anyone’s mind," said Oberle. "If you have been a victim of a "CreepShots," are prohibited to post pictures of someone without their knowledge or will."
Editorials

A neurosurgeon’s ascent into Heaven

Mark Podesta
Asst. News Editor

Envision yourself as a neurosurgeon, one of the best in your field. You have a wife, two kids, both boys, have worked at some of the most prestigious hospitals and clinics in the United States, and teach medical school classes at Harvard. Sounds a tad bit like a fantasy, right?

Imagine yourself waking up one morning terminally ill, and several hours later, diagnosed with meningitis. A rare case of meningitis born from a bacterium known as E. coli, and it is attacking the cortex of your brain. Sounds a tad bit like a fantasy, more like a nightmare now.

For Dr. Eben Alexander, both of the aforementioned scenarios were and still are realities for him.

Alexander was diagnosed with meningitis in the fall of 2008 and spent seven days in a coma in the bacteria attacking his cortex, the physical “conscience” of the brain.

Knowing himself that the chances of surviving the meningitis were extremely low, Alexander was almost positive he would not last very long.

However, after seven days spent in a coma, he woke up and told his colleagues, friends and family, he had visited “Heaven.”

Heaven, in its Oct. 15 edition, where the neurosurgeon

My personal experience with special needs children and adults ranges from a classroom, to summer camp, to friendship. In all of my experiences, I treat them the way I would treat any other student, camper, or friend.

A disabled person wants nothing more than to feel normal and welcome in their environment.

The power of words

Taylor Lane
Asst. Features Editor

Saying “that’s so gay” is very offensive and may affect someone more than you think.

Teenagers who struggle to find their sexual identity are susceptible to bullying terms like these. You may not realize it, but you are a bully and could be harming someone more than you think.

The solution is easy: just don’t say it. I urge all of you to stop the use of gay to mean stupid, such as Think B4 You Speak.

Stop accepting this offensive phrase from yourself and others around you. Make a change in yourself and others will follow that’s how things change for the better.

The solution is easy: just don’t say it. I ask all of you to not to use these terms and with my team alone, there are 21 people who care more about personal dignity than a good laugh.
May the 'stache be with SHU

Amy Nunes
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University will be sprouting some interesting facial hair on its male students this November. The Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) are in the midst of spreading awareness in a fun and tangible way by becoming walking billboards for the cause.

"I thought it would be a fun experience especially since I haven't done Movember before. I can grow some mean facial hair and it's for a great cause," said junior Brendan Finnigan.

For many on campus, their reason for involvement is on a more personal level. "Seeing my father go through the mental and physical struggle of dealing with this disease personally obviously stuck a chord within myself, and I wanted to help in any way that I could, for him, and any other man. When I heard about the Movember movement, I was ecstatic about the levels we can take the project to next year!" said Pryzby.

Sacred Heart athletes, in particular, are advocates for Movember. As Division I teams, their leadership helps with the momentum of the entire movement on campus. The men's lacrosse team is fully invested.

"We are participating collectively as a team. We are trying to grow out our mustaches to spread awareness in a unified way. You know every little mustache helps," said junior Alex Dvoresky.

Pryzby and his group have high hopes for the organization and its possible growth opportunities at Sacred Heart.

"We are so amped about the success we have enjoyed thus far, and are even more excited about the levels we can take the project to next year!" said Pryzby.

To register or find information on how Sacred Heart does Movember go to: http://kiralyo.wix.com/movember_shu.

You can also "Like" Sacred Heart's Movember page on Facebook to get updates on all upcoming Movember information at: https://www.facebook.com/SHU/Movember

\[AP Photo\]

\[San Francisco pitcher Britton Wilson during game 6 of the NLCS shows off his impressive mustache and beard.\]

University's laptop program fails to impress

Samantha Iarussi
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University's class of 2013 was the last group of students to experience the laptop program. This program allowed students being able to choose between a Lenovo or Apple MacBook and the cost would be included within their tuition.

"I love my staff, I didn't know anyone prior to my RSA position, but together we have become great friends and created strong friendships," said Pathoomvanh.

Aside from the many duties and responsibilities that the Resident Success Assistants have to freshmen, they are also advocates for Movember. As a non-profit organization, Movember aims to provide men and their families with better access to information on prevention and early detection of prostate and testicular cancer.

"My RSA position has been a wonderful experience for me so far. It has taught me many skills that will be beneficial in the future," said Pathoomvanh.

Lauren Rodrigues
Staff Reporter

Upperclassmen Residential Success Assistants or RSA's, have expressed a magnitude of insight regarding their passion and reasoning in involvement with Residential Life at Sacred Heart University, specifically inside freshman dorms.

"As an upperclassmen RSA, I have the opportunity to get to know the freshmen. I can tell that they look up to me for advice and as a big sister type role model," said junior Chelsea Feola.

Being in charge of Seton Hall's fifth floor, her connections with the students have both inspired and enhanced her enrollment at Sacred Heart. Getting involved and connected within the Sacred Heart Community can be two important aspects in strengthening a college experience.

"Being an RSA helped improve my experience at Sacred Heart. It allowed me to open up to new people that I wouldn't normally open up to," said Feola.

One of the most important jobs of an RSA is to aid in the transition of freshman undergoing during their first year in college.

RSA and junior Megan Pathoomvanh applied for the position with the full intention of giving back to other students during this transitional time.

"What made me personally interested in becoming a RSA is the impact our own RSA had on me my freshman year at Sacred Heart. Freshman year first semester, I wasn't involved in anything, but upon getting to know my RSA, I started to get involved my second semester. My RSA being there for me within my transitions, inspired me to help others with their transitions," said Pathoomvanh.

The positive experience that RSA's reveal is an environment that keeps students reapplying for the position.

Senior Cole Campbell has been an RSA for the past three years, two of which he has spent in Seton Hall.

"Freshman year can be a very stressful time for a lot of students and as an RSA I can be a positive influence and resource for my residents. That feeling keeps me coming back each year," said Campbell.

Applications for a Resident Success Assistant position can be obtained through the Residential Life portion of the university's website. Positions for the spring semester are usually limited, however applications are available in the spring semester for a vast number of positions for the following academic year.

RSAs: leading the way on campus

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Holly Johnson, Sophomore
"My look is almost all from Forever 21 or borrowed from my roommates. I wanted to be comfortable but not look lazy."

Paul Eisele, Freshman
"I'm wearing BCBG pants and a D Brand shirt. I like to be casual."

Jaclyn Fee, Senior
"I got most of my outfit from Ooh La La. I had to go to a college fair and wanted to dress up a bit."

Georgio Scalone, Junior
"My whole outfit is from Macy's, I just got some new clothes from there so I wanted to wear them."

Movie Reel: Ben Affleck's ARGO

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Assistant News Editor

Ben Affleck’s third directorial outing "Argo" is part political thriller, part dark satire, expertly crafted to make a compelling and tense film. "Argo" is easily one of the best pictures of the year thus far, and surely an Oscar contender.

After the critical and popular successes of "Gone Baby Gone" and "The Town," Affleck has proven for a third consecutive time that he has considerable talent as a director. "Argo" is, quite simply, his most mature and impressive film to date.

"Argo" recounts the harrowing story of the unbelievable and outlandish rescue attempt of the CIA to bring home six American foreign service workers who escaped the storming of the American Embassy in Iran on Nov. 4, 1979. These individuals take refuge in the home of the Canadian ambassador, fearful for their lives.

Under the direction of CIA member and specialist Tony Mendez, the government puts into motion plans to extract the six using the guise of a film crew sent to Iran to scout locations for an upcoming science fiction picture, named "Argo".

"Argo" slowly crafts a mounting sense of terror and dread of almost unbearable intensity. Tension-filled moments of quiet contemplation and fear-induced rage of the American service workers, coupled with the mounting threat of the rebellion, work to create suspense and fear.

The harsh terror of scenes in Iran and the CIA are compared to Hollywood in the 1970's. Lightheartedness is brought to "Argo" through these sequences, anchored by excellent performances from Alan Arkin and John Goodman.

Stylistically, "Argo" is stunningly shot - blending traditional camera movements and filters with a handheld and distressed look that resembles archival news footage. This highlights the historical nature of the picture, and creates a sense of urgency and intensity.

The only fault of the picture, surprisingly, comes from the performance of Affleck himself. Affleck often comes across as flat and one-dimensional on screen, making the character somewhat uninteresting.

"Argo" is a riveting and tense thriller filled with clever, powerful writing and exceptional performances.

Directed with an impressive attention to visual and stylistic detail and a careful hand, Affleck has truly proven his profound abilities behind the camera.
TLC shows leading the pack in reality television

Honey Boo Boo has higher ratings than the Presidential Debates

Kathleen Perzanowski
Staff Reporter

What do two conjoined twins, a family with 19 kids, a seven-year-old pageant contestant, and Amish people living in New York City have in common? They all have their own television show on TLC.

The television network TLC is home to 35 different shows, all of which are reality based. These popular shows include "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," "Long Island Medium," and "Breaking Amish." Many of them are on the rise, even beating out political coverage in ratings.

Even with their growing popularity, some Sacred Heart University students can't seem to catch onto the trend.

"I find them ridiculous," said freshman Ben Ketchem. "I think they're popular because they catch people's attention, but they're odd."

According to Nielsen's overnight ratings, "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo" managed to beat Fox News' coverage of the Republican National Convention back in Aug., drawing in 2.9 million viewers compared to Fox's 1.2 million.

The show follows the seven-year-old pageant star Alana Thompson, also known as Honey Boo Boo Child, and her family. Viewers get an inside look into the lives of the Thompson household, from Alana's birthday party to celebrating Christmas in July.

"It's really funny in a terrible way," said senior Brooke Perlee. "I feel embarrassed for the family, they are so blissfully unaware of how ignorant they are."

The show debuted early in August and recently finished off its first season on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Some news sources are claiming that it has just an exploitive. According to an article by NY Daily News, "Alana gives an impression that she is in on the joke, but she's not."

The sassy pageant queen knows how to work an audience, wagging her finger and saying her catch phrases, such as, "A dolla makes me holla."

Although she hasn't been able to bring herself to watch the show yet, media studies professor Sally Ross said, "watching something like 'Honey Boo Boo' is important for understanding the current media climate."

Another popular, but controversial TLC show is "Breaking Amish," where four Amish people and one Mennonite leave their homes in the country side to experience New York City.

"It's weird but entertaining show," said senior Lora Street. "The acting style reminds me of MTV shows."

According to the show's description on TLC.com, "Breaking Amish provides a never-before-seen look inside the lives of young men and women as they, for the first time, trade horse and buggy with taxi cabs to break out from their respective Amish/Mennonite communities in their pursuit to chase big dreams in the Big Apple."

However, a CBS affiliate, WHP-TV, from Harrisburg, Pa., has revealed articles and court records claiming the show is false or exaggerated. According to the page, some of the cast members have married, divorced, have children, and one cast member reportedly left the faith years ago.

A Facebook page titled "Breaking Amish: the Truth" was created to "provide a respectful forum to document misleading aspects of TLC's 'Breaking Amish' and pass on accurate information about Amish and Mennonites."

The page contains questions and answer segments from general questions about the Amish, to questions specified to certain cast members, but is not affiliated with TLC.

"Within the first 30 seconds of the first episode, I knew something wasn't right," said Street.

Whether the shows are real, fake or incredibly exaggerated, Sacred Heart students still love to watch TLC's popular shows.

"My roommate and I started looking up the show to see how real it was and found that the show wasn't what it claimed to be, however I still enjoy watching it," said Street.

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When I think of fall music, there is one band that comes to mind and it happens to be "Mumford and Sons." Not only because their new album "Babel" premiered Sept. 24 but also because their style is perfect for the season.

According to The Chicago Tribune, "Babel" sold 96,000 copies in its third week and remains at the top of the Billboard 200 album chart.

The new album from the folk-rock quartet bears heavy resemblance to their last album "Sigh No More." However, this album seems as if Mumford breathed new life into it. With more live, acoustic sounds on this album, "Babel"'s songs will have you tapping your foot while the steady sound of the percussion keeps a steady and catchy beat.

Lead singer Marcus Mumford's strong voice is complemented by fast paced strumming on the banjo and soft melodic sounds of the acoustic guitar.

"Babel" has a biblical style to the poetic lyrics sung by Mumford and remains consistent throughout the album.

Songs that I particularly enjoy are the Title track "Babel," "I Will Wait," and "Below My Feet." The smart heartfelt lyrics sung by Mumford provide the listeners with a genuine feeling of the many aspects of relationships and life.

I did not find anything wrong with this album. I thought that it had the perfect dose of energy and found all of the songs to be catchy. "Babel" may be this year's best album and is the epitome of fall music.
**Women's Soccer**

The women's soccer team defeated Robert Morris Colonials in a crucial NEC victory on Sunday Oct. 21, 1-0. The game honored the seniors of the team during a pre-game ceremony. Sophomore midfielder Kristin Verrette scored the only goal of the game in the first half off an assist by freshman midfielder Jacquelyn Roth. Senior goalkeeper Sydney Judkins completed her third shutout of the season. The Pioneers controlled the whole game with 11 shots. The team's record improves to 4-3-1 in the NEC and 7-8-1 overall! The Pioneers travel to Quinnipiac on Tuesday for their next NEC game at 2 p.m.

**Field Hockey**

The Sacred Heart women's field hockey team lost on Friday Oct. 19 to St. Francis (PA) 2-1 in overtime. R-Freshman Liz Bergman scored the only goal of the game with an assist by junior Stephanie Fyve in the second half. Making eight saves in the game was freshman Mary Altepeter.

On Sunday Oct. 21, the Pioneers faced Robert Morris and fell 2-1. Senior Lindsay Kasen scored the only goal for Sacred Heart at the end of the second quarter unassisted. The Pioneers take on Bryant University this Friday Oct. 26 at campus field and travel to compete against St. Francis College on Sunday Oct. 28.

**Pioneers duked in Pittsburgh**

Dan Otzel

Sports Editor

Following the efficient disposal of Dartmouth College of the Ivy League on Oct. 13, the Sacred Heart University football team's schedule took a familiar turn. Beginning on Saturday, the Sacred Heart Pioneers five-game stretch run consisted of only Northeast Conference opponents.

However, Duquesne University proved to be quite inhospitable to the conference-returning warriors of Sacred Heart; and, in front of a packed house at Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Duquesne Dukes handed the Pioneers a 35-3 loss.

Coming off a career-high of 138 rushing yards against Dartmouth, Sacred Heart sophomore running back Keshidus Spence was held to 69 yards on 17 carries while the Duquesne defense limited the Pioneer offense to just 215 total yards, one yard shy of their season low.

On the other side of the ball, the Sacred Heart defense, ranked second in the NEC heading into the game, surrendered 355 yards of total offense, including 199 yards on the ground. Duquesne junior running back Larry McCoy, the 12th leading rusher in the nation, contributed 93 yards on 22 rushes.

Duquesne University's offense began their scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tim Sexton to senior running back Larry McCoy, the 12th leading rusher in the nation, contributing 93 yards on 22 rushes.

"We held him in check," said Sacred Heart head coach Mark Nofri. "For the leading rusher in the conference, to hold him to 90 yards, I was pleased with that.

Also, the Pioneers plus-two takeaway margin was erased, as they turned the ball over three times. Junior linebacker Justin Sexton recorded Sacred Heart's only turnover when he grabbed the team's-high third interception on the Dukes' first drive of the game.

Sexton, who is 18th in the country in tackles, also picked up five tackles and a sack.

After Sexton's pick, both teams were quiet until the beginning of the second quarter. 2:45 into the second frame, Duquesne senior quarterback Sean Patterson capped an eight-play, 51-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead.

Patterson accounted for all five Duquesne touchdowns, three on the ground and two through the air, and 208 of the team's 355 yards of total offense.

Following two punts from each squad, the Pioneers got on the board after their long drive of the afternoon stalled on the one. Sacred Heart r-sophomore kicker Chris Rogers nailed an 18-yard field goal, cutting the Duquesne lead to 7-3 with 48 seconds left.

That would be more than enough time for Patterson.

With seven ticks left, Patterson hit junior wide receiver Gianni Carter with a 44-yard touchdown strike, putting the exclamation point on a 34-second, five play drive and giving the Dukes a 14-3 halftime advantage.

"We were on the one-yard line with fourth down and it was 7-0," said Nofri. "I thought if I can get the points and go into half at 7-3, with them getting the ball in the second half, we'd have some moments and be only down one score. But, unfortunately, one of our corners blew a coverage...and [Patterson] threw a bomb over his head to score. That killed us."

The next 30 minutes would quickly unravel into unwelcomed repetition for the Pioneers, as they were shut out in the second half for the third time this season.

"Offensively," said Rogers, "we just need to gain momentum and keep rolling with it. That's what we were able to do against Central Connecticut and Dartmouth. I think if we can continue with that mentality, scoring will be no problem.

Following a 23-yard miss from Rogers on the first Sacred Heart possession of the second half, it was all Duquesne. Patterson rushed for touchdowns on the next two Duquesne possessions, from 15 yards and 44 yards out respectively, giving the Dukes a comfortable 28-3 lead.

Patterson finished the scoring midway through the fourth quarter when he hit Carter again, this time from 12 yards out, for the 35-3 final.

Carter, the Dukes leading receiver, finished with four catches for 86 yards.

"I don't think our kids...played up to their potential," said Nofri. "I told them all that frustrates me—if you don't play up to your potential. I don't think we played as hard as we played throughout the year. I think that the score doesn't do justice of how we are compared to them."

Defensively for Duquesne, junior linebacker Dorian Bell terrorized the Pioneers all day. Bell left the field with 14 tackles, five tackles for loss, four sacks, and a forced fumble. He also intercepted Sacred Heart r-junior quarterback Tim Little in the first quarter, one of two Little picks.

Little finished 15-27 for 111 yards, his first 100-yard passing game in a month.

Sophomore defensive tackle Troy Moore led the Pioneers with nine tackles.

The loss drops Sacred Heart to 2-5 overall and 1-3 in the NEC, tied with Robert Morris and Central Connecticut State for last place.

"I think we have just as much potential as we did last season," said Rogers. "It's just a matter of finishing games the way that we know we can."

**Combating "Tablet Neck"**

It may see silly to some, but a phenomenon best described as "Tablet Neck" has evolved along with our dependency on technology. Get the facts on "Tablet Neck."

- According to CNN Money, tablet use may be as high as 80 million users in the US alone by 2015
- Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health have studied whether using a tablet in different configurations causes neck strain
- Results in a preliminary study showed that placing a tablet on the lap created the creates neck strain
- Prolonged poor postures may also contribute to headaches

**Preventing symptoms:**

- Prop up your tablet so that the screen is angled for better reading when watching movies or reading for longer periods
- Consider a tablet case with a built in keyboard which also props up your tablet like this Folio Case from ZAGG

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Combatting "Tablet Neck"
Pioneers salvage weekend with a win

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On Oct. 19, the Sacred Heart women's ice hockey team defeated Penn State University 2-1 at home at the Wonderland of Ice. Forward Alanna Woodford scored the first goal of the game at 2:22. Sacred Heart forward Sara Harrsen scored the second goal of the game assisted by sophomore forward Melissa Robbins and sophomore forward Natasha Klinck. Rookie goalie Tucker Hackett stopped three shots in the second half. He finished with six saves.

On Thursday, the Pioneers salvaged a win against LIU Brooklyn, 3-2, at the Wonderland of Ice. With the score tied at 16, Sage delivered a four-point service run, cutting the lead to 24-23. With a five-point service run by the Bulldogs, they needed to take the set, 25-23, and the match, 3-1.

The third set was close and Sacred Heart tied it at 10 on a kill by Sage. The Blackbirds brought on the heat with when sophomore setter Vera Djuic delivered a five-point service streak, allowing LIU to keep the lead and the set, 25-15.

"Both CCSU and LIU are good teams that are not to be taken lightly," said Hackett. "Unfortunately, our team didn't really show up and give much of a fight. When we take a passive approach to the game, it's hard to get frustrated too early in the game; that is when things start going downhill."

On Sunday, the Pioneers snagged a win against St. Francis (NY), 3-1.

Sage lead the match with a .667 hitting percentage and 11 kills with only one error. Junior Dianis Mercado and senior Johanna O'Veen also delivered 11 kills for the match, but Young led all players with 12.

Sacred Heart started the first set in the lead, but the Terriers quickly gained momentum; tying the score at 16, 17, 18, and 21. With a five-point service run by the Bulldogs, the Pioneers were able to claim the set, 25-16.

"I think we brought too much energy to the game; that is when things start going downhill," said Hackett.

"We focused on putting up a solid block against St. Francis (NY)," said Roderer. "We didn't have a very good defensive game the night before with LIU and put much importance on our discipline at the net. We did a good job of having two blockers on every set, which allowed us to play good defense in the back row."

In the third set, Sacred Heart started off strong, but the Terriers fought back to tie it twice. Despite St. Francis' efforts to take charge, the Pioneers were able to claim the set, 25-16.

The fourth set was competitive, featuring five ties. With the scored tied at 16, Sage delivered a four-point service streak for the Pioneers, giving them the momentum they needed to take the set, 25-23, and the match, 3-1.

The Pioneers are back in action Saturday against Bryant at home on Sunday at Fairleigh Dickinson.

Sacred Heart is currently 5-6 in the NEC and 7-18 overall for the season.

"We do not to win the rest of our games to have any chance in the playoffs," said Hackett. "But, our team needs to approach every game with focus and calmness, since I already believe we hold most of the necessary skills."

"Right now our focus is going to be aggressive serving, attacking, and blocking," said Roderer. "We want to put pressure on the other side with our serving and attacking, but also want to be able to defend them at the net with aggression to allow our back row the best opportunity to dig their attacks. These three skills are things we can control; we control how tough we serve, we control how we attack the ball, and we control how we put our hands over the net to block."

Women's Ice Hockey

Kathryn Shepard
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's ice hockey team opened Atlantic Hockey Association play on Oct. 16 falling 7-1 to Bentley University. Sacred Heart sophomore forward Drew George put the Pioneers on the board at the 3:55 mark with a goal on a two-man advantage. Bentley responded with five more goals, each goal earned on special teams. On Friday Oct. 19, Sacred Heart suffered a 5-2 loss at Army. Senior Kyle Vobeck scored the first goal, but the Black Knights scored five unanswered goals.

Bryant took multiple shots after Castro's goal, but Sacred Heart freshman goalkeeper Tucker Hackett stopped three shots in the second half. He finished with six saves.

"The game on Friday was so important and needed," said Hackett. "We fought well as a team to come from behind to win."

With five minutes left in the game, the Pioneers took the lead on the game-winning goal from junior Omer Levy, assisted by sophomore Giancarlo Maurello.

"We came from 1-0 down in the first half to score two goals in the second half," said Barroso, "which shows the character of this team."

On Sunday, the Pioneers fell short on the road against the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils, 2-0.

The Blue Devils took the lead just before the half when sophomore Stephen Walmsley scored off the second consecutive rebound off Hackett. In the 68th minute, the Blue Devils sealed the victory with a goal from senior Reece Wilson.

Sacred Heart took six shots in the game, with only one on goal from Harris. Regardless of the five saves from Hackett, the Pioneers were unable to answer the Blue Devils on the board.

"We know we will need more wins in order to make the playoffs," said Hackett. "For our next two games we have been training hard and we are extremely focused."

Sacred Heart returns to action Sunday with a 1 p.m. match against St. Francis (NY) on Campus Field. It is the final regular season home game for the Pioneers and the men's soccer class of 2013 will be honored with a pregame ceremony.
Mike and Mike in the Evening

Greeny and Golic Come to SHU

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Staff Reporter

"If we stood next to each other," said Mike Greenberg in his first ever sentence to Mike Golic, "we would be the number 10." That sentence kick-started the current 13 year run of "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN Radio and helped bring them to the Edgerton Center on Oct. 16 as part of Sacred Heart University's Student Affairs Lecture Series.

The two became a pair in 1999 after Tony Bruno left ESPN Radio, leaving Golic as a solo radio host. After auditioning a myriad of potential replacements, ESPN Radio selected Greenberg to co-host with Golic, as their personalities complimented each other and their chemistry registered with listeners.

Golic is a nine-year veteran of the National Football League. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1985, he was drafted by the Houston Oilers — later the Tennessee Titans. Golic's career as a defensive tackle also saw him with the Philadelphia Eagles and Miami Dolphins. He took a job with ESPN in 1995, two years after he hung up his spikes. Golic easily and glowingly talks about his three children, a daughter and two sons who currently play football at Notre Dame, his alma mater.

Greenberg's story is glaringly different. A native New Yorker, who had season tickets to the New York Jets and the New Jersey Nets, Greenberg graduated from Northwestern University in 1989. After college, he worked in Chicago for several years as a sports anchor, sports reporter, and radio host. He joined ESPN in 1996.

As anticipation preceded their arrival on campus, some students, in particular Communication and Media Studies majors, had high expectations.

"I'm just excited to meet them," said senior Emily Pepe. "I do watch their show [which is simulcast on the ESPN collection of networks]; so, let's see how they got started, what their favorite part of the show is. I myself have taken a radio class here at Sacred Heart University, so I know how it works. But, I can't wait to get to hear it from the professionals of the business themselves."

And, Mike and Mike, as they are affectionately known, delivered, displaying their infectious chemistry and contrasting styles that have made them industry stalwarts.

"I thought they were very funny," said Mark Adzigian, Senior Associate AD-Operations at Sacred Heart. "They're really open with letting us know what's going on and about their families and I really enjoyed the conversations that they had with us."

While on stage, it was easy to see that Mike and Mike have fun with what they do for a living. They playfully poked fun with each other and shared stories of experiences that come with the territory. They have on "The Late Show with David Letterman" 10 times, have gone shot-for-shot with the best in the PGA, and have met a slew of different people along their journey -- including the President of the United States.

"Mike and Mike were both very personable, down to earth, and [want to know about us]," said senior Annemarie A'Heam. "[They] didn't just want to talk about sports, which I found to be more interesting and cool to listen to. Since I want to pursue sports broadcasting, I think it's great that Sacred Heart University got Mike and Mike to come here and talk to all of us. They definitely gave me a good insight about the business."

Mike and Mike have also used their popularity to give back. They are active in The V Foundation for Cancer Research, which has raised over $100 million since 1993.

But, for Mike and Mike, success is not rooted in gimmicks or personas, a refreshing break in this cutthroat industry.

"What you see is what you get," said Mike. "Always be yourself in this business."

The Sacred Heart Equestrian team held their first show of the season on Oct. 14 at the Rolling M Ranch in Southbury, CT. Junior Maggie Vogel and sophomore Allison Brooks both qualified for the Regional Championships leading the Pioneers with the high point team of 37 points.

The senior-rival team was the reserve high point team of 36 points.

Seniors Devan Beant and Meagan Korolyshin finished fourth in the open fences and sixth in open flat. Three rookie freshmen also placed well in the overall show. Freshman Sam Gesine finished third in the open fences and fourth in intermediate flat. Freshman Alison D'Amico was second in the intermediate fences and third in open flat. Freshman Rebecca Salzillo finished second in novice fences.

On Saturday, the Pioneers participated at the IHSA Fairfield University at the Mystic Valley Hunt Club in Gales Ferry, Conn. Results were not available as of press time.

The Pioneers next show is at the IHSA English Post University at Lee's Riding Stable, Inc. in Litchfield, Conn. on Saturday.