Superstorm Sandy Slams Shore

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"The Perfect Storm," "Frankenstorm," "Superstorm," "Hurricane Sandy," no matter what name it is called, the devastation left behind is known around the world. Hurricane Sandy's impact was beyond any expectations. With thousands still dealing with the aftereffects of the storm, Sandy is one of the most harmful storms to hit the East Coast.

Sandy's powerful winds were felt throughout the coast beginning on Sunday Oct. 28, but it was not until it made landfall in New Jersey on Monday that the range of its damage could be determined.

The storm changed from a category 1 hurricane to a tropical storm and back to a category 1 before merging with a cold front to become a hybrid "Superstorm," comparable to the devastating "Perfect Storm" that hit the east coast back in 1991. Although flooding has caused much damage, Sandy's rainfall is not what the storm will be remembered for. Wind speeds of up to 100mph in coastal areas were to blame for the storm surges and severe flooding.

With areas having been under several feet of water, power outages in multiple states, and downed trees and power lines throughout the coast, thousands of people were without power and suffered damage to their homes. Sandy's damage has been the cause of at least 106 deaths in the United States alone.

Areas in New York and New Jersey were the most affected by the storm. According to the Associated Press, 2.7 million homes were without power in New Jersey and 2.2 million in New York after the storm. Coastal areas of both states have been dramatically affected. Many have lost their homes and personal possessions due to the storm's impact.

Hurricane Sandy devastated shoreline homes and destroyed towns from New Jersey all the way through the New England coast. Million homes were without power in New Jersey and 2.2 million in New York after the storm. Coastal areas of both states have been dramatically affected. Many have lost their homes and personal possessions due to the storm's impact.

New Jersey's coastline has been ravaged. The popular area, Seaside Heights, has been completely demolished as a roller coaster now floats in the ocean and the boardwalk, or what remains of it, has been shattered. The surges not only affected the coast, but many inland neighborhoods have been flooded as well.

Meanwhile, New York is still trying to solve mass transit and flooding problems caused by Sandy. Even though measures were taken to provide safer conditions during the storm, the damage Sandy left was devastating. All bridges and subways were shut down in New York in preparation for the storm.

Even so, some subway lines still remain flooded and it is being considered the worst natural disaster in the transit system's history.

According to the MTA website, "the transit system has restored various subway lines to limited service, but they are still working to dry out and fix many components that were damaged due to the storm."

Another problem posed by the storm was the outbreak of a massive fire in Breezy Point, Queens where at least 80 homes burned down and it took hours before firemen could contain the fire.

More immediate problems caused by the storm included two hospitals in New York that lost power due to generator malfunctions because of flooding. Bellevue Hospital and New York University Langone Medical Center had to evacuate its patients due to the power outages and malfunctioning backup systems.

Another problem posed by the storm was the blackout of a massive fire in Breezy Point, Queens. At least 80 homes burned down and it took hours before firefighters could contain the fire.

The Rockaways, another area in Queens, was largely devastated by flooding and residents are still trying to cope with flipped cars, ripped fences and homes covered in sand and water.

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Storm Sandy Strikes Sacred Heart

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The effects of Hurricane Sandy started late Sunday as the temperature dropped and the speed of the wind increased. On Oct. 28 Saturday, prior to the storm, Sacred Heart University decided to cancel classes for Monday and Tuesday in anticipation of the severe weather.

Many students took advantage of the short break and went home. Unfortunately, a number of students were unable to leave. "I play basketball and we still had practice," said junior Blair Koniszewski. "Luckily, everyone had a place to charge their phones and laptops."

Commons to provide charging stations, allowing everyone in need of emergency housing. Beginning Sunday afternoon, the William H. Pitt Center was made available as a storm shelter on campus for students.

The school also used the gym and the University Commons to provide charging stations, allowing everyone a place to charge their phones and laptops.

The Linda E. McMahon Commons provided meals for students throughout the week. Although the storm caused heavy devastation to surrounding areas, Sacred Heart was lucky enough to only suffer the loss of electricity.

"It was tough but the school dealt with the problems well," said Lorenz.
Presidential campaigns put on hold in wake of Sandy

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Partisan politics were shaken when the natural disaster, Hurricane Sandy, hit only one week before the primary elections. President Barack Obama and Republican candidate Governor Mitt Romney both could not ignore the devastation Sandy brought to the East Coast.

Both President Obama and Romney put their campaigns on hold to extend their thoughts and sympathies towards Sandy’s victims.

President Obama went to New Jersey and personally met with New Jersey Governor Chris Christie to aid in efforts, including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support.

According to Huffingtonpost.com, Obama’s spokesperson Jen Psaki told reporters “in between every single event, [President Obama] basically walks off the stage [during his campaign], gets on a phone call with governors, mayors and first-responders... He’s focused on it every minute he’s not on the stage.”

Despite being an avid Romney supporter, Governor Christie has repeatedly praised President Obama’s response to Sandy, calling his leadership “proactive,” according to Huffingtonpost.com. However, not everyone is receptive to Christie’s praise for the president. Rupert Murdoch, billionaire media owner and republican supporter, tweeted his views of Christie’s support for President Obama.

“@Now Christie,” Murdoch tweeted, “while thanking O [Obama], must re-declare for Romney, or take blame for the next four dire years.”

Romney’s campaign donated food and clothing to the New Jersey Red Cross and encouraged his supporters to do the same. However, Laura Steinmetz, spokeswoman for the South Jersey Region of the American Red Cross issued a statement concerning the donation.

“We are not asking for material donations,” said Steinmetz. “Financial donations allow us to quickly and efficiently meet the needs of the people in a disaster. It’s far more expensive for us to receive the donated goods, sort them, warehouse them and transport them. So our financial donations are much more cost effective.”

Romney has donated an undisclosed amount of his personal wealth to the foundation.

The American Red Cross issued a statement addressing both candidates and their donations.

“We are grateful that both the Obama and Romney campaigns have also encouraged the public to send financial donations to the Red Cross,” the American Red Cross statement said. “We encourage individuals who want to help to consider making a financial donation or making an appointment to give blood.”

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Although the heaviest impacts were felt by these two states, Conn. was not let off easy by Sandy’s wrath. Both were also lost and the state was covered in fallen trees and power lines. Schools across the state closed due to massive power outages and unsafe conditions.

The Associated Press reported a peak of 625,000 without power. Since then, power has been restored to approximately 590,000 customers.

Several organizations have gathered food, living essentials, and money to help those who were greatly affected by Sandy.

FEMA, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency, reported that 182,000 individuals in Conn., New York and New Jersey have registered for assistance and that more than $158 million has been approved in assistance.

The American Red Cross has reported 25,000 overnight shelter stays provided and more than 100,800 meals and snacks.

In addition, President Barack Obama has sent fuel to places, such as New York and New Jersey, where it has been depleted in hopes of returning the East Coast to normalcy as soon as possible.

Even with all of the efforts to restore the destroyed areas that Sandy left behind, there is still a long way to go and many people have more than just power they need restored because Sandy has taken everything from them.

Service held in remembrance of Will Cadogan

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On Thursday, Oct. 18 William Christopher Cadogan died unexpectedly in his dormitory room in Roncalli Hall at Sacred Heart University.

A vigil was held that night where over 700 students attended. Will is deeply missed by his friends, family, and will always be remembered.

On Saturday, Nov. 3 there was a Memorial Service celebrating Will’s life that was held at the Congregational Church of Weston, in Weston, MA.

At the request of his family, there were no funeral home visitations. Will was only a freshman, but he was an accomplished runner and was a member of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School cross country team.

Will also enjoyed mountain climbing and animals. He was a loving son to his parents and a devoted sibling to his three brothers and sister.
Halloween costumes on campus

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A boxer, Ping Pong Champs, and Hooter Girls all at the same party? Captain America and a cat are dating? These are the strange things that people see the weekend before Halloween to celebrate the one holiday where it is okay to dress like idols and be creative.

"Every year, I count down the days before Halloween," said senior Rob Gaines. "I have always made my own costumes and celebrate Halloween as a group. Asst. Perspectives Editor

friends bought their costumes together to save money, they are so much cheaper and make a cute group. Captain

"I just want to try to say to them "no, you are just a girl with a short skirt on and stupid wings!"

As many people have done that in the past before some girls like Woozter came up with clever costumes like her crayon one and another costume she wore a different night.

"Of course, you have to be something different every night you go out, so the other thing I dressed up as was 80's teen idol Molly Ringwald," said Woozter. "It worked perfectly because I had the red hair to go along with the impersonation."

Some people would say the best thing about going out Halloween weekend is seeing other people dressed up and check out their one of a kind costumes.

"A bunch of my friends who had a party dressed up like the football team from Blue Mountain State and called their house "The Goat House" which was funny because I watch the show so I got a kick out of it," said Shire.

"Some of the costume were very original," said Mieczkowska. "Somebody dressed as the boy from 'UP!' That was really cute." Gaine's thinks that Mother Nature has had the best costume for the past two years.

"First it was snowing on Halloween and now Hurricane Sandy. Mother Nature is really making it difficult for some of us to get dressed up and celebrate Halloween," said Gaine's.
Students weigh in on new virtual tour feature of SHU website

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A college website is the first impression a prospective student receives of the school are interested in. It is imperative that the website be easily navigated and welcoming to new visitors. Sacred Heart University recently launched a new website and virtual tour in hopes of better assimilating interested students into the Sacred Heart community. The virtual tour digitally guides viewers through campus with the help of a Sacred Heart student ambassador.

"The virtual tour is great and probably really beneficial for students who were thinking about applying to Sacred Heart," said senior Kaite Guinan. Although many students have yet to see this option, they still believe it could be beneficial.

Freshman Rebecca Smith said, "I haven't seen it but I think it's good for kids that are too far away and can't come visit." The addition to the website includes a virtual tour, panoramic views of campus, videos, and photos. The tour guides viewers through Curtis Hall, the Pitt Center, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, the science wing, Ryan Matura library, the administration building, and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

In addition, audiences are lead through Hawthay Lounge, Pioneer Food Court, the humanities wing, McMahon Commons, Seton and Merton Hall, Christian Witness Commons, Roncali Hall, and Scholars Commons.

Many students seem to agree that having a virtual tour is a good idea because it shows off Sacred Heart's appearance. "I didn't see it but I don't think it would hurt if people could see the school before they come visit. I feel like it's so pretty and that's why people like it," said Duda.

Senior Monica Malcomson said, "I haven't watched it but if it's a good video, I think it's a good idea. Personally, I'd rather go to the school than watch a tour." While some students would rather see a school in person, others agree that having a virtual tour online could potentially lure in more perspective students.

How do you do SHU? Surviving a hurricane

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Just about a week ago today, many of us were dealing with the repercussions of Hurricane Sandy. It was a horrible storm that affected almost everyone in the tri-state area, leaving hundreds of thousands without power (still to this day), and even some without homes. Sadly, some lives were even lost and homes were ruined, and the impact of Sandy is still an ongoing tragedy.

Gas lines at many gas stations are outrageously long and recently, many gas stations have even shut down temporarily since they ran out of gasoline. The night of the storm caused much mayhem and destruction. Luckily, all my family lost was power for a few days, but many other families lost much more than that.

Many trees fell, and some even fell on homes. Two of my friends had trees fall into their homes leaving much damage and, with the rain, some of their personal items inside their homes got destroyed as well.

As we all know, Sacred Heart University was shut down for all of last week because the conditions were so bad, and also because our University was out of power for a few days.

Are students majoring in debt?

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The price of a good education is something that affects all college students. Student debt is on the rise as many students apply for loans to pay for high college tuition bills. An estimated $880 billion worth of federal student loans were taken out in 2011, according to forobusinesses.com.

"Where the rising of debts is concerned I'm actually really nervous that I'll constantly be in debt for years once I graduate," said sophomore Melissa Tulames. "I feel like it isn't going to get better in the near future either."

According to huffingtonpost.com, states that are the least affordable when it comes to colleges and universities are located in the Northeast and Midwest, where student debt is the highest.

"It's disappointing to me that it's getting increasingly less affordable for young adults to receive an education; especially in a society where education has been deemed so fundamental to the American way of life," said junior Jennifer Yee.

In fact, Connecticut is fifth in the ranking of 14 states with the highest average student debt, according to huffingtonpost.com. For junior Kristin Tusa, the debt after college is "worth it in the end." However, she said this depends on what school you decide to go to and what you decide to major in.

"There are obviously professions out there that make more money than others, so even though you are in school longer, for something let's say in the medical field; in the end you make more money and are able to pay off your college debt," said Tusa.

[TRANSITION]

Other Sacred Heart students do not have to pay off student debt because they have earned money through different types of grants.

"Luckily for me I don't have too much debt because of scholarships and grants, but I plan on paying what debt I do have back via a planned payment method after I graduate," said junior Christopher Ballas.

For other students, going to college means taking out student loans. "My parents helped me out over my first two years of school but I also have a brother who goes to a private university where scholarships are scarce," said Tusa. "They did what they could for me but now I have taken out my loans to finish out my college years."

According to Ustoday.com, in 2010 the amount of student loans "crossed the $100 billion mark for the first time." Sacred Heart provides financial assistance for many students. Financial aid includes full-time undergraduates, part-time undergraduates, and graduates. According to the Sacred Heart website the university is ranked among top Catholic universities in the nation. It states, "the quality of a Sacred Heart education will yield an immediate return on your investment in us."

Sacred Heart is devoted to giving students valuable education. "For junior Paul Guarino, going to a reputable college and getting a quality education is "extremely important."

"These days you really need an education not only to get a job and take care of a family, but to succeed in and understand life," said Guarino. "It's worth it in the end because you'll always have it."
Let me tell you a story. You’re in bed. At night, noises are amplified – a creaking from downstairs. Your skin prickles with anxiety, but you dismiss the sound. The wood of the stair- case groans painfully. You feel yourself begin to sweat. Yet again, you choose to dismiss the noise as the house settling. Just outside your room, the slightest of noises – a footfall upon the threshold. Then another, slightly closer this time. The sound is impossible to ignore. Your heart races. You try not to breathe, not to move, not to be noticed. The door opens, and –

Many of us have experienced this situation at least once in our lives, often late one autumn night. Images of the ghastly and macabre flood our minds late in October. With Halloween around the corner, coupled with the barrage of horror films typical to the season, this isn’t much of a surprise. But what is it that makes these circumstances so frightening? Simply not knowing what is behind the door, biding in the attic, or lurking in the basement is enough to create terror. The images your mind conjures will always be more terrifying than what is actually there, perfectly crafted by your psyche to reflect your deepest fears. Until you see the source of the sound, you are utterly terrified. This same set up has been used time and again in films of the horror genre. A person fearing yet searching for the source of an ominous sound is something of a cliché. However, these films often fail to truly terrify us. We leave the theater feeling somewhat unfulfilled, as though the movie had not succeeded in eliciting our emotions. Why? Almost without fail, audiences are shown the source of the noise.

The vast majority of current horror films on the market rely heavily on jump-scares and gore in order to provide shock and disgust – but never induce true terror. Typically, this primal emotion comes from one source: the unknown. Horror may not be known for subtlety, but holding back on what is depicted on screen is key to inducing fear. A creepy atmosphere created by lighting, sound design and music (as well as the power of suggestion) are more than enough to incite terror. A clever, well-paced story and skilled actors portraying interesting characters also help to not only increase enjoyment of the tale, but are also instrumental in the creation of fear. Forget special effects make-up and buckets of blood splattered across the screen. These things will never make up for a poorly written story and shoddy acting – and will never, ever terrify an audience.

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The fear of the unknown

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Sandy builds a tree house

Hurricane Sandy threatened the east coast as my family and I did our best to prepare for the super storm coming our way. Because we live in Easton and not near the water the thing that threatened our home was trees. As the winds picked up Monday night my dad was sleeping in his bed taking a nap to pass the time. Soon, my 84 year old grandma that is a widow called and wanted to get picked up. This happened around 5:00. My dad went to pick her up and when they both got back we started making dinner because we still had power. As we were bringing all the food to the table my family and I heard the biggest boom of our lives. We quickly ran to the other side of the house to see the damage. At first, it seemed like there was just a couple branches laying on our sunroom roof. But then, my mom went upstairs to see if there was something worse and there was. A 70 foot oak tree uprooted from our neighbors property and landed in our house. The limbs were primarily in the attic of our home but the closets in a spare bedroom and my parent’s bedroom were destroyed. They looked like a bomb had exploded. There were other holes and cracks in the walls and ceiling of my mom’s bedroom and in the spare bedroom you could see the trunk of the tree nestled into the house. There was sheet rock installation everywhere. I helped my dad sweep up siding and nails from our driveway and picked up pieces of gutters that were once on my house.

Our first reaction was of course fear beyond belief as this was the beginning of the storm and it was only suppose to get worse. We called the police and they reacted quickly and sent our officer Mark Pastor to assess the damage. I am so thankful that he was able to come to our house and make a couple of jokes to ease the fear, along with making us feel safe that we should stay in the basement of our house rather then travel to a different shelter in the storm. After he had left three fireman came and saw the tree. Initially they told us our house was inhabitable and told us to find shelter Tuesday morning after the worst of the storm passed. The next morning seeing the actual tree in the light was devastating but at the same time made me so thankful and appreciative that nothing happened to any of my family members. The building inspector promptly came at 9:00 am and told us the house is safe to live in but my parents would have to move their bedroom to the living room.

Later that day as different workmen came to assess the damage and made plans to remove the tree the remarkable thing was neighbors that my family and I had never really talked to before stopped by and looking at the monstrosity of the damage and offering their help. More than five or six neighbors offered to food and shelter after asking is everyone okay. The strength of the community of Easton I felt yesterday as people walked by and stopped to talk showing their concern of our safety. On Wednesday the monster of a tree was supposed to be removed. As time goes by the damaged will be fixed and it will be a long process but I am okay with facing that time with my loved ones near.

Spectrum/Sam Elliott

Superstorm Sandy hit Long Island last Monday morning and caused an immense amount of damage all over the island. I took this photo as we drove by the shore near Northport and trees covered the roads. Along with the debris everywhere, nearly the entire island was without power because of trees like this one uprooted and snapped power lines. Some roads became impassable and some homes uninhabitable, but now everyone is recovering from the storm the Northeast will never forget.
Features

22nd annual Family Weekend

Family Weekend activities brought students and their loved ones together

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Friday, Oct. 26, began Sacred Heart University’s 22nd annual family weekend. There were many events on the agenda for those that registered, along with several packages to choose from.

The purpose of Family Weekend is to bring parents, siblings, and loved ones of students to campus, and show them what Sacred Heart is all about. This weekend is also designed to thank parents for their support and make them feel welcome as an extended part of the university.

Family member packages were available for $60, and the child package for $40. Individual tickets were also available for purchase.

Registration began at 7 pm and lasted until 9 pm.

At 1 pm, the football game against Albany began. At the game, the sorority Zeta Tau Alpha had a “pink out,” where all the sisters wore pink to support their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

Although the Pioneers gave a valiant effort, they were defeated by Albany 23-20. Shortly after the game, families could attend “Bingo Bouanza,” which was popular this year.

For dinner, Sacred Heart supplied a list of some of the finest restaurants in the Fairfield area and families were free to dine wherever they pleased.

“I took my wonderful wife and daughter out to a delicious steakhouse after we got the chance to watch the football game from the skybox,” said Henry Albulescu, father of junior Katie Albulescu.

“Overall, it was a great weekend. I think it was the best family weekend so far,” said Albulescu.

When families returned after dinner late Saturday evening, Broadway had hit Park Avenue. Lead members of one of the longest running and most viewed musicals in the world, “Les Miserable,” were on campus.

Parents and students were given the chance to hear music and backstage stories from the cast members.

Music was performed in a cabaret style on the stage of the Edgerton Center. Showtimes were available for either 6 pm or 9 pm. Included in the Broadway on Park Avenue, was a dessert reception.

Sunday concluded the Family Weekend events. Some families ended their busy weekend with a mass at the Chapel, followed by a continental breakfast with President John Pettito. At 1:30 pm, Sacred Heart’s concert choir performed. This was the last event to wrap up the weekend.

“I really enjoyed my first family weekend and I can’t wait for more to come,” said freshman Isabella Marmo.

Mario Miranda
Staff Reporter

Going away to college can be a difficult adjustment. With leaving your home country to pursue your studies, it adds to the many other stresses of going away to college.

All residential students must adjust to living on their own, apart from their family. West Coast students must adjust to a new part of the country while International students must also adjust to the new culture and surroundings of a different country.

Graduate student Femi Akinpetide from Sydney, Australia said things at Sacred Heart University and in the state of Connecticut are different from his home.

“I feel like it’s more laid back at home. Up here it is very fast paced almost as if we’re racing against time. Winters here are also brutal for me, being that I really dislike the cold. In Sydney, our winters are very similar to Connecticut’s fall,” said Akinpetide.

Konstantine Dekaness of Ancaster, Ontario in Canada also realized the difference of pace in America when he first arrived.

“The style of living is much different. The United States is extremely fast paced, but its something I’ve had to adjust to,” said Dekaness.

Dekaness stated that he one of the hardest things is leaving family and friends.

“My family and friends are people who I’ve been surrounded by and have molded me into the person I am today. It’s hard to replace individuals like this,” Dekaness said.

Even students from a different coast of the country weigh in on the adjustment.

Freshmen Karly Shockey of Southern California wanted to attend Sacred Heart so that she could experience something new.

“I knew this may be my only chance to live somewhere else in my life and I wanted to take advantage of it. I also wanted to become more independent and prove to myself that I can do things on my own without my parents,” said Shockey.

Although her attendance at the university hasn’t been long, she has already comfortably settled in.

“I love the community feeling of the school. Everyone is so nice and the classes are much more personal,” said Shockey.

Shockey is only one of 24 students who attend Sacred Heart, and call the state of California home.

International students who speak a different language have more hurdles to jump throughout the school year.

Sara Fernandez, a sophomore from the island of Puerto Rico, said the toughest part of the transition was the language barrier.

“Back home we only really speak Spanish and here it’s all English,” said Fernandez.

One of the primary reasons she wanted to come to America was to have the college experience.

“Coming here I knew would improve my English, being fluent in two languages would ultimately help me with find a better job in the future,” said Fernandez.

Two years into her career at Sacred Heart, Fernandez feels she has made the right decision by coming to the university. She gives credit to her friends at school for helping her adjust into the American lifestyle.

“I am thankful I have made so many amazing friends to help me out in all aspects of being here, I’m really glad I made this decision,” Fernandez said.
Student Government puts new student safety policy into effect

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Sacred Heart University students may have noticed police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances frequently patrolling the campus during the weekends in the late night hours. This is usually the result of a student who has had too much to drink and is in need of medical attention.

For that student, and his or her friends, this can be a terrible ordeal. In the past, students have been afraid to report these types of incidents because of the fear they would get into trouble.

Due to a recent policy instituted by Sacred Heart's Student Government, these fears can be erased.

The Good Samaritan policy was put in place over the summer to promote students looking out for each other's well being and ultimately, to keep students safe. As written in the student handbook, the policy explicitly states amnesty in situations involving alcohol.

The policy is "loosely worded so that it could potentially include other substances as well,", said Student Body President Mia James.

"We all too often hear about students passing away from alcohol poisoning so that is the main focus of this policy," James said.

There are other legal implications when other drugs are involved and those cases would be approached on a case-by-case basis.

The policy states, "students will be considered for a one time acceptance under the Student Conduct Code for failure to complete those initiatives.

The one admittance rule is fair because normally, students wouldn’t even get the first chance, so this law enables the students to be forthright when they go to public safety...and hopefully they’ll learn for the next time," said sophomore Kaitlyn Burns.

Students who find themselves using the policy will not be punished outright, but will have their names recorded by Residential Life and Public Safety, and must agree to meet with the Assistant Dean for Student Conduct and Community Standards or a Residential Life staff member to talk about the incident.

Students must also agree to complete any suggested educational and intervention recommendations deemed necessary.

If students do not meet those requirements, they will be subject to action under the Student Conduct Code for failure to complete those initiatives.

In addition, that policy states that "community members who demonstrate a consistent and repeated pattern of behavior after appropriate intervention and education from the university will not be considered under this policy.

James emphasized that if the policy did need to be used twice within a student’s four years at Sacred Heart, their situation would be approached with careful consideration.

"I think you should try and give them as many chances as possible to go to counseling, not so that they fulfill what they need to do for the policy, but for their well-being and you would probably have to ultimately punish them if they aren’t going to counseling," said sophomore Kaitlyn Burns.

Many students believe that this policy will have a positive effect on the campus.

"I think it’s a very helpful technique to get everybody closer together so that they can help one another if a student is in need and they don’t have to be scared to call public safety when a friend is in trouble," Magnotti said.
Grammy-winning diva, Beyoncé, is scheduled to perform at the Super Bowl XLVII halftime show on Feb. 3 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.

The mother of Blue Ivy Carter and wife of rapper, producer, and entrepreneur Jay-Z confirmed the gig through a photo of herself. Posted on her Tumblr blog, the picture featured the singer with black lines on her cheeks with “Feb. 3 2013” written on them.

The news was first leaked by Associated Press via an anonymous source and later on confirmed by NFL after the photo of Beyoncé surfaced.

“I didn’t know about it, but I will be watching it,” said freshman Kenny Arnold. “She is a good singer and not bad to look at from a guy’s perspective.”

Beyoncé’s performance will not only draw in male viewers. Her single girl anthems such as “Irreplaceable” and “Single Ladies” have won 16 Grammy Awards and are expected to bring in a larger demographic of audience, especially with female viewers.

This is not the first time the 31-year-old has been at the SuperBowl. She sang the national anthem before the game in 2004 in her hometown of Houston.

More than 116 million viewers saw Madonna’s performance at the last SuperBowl halftime show. According to Nielsen, Co. the actual game itself was only watch by 13.3 million. Madonna’s performance also included singers Nicki Minaj, CiLoGreen, LMFAO and M.I.A.

Billboard.com reported that Beyoncé’s performance could possibly feature collaborations with husband and rapper, Jay Z. Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams from her former girl band, Destiny’s Child, and even Lady Gaga.

“Beyoncé was at her prime with Destiny’s Child,” said junior Alex Miller. “I would love to see them reunite.”

In the past few years, SuperBowl performances have featured more hip-hop and rap artists such as Black-Eyed Peas and Usher in 2011. Before that, rock artists worked the SuperBowl stage with The Who in 2010 and Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers in 2009.

Some Sacred Heart students would rather have this rock element return to the stage.

“Bring back Tom Petty,” said senior Ron Abelli. Still, other Sacred Heart students believe that Beyoncé’s halftime performance will easily out-do Madonna’s.

“I think Beyonce will do a better job than Madonna,” said junior Michele Capacci. “Beyonce is a better entertainer and more people will tune in since our generation grew up listening to her and singing her songs.”

This article was contributed to by A&E editor

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**Instagram Photo of the Week**

Students gather in the University Commons during Hurricane Sandy to charge laptops and other electronics while the electricity was out in other campus buildings.

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Sacred Heart can’t get enough of ‘Red’
Taylor Swift’s new album is already at the top of the charts

Kat Lindsay
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Karli Ryan can be seen walking the halls, iPod and headphones in, listening to music. Not any rap songs, or classical music for that matter, but listening along to a different sort of tune.

“My favorite song on the album is ‘The Last Time.’ The lyrics are beautiful and the harmonies and instrumentals are absolutely breathtaking,” said Ryan.

If you guessed right, she is listening to the recently released album, "Red," by the famous country pop singer Taylor Swift.

The album "Red" has captured the attention of the media due to its success over the past few days. Now in stores, the album debuted Oct. 22 and now has the number one album spot on iTunes, and two singles in the top 10.

According to USA Today, "If ‘Red’ passes the million mark, Swift would be the first act in a decade to release back-to-back studio albums that sold more than a million copies in their debut week."

With "Red" just hitting stores, Sacred Heart students are reacting to her fresh new take on the unique pop/country mix she brings to the industry.

Freshman Kristi Burgwin has been on the Swift train for a few years now and has recently purchased the album.

Her favorite songs from the album include, "I Knew You Were Trouble When You Walked In" and "Begin Again."

“I enjoy these songs because they’re catchy and I really like how every song pertains to some aspect of my life,” said Burgwin.

Junior Kali Kosh has yet to buy her new album but plans to soon.

“If I like her country lyrics; they are fun to sing along to,” said Kosh. "I think she has a great voice."

Swift reaches many different audiences with this new album. According to the Great American Country album review blog, she is “exploiting a more overtly pop sound here than she has in the past.”

Though most admire Swift for her country tunes, junior Kristen Sullivan is glad she is staying more pop with this new album.

“I’m not a huge country fan," said Sullivan. “One of the reasons I like Taylor Swift is because her music isn’t 100 percent country.”

Unlike Sullivan, not all Swift fans are happy about this change.

Senior Vinny Costello is a fan of Swift’s country melodies and is a little skeptical about this new album.

“I heard the album is more of a poppy tune, so it will be interesting to hear,” said Costello. "I haven’t heard any of her new songs yet."

Though the new album may stray from her old country tunes, students are still buying her songs, and relating the 22-year-old’s lyrics to their own lives.

“She’s not my favorite artist, but I like that she writes from experience,” said junior Kelsey Lorusso. “It makes the songs easy to relate to.”

Celebrities tweet about Hurricane Sandy
After the storm rips through the East Coast, celebrities give their opinion and support via twitter

Maria Menounos (@mariamenounos): On storm watch today... Hitting the streets in head-to-toe rain gear and sharing it all in this video diary @ExtraTV.

Whoopi Goldberg (@whoopigoldberg): Here’s hoping we all make it thru the storm better people, friends, mothers fathers sisters & brothers& greatfull for the days the days we have

Ellen DeGeneres (@TheEllenShow): Everyone here at the show will be thinking about the East Coast all day. We hope you & your families stay safe through the hurricane.

Vinny Guadagino (@ Vinny Guadagino): "I heard someone say it best: we made it through #9/11 we can make it through anything. #NewYork#SANDY."

Rob Lowe (@RobLowe): Flying home from east coast and #Sandy. Wish I could bring all in harms way with me. #StaySafe

Common (@common): Prayers and love to all those on the east coast dealing with Hurricane Sandy. GOD Bless

Upcoming Events on Campus

THURSDAY NOV. 8
Movember Kick-Off Event @ 6:30pm in Roncalli Hall

FRIDAY NOV. 9
Kristallnacht Commemoration @ 1:30pm in the UC Auditorium

SATURDAY NOV. 10
Football Senior Game @ Noon at Campus Field
Women’s Volleyball Senior Game @ 5pm in Pitt Center

MONDAY NOV. 12
Ben Cohen: Stand Up to Bullying @ 7pm in Edgerton Theatre

TUESDAY NOV. 13
SET the Stage @ 9pm in the UC Auditorium

Recent Celebrity Gossip!

Lady Gaga puts on 30 pounds and flaunts it!

Family Guy creator Seth McFarlane announced to host the 85th Academy Awards!

Tim Tebow and Camilla Belle spotted on a date!

3 people killed in crowd rush at a Steve Aoki concert!

Leonardo di Caprio and Victoria Secret girlfriend call it quits!

Khloe Kardashian has a nipple slip on the X-Factor!

Miley Cyrus plans on having three wedding ceremonies!
Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team competed in the Conn. State Championships at Yale University before the storm hit on Sunday. The Pioneers played against in-state rivals: Quinnipiac, Fairfield, UConn and Yale. Freshmen James Barnhart and Brian Power led the Pioneers. Barnhart defeated Tommy Ratchford of Yale, 6-3, 2-6, 10-4. Power won two singles matches defeating Quinnipiac and Hartford.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team defeated the Farleigh Dickinson Knights on October 28 3-0. This is the Pioneers second consecutive shutout with 15 kills. The team made the first points of the set and kept the lead the whole game. On Saturday, the Pioneers fell short to the Robert Morris Colonials 3-1. Freshman Karly Stockey led the match with 21 kills. The Pioneers were able to tie the match by winning the second game, but the Colonials quickly took the next two, for the win. On Sunday, the Pioneers lost to the Saint Francis (PA) Red Flash 3-0. The team was shutout in the first three sets and were unable to return with a win. Come support the Pioneers for their Senior Night and final game against Quinnipiac at the Pitt Center on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Cross country places 2nd, 4th at NEC championship

Cory Lutkus  Staff Reporter

Fall foliage and warm weather set the scene for the 2012 Northeast Conference Cross Country Championships on Oct. 27 at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. The Sacred Heart University men and women cross country teams took to the field that Saturday morning with determination and focus as they waited for the race to begin.

"We were fully prepared for anything that was going to be thrown at us on Saturday," said junior Brianna Castrogiovanni. "We knew it was going to be an extremely difficult race and we knew we were going to have to fight hard if we wanted a chance to win."

On the women's side, Sacred Heart had their work cut out for them, as they tried to upset seven-time defending champion Quinnipiac University.

Senior Alyssa Selmaquist, Castrogiovanni, and senior Michelle Navarro each finished in the top six, earning all-conference honors.

Leading the Pioneers was Selmaquist, who came in second place behind Bryant junior Eimear Black.

"Overall," said Selmaquist, "I'm happy with how the race went. My goal was to go out there and do what I could to help the team and put us in a position to win. I got off the line well and just focused on working my way up throughout the race."

As a team, Sacred Heart finished second in the 11-team field, failing to dethrone Quinnipiac.

Other Pioneer top performers included sophomore Emma Bolduc (17th overall), sophomore Elizabeth Hutchins (25th), and senior Megan Papp (33rd).

"Taking second to Quinnipiac by only 8 points was disappointing," said Selmaquist. "We have been working so hard as a team this year and hoped we would have a title to prove it."

"However, the desire, dedication, and dependability of this team definitely showed on Saturday. Every girl went out there and truly gave it their all. We were as prepared as we possibly could be and did everything we intended. While we fell short of earning a conference title, I couldn't be happier with how the team performed."

The day was a little rough for the men's team, as they competed in a very tight field. The Pioneers ended up scoring 109 points to earn themselves a fourth place finish behind Central Connecticut State University, Monmouth University, and Quinnipiac, respectively.

"We think, with a perfect day, we had a chance for top two," said senior captain Rich Marcello. "However, I raced with a broken foot, which kind of messed up our chances."

Senior Christopher Connelly placed third in the overall standings, tying him for the second highest finish of a Sacred Heart runner in NEC Championship history.

"My plan for the race," said Connelly, "was to just put myself on the back of the front pack and wait for the race to play out and make a move in the last mile and see what I could do to finish as high as possible. It worked out well. The race was a little tactical in the front, but I stayed in it and was able to make a move in the end and was able to grab third."

Sean Ferguson placed 13th overall and was the first freshman in Sacred Heart history to make the All-NEC team in the tournament.

"I thought the team... was well prepared," said Connelly. "Everyone worked hard and did what they had to do to be in their best shape and be ready to have a big race on that day."

Other Pioneer top performers included sophomore Patrick Peterson (18th overall), sophomore Aleksandr Morin (36th), and Marcello (39th).

Up next for the Sacred Heart men and women cross country teams is the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship in Madison, Conn. on Friday.

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**Soccer**

The Sacred Heart men's soccer team finished the season this past weekend. On Oct. 13, the team won their final home game against St. Francis (NY) 3-1. Senior Micah Castillo scored the first goal for the Pioneers in the first half. Freshman Mahmoud Kafee and senior Justin Brewer scored the next two goals toward the end of the second half to finalize the win for the team's Senior Day. On Friday, the Pioneers beat the Mount St. Mary Mountaineers 3-1. Once again, Castro and Brewer scored the goals for the Pioneers, with Castro contributing two. The season ended on Sunday as the Pioneers fell short to Monmouth 1-0. Castro finishes his senior season with nine goals, second place in NEC. The team had an overall record of 9-6, with 5-3 during NEC play.

Before the hurricane hit, the women's soccer team defeated Central Connecticut State 1-0 on Sunday. Sophomore forward Kristen Vrontress scored the only goal in the 66th minute leading to the Pioneer win. Senior goalkeeper Sydney Judkins recorded her third shutout of the season with three saves. On Friday, the Pioneers competed in the NEC tournament semi-finals against Saint Francis (PA) but fell short 2-0. This is the second straight time the Pioneers lost in the NEC semi-finals to the St. Francis Red Flash. The team finished the season 9-9-1 overall and 6-6-1 in NEC play.

**Ice Hockey**

The Sacred Heart women's hockey team lost both games this past weekend against Mercyhurst University 4-0 and 3-1. For the game on Friday, senior goalkeeper Steven Legatto made 30 saves. The Pioneers went 0 for 5 on their power plays and had 28 shots on goal. On Saturday, sophomore Nick Curry scored the first and only goal for the Pioneers in the 16th minute of the first period. Sophomore Will Rynearson possession and passed it to senior Ben Ketchura who found Curry for the goal. The goal was not enough to defeat Mercyhurst.

**New beginnings in the pool**

**Noble named new swim coach at SHU**

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Brent Noble was looking for a new beginning in his coaching career. Sacred Heart University was looking for a new coach.

It was a perfect opportunity...a perfect match.

Noble jumped in the water and swam toward the offer to be the new head coach of the Sacred Heart swim team.

Noble grew up in Indiana where he found his passion for swimming. While in high school he swam for the club team. Noble swam collegiately at Eastern Illinois University, where he was an Academic All-Conference athlete. He still holds two top-10 times at Eastern Illinois, in the 200 individual medley and the 400 individual medley.

"I wanted to learn as much as I could about training and swimming and how to prepare swimmers," said Noble. "So, I switched to exercise science there for that reason.

Noble completed graduate school at Indiana University, where he was part of a program called the "Coaches' Center for the Science of Swimming," within the exercise physiology program.

Continuing to learn as much as he could about swimming, Noble got the opportunity to begin his coaching career at Indiana University.

"I'd done a little bit of summer league and coaching some younger kids before that," said Noble, "but that's when I started coaching...college age swimmers. I coached some post-collegiate swimmers at a pretty high level at that point. In my second year of grad school, I started coaching a Division III team nearby, which was my first taste of real college swimming. It was great."

Following this stint, Noble relocated to North Carolina where he became Eastern Carolina University's assistant sprint coach for the men and women's teams.

At Eastern Carolina, Noble's sprint group claimed seven new school records, three new conference records, five All Conference selections, four NCAA Division I 'B' cuts, and 14 new individual times on Eastern Carolina's All-Time list.

"[Eastern Carolina] was a chance to work directly, and be in charge of, all the training for some really top-notch college swimmers," said Noble. "It was a great experience."

Noble approached 2012 with his eyes open for new coaching opportunities.

While the way, he found Sacred Heart.

"It's a great opportunity to become a head coach right now," said Noble. "So, I jumped at it."

Before the start of this semester, former head coach Richard Ludemann resigned, leaving the swimmers to run practices on their own.

For Sacred Heart, Noble dove into the pool at the right time.

"Having to search for a new swim coach was a blessing in disguise for our team," said junior Amy Nunes. "While our previous coach resigned with little to no notice at the begin-

ning of this year sent some drawbacks, it was a chance to start fresh."

That's exactly what Noble has already begun to do at Sacred Heart. A new coach brings new beginnings and that is what Noble is all about.

"I've already been talking about a lot of different things," said Noble. "Essentially, just changing the dynamics of the program to fit what I think is best for taking the program as far as it can possibly go. We're adjusting the way we're training, the way were looking at practice a little bit, just being a lot more deliberate about doing things correctly all the time, doing things fast in practice."

The team is already building into the new system.

"It is much different than what we are used to doing in the past," said sophomore Alyssa Farnsworth. "But, I think it is going to benefit us greatly. Brent stresses the idea of quality over quantity, so we are swimming with a purpose with every stroke we take."

Other swimmers have also quickly accepted Noble's efforts to improve the team.

"Brent's practices and overall theory of swimming is like nothing I have ever experienced before," said Nunes, "and I have been swimming for 11 years. He is young and passionate about the sport and that meshes well with us. He focuses a lot on drills and technique work, which I feel like the team has been lacking in years prior to this." The technique is essential to swimming fast.

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"That's what training is centered around right now," said Noble. "I'm a pretty energetic, passionate person, and I try to mix that with any program I coach. I feel like the best way to coach is to use your own personality. I'm bringing a lot of energy and a lot of that excitement to our program. That's the way that I'm hoping to step forward and take our program to the next level."

Not only can Noble take the program to the next level, but he may be able to achieve much more.

"Brent has already brought a new meaning to the sport of swimming by providing new techniques and ways of thinking in and out of the water," said junior Hayley McGill. "I think he is going to be, not only a positive contributor to our team, but to the University as a whole."

Through all the technicalities of the sport, it is Noble's positive attitude and sheer enthusiasm for swimming that has defined his time in campus thus far.

"I'm really excited about swimming in general," said Noble. "I'm a pretty energetic, passionate person, and I try to mix that with any program I coach. I feel like the best way to coach is to use your own personality. I'm bringing a lot of energy and a lot of that excitement to our program. That's the way that I'm hoping to step forward and take our program to the next level."

Although the team has not found success every day, Noble is putting particular emphasis on the NEC Championships.

"Our biggest focus is always February and the NEC Championship," said Noble. "That's what training is centered around right now."

Junior Lizzy Bennett is another member of the team with her eyes on Feb. "I'm really excited about our new coach," said Bennett. "His experience and philosophies are such a positive addition to our team. I am very excited to see what we will accomplish this February at NEC Championships."

As for Nov., Noble will continue to coach the Sacred Heart swimming team to the best of his ability, preaching words that he lives by in each practice.

"Always do everything with a lot of thought and do everything for a reason," said Noble.

It doesn't hurt that his name epitomizes his personality.

Noble.
SHU athletes beat Hurricane Sandy

Where were you during the storm?

“I was in my apartment when sandy hit, we never lost power. Because of Sandy, my team has been unable to put away our boats for the season. In the past we have had destruction to our boat house with floods and wind. We were also unable to practice so hopefully we will be able to pick back up this week.”

Senior Annamaree A'hearn-Roving

“I was at home in Bridgeport when Sandy hit, luckily our home never lost power or anything so throughout the week we were hosting teammates and friends that were without power and hot water. The field hockey team concluded our season the day before Sandy hit so we were not burdened with figuring out practices times or alternative locations to practice.”

Senior forward Leah Salindong-Feld Hockey

“I was in North with my couple of my suite mates. My initial reaction was how long until we are going to lose power. I played a lot of card games and soccer in the hallway with people from our floor. Our team was preparing for our playoff game against St. Francis PA. My practice was canceled on Tuesday due to the storm.”

Sophomore forward Monica Re-Women’s Soccer

“This was a kind of a setback. We were without power the whole week. All of us ended up going home for the most part. Coach thought it would be more beneficial to go home and try to find pool time with our local club teams. Our meet at CW Post last weekend was cancelled because Long Island is a mess.”

Sophomore guard Katie Shepard-Women’s Basketball

“I was in North with two of my suite mates. I am on the volleyball team so the power outage effected my team greatly. We had to practice in a gym that was dark for the entire week as we prepared for a big set of matches going to in the weekend.”

Sophomore outside/right side hitter Alissa Young-Women’s Volleyball

“I was in my off campus house during the hurricane. It affected our team in a negative way we usually watch a lot of film on our opponents to gameplan against there tendencies but we were limited because of the lack of the power. Also the weather being so bad and school being cancelled it changed our practice schedule.”

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Football hit by Sandy, Albany and Bryant

Dan Otzel
Sports Editor

Sandwiching Hurricane Sandy, the Sacred Heart University football team hit two Northeast Conference storms of their own: the University of Albany and Bryant University.

On Oct. 27, in front of a capacity Campus Field crowd of 3,505 on Family Weekend, the second largest crowd in program history, the #20 Albany Great Danes stole a victory from the clutches of the Sacred Heart Pioneers as both teams’ showcased heroics. With his team down four and only 2:35 left on the clock, Sacred Heart junior quarterback Luke Wischnowski found r-senior wide receiver Rock Tate in the corner of the endzone from 35 yards out to seize 20-17 lead.

Wischnowski, who got the nod over struggling r-junior quarterback Tim Little, finished 24-43 with 239 yards and three touchdowns and three interceptions. Tate caught two of the touchdowns and r-senior wide receiver Robert Dim the other. The Pioneer advantage would be short-lived, however, as Albany quieted the raucous crowd under a minute later with the winning score.

On second down, sophomore tackle Omar Osborne bust out a 40-yard run up the middle, breaking two Pioneer tackles, for the game-winning score to send the Great Danes back to New York with a 23-20 victory.

Albany senior tackle Drew Smith, who came into the game first in the nation in scoring, was kept out of the endzone by the Sacred Heart defense, although he did rack up 103 yards on the ground. Pioneer junior linebacker Justin Sexton, the NEC’s leading tackler had 11 stops, a sack, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery.

Led by Sexton, the Sacred Heart defense held the conference’s top offense to a season-low 23 points. Offensively, Tate and r-senior wide receiver Sean Kessler each chipped in four catches.

The win was the Great Danes’ fifth-straight and they currently reside at second-place in the NEC standings with 5-1 NEC record (7-2 overall).

Whatever momentum the Pioneers gained from playing a ranked team so well was vacant on Saturday.

On the heels of a broken week, where the storm hindered all aspects of Sacred Heart’s preparation, the Pioneers traveled to Smithfield, R.I., convincingly beaten, 34-14, by the Bryant Bulldogs.

Bryant quickly ended the game in the first half with three unanswered touchdowns and a late second quarter field goal, taking a 24-0 lead into the break.

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