President Obama elected for second term

President Obama accepted the Presidential nomination

Beate Zschaepe, a member of the NSU, Uwe Mundlos and Uwe Boenhardt, were found dead in an apparent suicide behind founding the group. She faces possible life in prison if convicted for the murders. The civil war in Syria has killed more than 36,000 people since the uprising against President Bashar Assad’s regime began in March 2011.

The civil war in Syria has killed more than 36,000 people since the uprising against President Bashar Assad’s regime began in March 2011. The nation was anxious and hopeful, regardless of which party people had voted for. According to Twitter.com, there were over 20 million tweets concerning the elections. On Instagram, the hashtag-sharing phone application owned by Facebook.com, users posted more than 775,000 photographs with the hashtag “vote,” and 250,000 photographs with the hashtag “election.”

Some people believe that President Obama surprised them in additional four years in order to address further economic issues.

The fundamentals of the economy are improving, so the American people have decided to give the President another time,” said Associate Professor of Political Science, Dr. Steven Michels.

Some students at Sacred Heart University also share the same feelings as Michelle Obama.
Residents of the Breezy Point neighborhood in Queens walked through their neighborhoods on Tuesday morning the day after Hurricane Sandy hit. Friends and family helping residents collect the few, if any, belongings they had left while trying to make sense of how they were going to rebuild their lives and the neighborhood they loved.

According to the Chicago Tribune, over 110 homes were destroyed in a fire that was spread by Sandy’s strong gusts that in some parts of the region reached over 95 mph. Many people had evacuated the region and returned to see their houses in a pile of rubble.

"Two of my family members completely lost their homes to flooding in the town next to me. The entire south shore is a mess, everything I ever did and loved as a child is underwater,” said junior Madison Polinice, a Long Island resident.

"I had power the day after Sandy hit, but when the nor'easter hit my house lost power for three days,” said sophomore Kaitlyn Stanford, a resident of Brick, a coastal New Jersey town.

CBSNews.com has called the nor'easter the “suckerpunch storm.” The nor'easter hit towns all over the coast of New Jersey, as well as farther up the northeast. According to NY 1.com, the storm brought heavy gusts of wind, which were later followed by as much as five inches of snow with a mix of close to an inch of rain. According to CBS New York Freehold, New Jersey was hit with a whopping 13 inches of snow.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, citizens along the Jersey Shore, like Point Pleasant and Brick Township, were evacuated due to the approaching nor'easter. Power, which was still being restored across New Jersey, was quickly lost when it eventually hit. "I had power the day after Sandy hit, but when the nor'easter hit my house lost power for three days,” said sophomore Kaitlyn Stanford, a resident of Brick, a coastal New Jersey town.

The nor’easter has affected more than just the power, they also affected Sandy recovery projects. Many residents have been upset with how long it is taking for them to get their lives back to normal.

"I think they definitely had some levels of preparations but could have done more. The people at the jersey shore and elsewhere are struggling so much I just feel they could have done more,” said graduate student Brian Har-
Perspectives
Internships offer students real world opportunities

Donald Hinton
Staff Reporter

As students make plans for next semester, many upperclassmen are beginning to apply for internships as well. Long gone are the days where a simple college degree was more than enough to get you a well paid job.

Today, internships are not only necessary for college students who will soon be graduating, they are expected.

At Sacred Heart University, students are applying to all different types of internships to gain experience. For most, this will be the first time that they have applied for an internship position.

“I want to have experience in the classroom, so for my first job I won’t be thrown into a classroom and not know what to expect,” said senior Danielle Palmaccio.

For seniors like Palmaccio, who plan on going into teaching or any job that requires different in comparison to when I am a student than when I’m a teacher, making that transition by having that internship will prepare me for that,” said Palmaccio.

On the other hand for students who have already had an internship, like senior Kiki Zambelli, they prove to be an enriching experience.

“My internship was very helpful because I got to know how a critical care unit works in a hospital,” said Zambelli.

Internships can prove to be very intimidating for many students, as they offer a view of what the work world is really like.

For those students who have already had an internship position some initial reactions to the real world taste of working was intimidating.

“I can’t lie, it was pretty tough,” said senior Dave Comerford. “Especially at first when you’re not use to the flow of things, but I got better as time went on.”

Other Sacred Heart students were anxious and excited to get a taste of what life will be like after their college career.

“I was nervous,” said Zambelli. “It took me, like, two weeks to get use to the unit and get to know all my duties, but I had someone orienting me which was very helpful.”

Although there are plenty of positive aspects in having an internship, some students experience negatives to working an internship.

“I think internships are too critical,” said Comerford. “You may not get along with some of the people, but that’s the kind of stuff you have to learn to deal with having a job.”

Some students feel as though there are only positive things to learn from internships.

“I had kind of crazy hours, working double shifts but that’s about it,” said Zambelli. “But it showed me the life of a nurse so even though it was tough it didn’t matter.”

We live in a materialistic world where giving a gift can be the end all and be all of a relationship. It’s hard to swallow.

Consider this: “He gave you what-a blender for your anniversary? What an insensitive way of saying stay in the kitchen!” Or this “Oh my goodness, he went to Jared!” You know you’ve heard these conversations before.

While giving gifts does say a lot about who you are and how much you care, it’s quite daunting how high it is placed on the totem pole.

All I am trying to say is that it’s all about that thought counts. Remembering your loved one on a special day. If you are someone who wants to give a blender because you think your significant other likes smoothies, then give them a damn blender.

Same with a homemade picture frame or a day in New York City. Just have the recipient in mind. Remove all of corporate America’s claims about having to spend everything you have. Just be creative.

Lucky for me, I rock at gift giving. I would love receiving gifts from me. Maybe contradicting everything I have previously said, gift giving is something that I have always taken pretty seriously.

I am not saying that I am a materialistic person, but I love picking out that perfect gift that feeds the recipient’s appetite and pairing it with an awesome homemade card. Who doesn’t love a good present?

Like I said, being thought of on that special day, especially by that special someone, is a feeling that cannot be duplicated.

This is why the whole process is, again, quite unseeming.

With me, I always try to be creative with my gift giving. Taking a risk and letting yourself be vulnerable in that way shows so much selflessness, I respect that.

The best gift I have ever gotten was this beautiful dress I received from my boyfriend last year.

I can imagine how difficult it is for guys to pick out clothing, especially something as personal as a dress. It’s a pattern and style depicted me perfectly. It was so well executed.

Presents don’t always have to be serious. I tend to alternate from goofy to sentimental to practical and so on.

One of my favorite gifts I have given was this awesome homemade picture book made out of paper mâché.

It was almost like a timeline of how my boyfriend and I grew up together. At the same time, I definitely killed it by giving him a “Lord of the Rings” Pez candy dispenser collection. It’s all the thought that counts.

So walk into that store or shop online and have that special someone in mind.
Perspectives

Gas stations at risk of depleting supplies
Gas shortages closing in on tri-state area can impact SHU

Evan Corey
Staff Reporter

It has been almost two weeks since Hurricane Sandy tore through the tri-state area. Regions that were hit particularly hard are still feeling the effects of the storm’s destruction.

Gas shortages in N.Y. and N.J. have become a major problem in the wake of the hurricane. Many gas stations are without gas or the electricity to pump it.

Sacred Heart University sophomore Stephen Finegan endured the storm and the gas shortage that followed at home with his family in Sparta, N.J.

“We got hit really hard in northwest New Jersey,” said Finegan. “My house had a tree come into it and is now officially condemned.”

As if the damage to his home was not enough, Finegan then had to deal with the gas shortage that plagued much of the state.

“I don’t think a shortage is going to happen [in Connecticut], I haven’t heard anything about it,” said freshman Joe Barbar.

Other students didn’t fare so well finding gas in different states.

“I personally had to wait for over an hour to get gas,” said Finegan.

He said people were generally frustrated while waiting in the long lines at the gas station. Throughout N.Y. and N.J., that frustration sometimes escalated out of control.

“The town next to mine actually had a riot at the local gas station due to people cutting the lines at the gas pump,” said Finegan.

The gas shortage problem has extended to Conn., due to the overwhelming demand of gas in the neighboring states. Hundreds of thousands of people in N.Y. and N.J. are without power and need gas for generators and vehicles.

Many people have traveled to Connecticut for gas in order to avoid the long lines at pump stations and the uncertainty of fuel supply in their home states.

These out-of-state customers have already put a strain on the Conn. fuel supply and some people fear that this could potentially lead to a gas shortage.

How do you do SHU?

Housing

Jaclyn Giuliano
Contributing Writer

Picking classes is very important if you want to stay on track with your college career. If you want to graduate on time and make sure you have the right classes you need to take for your major, then being focused during this process is very important.

For me, I don’t find picking classes that stressful. I look at the Media Studies check sheet to see what classes are suggested. I then go onto webadvisor and click on peer evaluation, to see which credits in what departments I need. I find peer evaluation page extremely helpful because it tells me exactly what requirements I still need to fulfill.

To make things a lot simpler, I open up Microsoft word and I make a weekly schedule instead of writing it down. The reason I do this is because I can just backspace what I need to change instead of having to cross things off and wasting paper, as well as time.

I am currently in my first semester of my junior year, and I still have a few required classes to take outside of my major, such as a music course and another religion course as well. I found that registering for these classes this year rather than my sophomore year is a lot easier because there is a greater chance I will get it since I registered this Tuesday (yesterday), and that was only the second day of registration.

As a media studies major, there are a lot of free electives I need to take. This semester I decided to take social networking and digital photography. I did this because I have already taken writing course and a film class, and social networking and photography are two aspects of media studies that I am very interested in.

Another important note, to actually register, you need to get your block removed from your advisor. If you don’t, you will not be able to register on time and some of the classes you were planning on taking can get filled.

The final aspect that I take into consideration while choosing my classes is what days I want off if possible, and also what time I like to go to class. I decided to have Fridays off next semester and take a lot of later classes so I can sleep in!

There have been mixed feelings regarding the visiting drivers’ presence at Conn. gas stations. Some students view them as intruders taking precious gas, while others are more sympathetic.

“I don’t have a problem with them coming to Connecticut,” said Barbar. “It’s the only option they have left to get gas for their generators; we don’t really need gas for anything but our cars anymore.”

Most students are not concerned that Conn. is in danger of a gas shortage. Barbar realizes that people’s gas shortage could create, though.

“My sister is a commuter, and having no gas would make it hard for her, and commuters in general, to get to class,” said Barbar.

The influx of N.Y. and N.J. drivers does not seem to be enough to cause a gas shortage in Conn. only a fraction of the people who are desperate for gas have crossed over the border.

“Connecticut was not an option around us because people could not get there with the little gas they had,” said Finegan.

N.Y. implemented a ration on gas on Friday, Nov 9. The rations are an effort to shrink lines at the pump, extend the gas supply, and avoid the disorder that has become commonplace at gas stations.

If the rations are effective, and gas distribution soon returns to a reasonable level of efficiency, Conn. residents should have nothing to worry about.

A gas station on Stratfield Rd in Fairfield had to send away customers due to their shortage of gas.
I'm a Floridian

Alana Miller
Asst. Sports Editor

"Wait you're from Florida and you're not on a sports team, then why did you come to SHU?"

I attended a small Catholic elementary and high school. I knew many of my classmates and I attended sporting events, beautiful campus, close proximity to a big city, and I wanted to experience the four seasons. I could hardly wait for my first snowstorm. I applied to eight schools in the northeast and only two in Florida. It became obvious that I really wanted to go to school up north.

On my first visit to Sacred Heart, something happened when I stepped on the campus, I could picture myself spending my college years here. There was such a genuine kind-hearted feeling from the staff and students. I remembered in particular how much I enjoyed my tour and tour guide. My tour at Florida State University seemed overwhelming and not personal. I felt no connection when I toured the larger universities. Right from the start, I loved the environment of Sacred Heart. I was immediately impressed with how many people said "hi" to the junior taking me on a tour. I quickly felt that this was the place for me. As I compared all of the other universities I visited, my experience at Sacred Heart stood out.

Since I am not from the New England states, traveling home can be a challenge. My parents and I have to make my flight plans months in advance. I've learned to travel light and keep much of my things in storage over summer break. I feel fortunate to have made friends that will drive me to the airport or even invite me to their homes during Hurricane Sandy. Of course, at times, I really miss Florida and my family, but I keep busy with school, work-study, theater, friends, intramural sports and The Spectrum. I love being involved in so many aspects of campus life; it helps me to not feel so homesick.

Therefore, if people ever ask me, "Did you make the right decision coming to SHU?" I immediately, without a doubt, say "yes."

Letter to the Editor

Spinsterhood in western and eastern cultures

Spinsterhood is defined as "being beyond the usual age of marrying and still unmarried." This definition could be used specifically for females in English language. However, in any native language, Arabic, the term of "spinsters" describes both female and males.

Nowadays, reaching the age of 40's and being single is not only a common problem in the Middle East but also it is a serious one. The following writing will state some reasons for the community spread phenomena which is spinsterhood.

The first reason for the spinsterhood in the Middle East is that the percentage of educated women has remarkably increased for the last two decades. Indeed, it is hard to find a family without having at least one of its daughters holding a Bachelor's degree or higher.

As well known, education has a significant influence in broadening the mind and thinking. And the more the individual is educated, the more he or she will be sophisticated and cannot accept the simplicity of others.

What I mean is that well-educated women have their own type of white knight.

The white knight that used to be a hero that rescue his life to save his lover before a brave fighter, is totally different from the 21st century's white knight. The white knight now must have at least a Bachelor's degree, he must also believe in women's rights and freedom, and he must know how to express a meaningful conversation not only saying sweet words.

Since this type of white knight merely exists, and if they existed, they would already be married, or,arpriat well-educated women, who cannot accept arranged men, are searching for the 21st century's white knight.

Along the same lines, highbrow women are no longer accepting arranged marriages.

Although my 20 years older sister, who has a Bachelor's degree, could accept an arranged marriage, I find it as a very difficult situation to deal with. To link my life with a mysterious man and try to discover his personality is unacceptable at all.

Another reason for the spinsterhood is bad economy and the significant number of unemployment. Some might claim that the high cost of marriage in the Middle East and Saudi Arabia specifically, is the main reason for the spinsterhood. However, my feelings in this issue are analyzed, because how the families now are flexible when it comes to paying the dowry.

In fact, some women would sacrify wearing the white dress and the wedding party in order to avoid late marriage, but the rate of marriage is getting lower and lower.

Furthermore, the minimum salary in Saudi Arabia is considered to be $1000, which is hardly enough for a single male female who still lives with the family. Even if the families help their kids to marry, the problem is larger than it seems to be, and serious actions should be taken.

Finally, the above paragraphs are stating that there are many other hidden reasons for the spinsterhood, and I did not write about, but I might find them in the future. In sum, then I believe that every thing happens to us is already written and we have to face our fate.

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The voice heard around campus

Student Vinny Ebenau discovers his passion in the field of broadcasting

Samantha Irarusso
Staff Reporter

Instead of enjoying a summer off at the beach like some college students, Vinny Ebenau, a junior at Sacred Heart University, spent his summer interning at Dial Global Sports in New York City. Dial Global Sports radio has broadcasted some of the biggest events in sports: NFL football, the Masters, and even the Olympic games. They have been the leader in play by play sports broadcasting for the NFL football, the playoffs, Super Bowl, NCAA Football and Basketball for the past 25 consecutive seasons.

Ebenau, a Communications major, has known that he wanted to pursue a career in sports broadcasting and broadcasting for a long time. In high school, he worked at the school’s radio station where he featured playbacks from their sports teams.

“Every time I announce, talk on the radio or am on television, I love what I do, I have a passion for it,” said Ebenau.

His internship consisted of working nine-hour days, twice a week where he contributed to basic tasks effectively and in a timely manner, his producers introduced him to the tools and experiences that would help him learn and succeed in broadcasting. Landing the internship at Dial Global Sports was the dream opportunity for Ebenau. This experience taught him not only how to survive in the big leagues but how to master craft and grow in the sports broadcasting field.

One unforgettable experience Ebenau was presented with was covering the popular video news magazine, television station and a news and music radio station WHRT – SHU. The campus radio and media areas are the voice of SHU. SHU-BOX has a video news magazine, television station and a news and music radio station, WHRT – SHU.

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“One key piece of advice he learned was there is no room for error. Each assignment needs to be done quickly, correctly and prior to deadlines. By completing tasks effectively and in a timely manner, his producers introduced him to the tools and experiences that would help him learn and succeed in broadcasting. Landing the internship at Dial Global Sports was the dream opportunity for Ebenau. This experience taught him not only how to survive in the big leagues but how to master craft and grow in the sports broadcasting field. One unforgettable experience Ebenau was presented with was covering the popular video news magazine, television station and a news and music radio station WHRT – SHU. The campus radio and media areas are the voice of SHU.

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Ebenau’s position as president of SHU-BOX Multimedia Network.

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The campus radio and media areas are the voice of SHU. SHU-BOX is a great way to introduce and allow students to understand and gain knowledge in the industry. Including Harlan and Esiason, Ebenau had the opportunity to meet basketball, football and sports announcer legend, Joe Namath.

“I’ve been able to reach goals that many people didn’t think were possible,” said Ebenau.

Without this summer internship, meeting such legends would not have been possible for Ebenau.

“I have to enjoy what you love doing and that’s the best way to survive. If you go into work and hate what you’re doing you will hate your job and your performance will go down,” said Dial Global Sports executive producer Howie Deneroff.

Internships have the ability to give students a chance to pursue their dreams, and gain knowledge and experience of a given field. Of all the knowledge and experience that can be taken from an internship it is important to remember that the love and passion for a field is the most valuable of all.
Hurricane vigil touches Sacred Heart
Student Government vigil brought students and staff together for a worthy cause

Students gather outside of the chapel to pray for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Lauren Rodrigues
Staff Reporter

Hurricane Sandy was a devastating storm. It swept over the east coast demolishing homes, illuminating power, and flooding a variety of towns and cities.

With winds up to 80 mph and flooding up to 13 feet in some areas, Hurricane Sandy was categorized as a super storm.

On November 6, 2012 at 10:10 p.m., the Sacred Heart University student government held a vigil where prayers were said for the safety of all the students and families affected.

The vigil provided to be a outlet for students to voice their feelings and concerns regarding Sandy's aftermath.

Sacred Heart's hurricane vigil was a heartwarming ceremony for many students.

"I thought the vigil was a really good idea. Hurricane Sandy was a storm that affected a lot of families and caused a unheard of amount of damage. I felt that Sacred Heart recognizing the storm helped students from New York and New Jersey cope with the damage back home," said junior Tara Ryan.

At one point, the super storm has left more than 2.7 million people without power.

"My family living in Brick New Jersey completely lost their home on the beach. They were forced to move to a shelter and were evacuated by the rescue in a bull dozer. This year my families Thanksgiving plans are changed to say the least," said junior Catarina Pereira.

Some students in New Jersey are left with Sacred Heart as their temporary home since their actual homes and neighborhoods have been destroyed.

The vigil's focus was to provide a safe atmosphere where students had the opportunity to get informed on the losses their peers were suffering, as well as offering their support.

"I felt vigil was something that was more than necessary. It gave me a sense of security for now since I'm unable to go back home to New Jersey during this awful time," said Pereira.

The vigil also provided students and staff with a video featuring photos of affected areas in both New Jersey and New York.

"I liked how during the vigil they played the song 'Home' by Phillip Phillips. New York and New Jersey is home to a lot of Sacred Heart students. Hurricane Sandy is the first natural disaster that has deeply affected the northeast in a long time," said Ryan.

Hurricane Sandy is a storm that has challenged the strength of families, the government, and the ability for neighbors and friends to stick together through this difficult time.

Donations are being accepted from the Sacred Heart community and given to the Red Cross which will be dispersed to the many distressed areas.

Father Jerry Ryle is also collecting donations of clothing and goods at the campus ministry's office, located directly across from the register office.

Other drop off boxes will be placed around campus for students and staff members to drop off clothing, can goods, or anything else that would be beneficial for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

HOW TO GIVE BACK (Hurricane Relief):

- Volunteer with the Bridgeport Rescue Mission
- Donate to local Red Cross efforts: https://www.redcross.org/donate/index.jsp?donateStep=2&itemId=prod10002
- Can stop by the Campus Ministry Office and donate clothes, shoes, non-perishables, etc.
- Donation Collection at the Football Game Saturday, Nov. 10th at 12 noon
- Day of Service: Fairfield Beach Clean-up (Jennings Beach, Fairfield, CT) Sunday, Nov. 11th from 9:30am-5pm (limited transportation provided through volunteer services)
- Donation Sorting at St. Anthony's Church Fairfield, CT Wednesday, Nov 14th 1-4pm
- Day of Service: Staten Island, NY Sunday, Nov 18th 8:30-5:30 (Transportation Provided)
- Turkey Drive: Stop and Shop collection in Fairfield Saturday, Nov 10th from 10am-2pm (hour time slots) email Alexa Wrinn with more information at alexawrinn@sacredheart.edu
- You can donate to this year's Campus Wide Turkey Drive at https://secure.touchnet.com/C21309_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=156&SIMPLESTORE=true

Campus wide turkey drive

Amy Nunes
Staff Reporter

The holiday season is approaching as rapidly as the winter weather. This time of year yields itself to charity—especially within the Sacred Heart community.

Every year through Student Government, a Campus Wide Turkey Drive is initiated. The Sacred Heart community works together to raise funds that will aid in the purchasing of turkeys. These turkeys are then donated to families in local Bridgeport areas who are most in need around the holidays.

This ongoing donation drive will be in effect through Nov 19 when the turkeys will be distributed locally.

"When I asked volunteer programs what the Bridgeport community needed the most help with, they replied, 'turkeys for Thanksgiving.' From that moment on I knew we had a job to do," said senior Alexa Wrinn.

Wrinn, along with the rest of Sacred Heart's student government, feels a responsibility to help the local communities in need. This urgency is communicated in an infectious way throughout the campus.

Sacred Heart students working together towards achieving a common goal is an act that makes a measurable difference within these local communities. This year's involvement is especially beneficial considering recent storm devastation.

"We are re-focusing our efforts to reach the community that was most affected by the hurricane," Winn said.

This initiative is spreading through the campus rapidly.

"We have asked sport teams, clubs, Greek life, and departments to collect money within their organizations," said Winn.

This year in particular people are encouraged to start their own group fundraisers for the Turkey Drive as well.

"Roncalli is currently in a battle to see which floor can raise the most money for the Turkey Drive. The competitive spirit mixed with the eagerness to give back is a great combination that will be sure to raise high funds for this cause," said sophomore Gabrielle Cantillon.

On an individual basis, donations can be made on main campus, outside of 63's everyday this week. Also, there is a 16 Handles Fundraiser on Thursday, Nov 15 where 10 percent of all sales go to the Turkey Drive.

The acknowledgment given to these needy families by Sacred Heart students is what amplifies this turkey drive.

"The turkey drive means much more than just donating a turkey to a family. It means that we are providing a warm meal, to families who need it most. Providing that experience is the most rewarding thing about the turkey drive," Winn said.
Did celebrities sway your vote this election?

Laura Hardt
Assistant A&E Editor

Although the elections are over, and our president has been chosen, support for President Obama and Governor Romney still remains.

In this year's election, support from celebrity figures was impossible to ignore.

Some Sacred Heart University students believe that celebrity endorsement in political campaigns wrongly informs voters.

"Celebrities don't know about politics. They promote their views and their fans believe them, because they essentially worship them. The fans don't make their own decisions," said sophomore Brenda Custodio.

The concept of people blindly following the actions and opinions of famous individuals is widely accepted as truth among many.

"If a celebrity likes a candidate, their fans could think, this person supports this person, maybe I should too," said freshman Annie Griswold.

A number of celebrities showed their support for both President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney this year. With musicians such as Bruce Springsteen and Jay-Z supporting Obama and actors such as Clint Eastwood and Sylvester Stallone endorsing Romney, the presence of these public figures may impact the culture, influencing people's votes.

According to Steven J. Michels, assistant professor of political science at Sacred Heart, this technique is not completely without precedent and is not unique to the political sphere.

"Celebrity endorsements for politicians must work as well for them as they do for cars or deodorant or campaigns, or politicians would not use them," said Michels.

However, many students at Sacred Heart felt as though a public personality's backing of a candidate had little to no effect on their own personal beliefs and choices. Many were only marginally aware of any particular celebrity's position.

"I wouldn't be swayed by their opinion, even if I liked the celebrity. Their political views shouldn't affect our views," said freshman Marilyn Hoyen.

Many students stated that a celebrity's endorsement should not be a deciding factor when selecting the candidate who is best suited to a high-ranking political position.

"Think for yourself rather than have a celebrity think things for you. They're just a name. You shouldn't see them and assume that their opinion is right," said senior Justine Quammie.

Though many students felt that the opinions of the rich and famous are of little influence to them, beliefs surrounding the legitimacy of such a practice vary considerably as some students said that an endorsement has benefits.

"Celebrities have a positive role in the election because it shows they are aware of what's going on," said freshman Dana DiMartino.

Other students said that the practice should be disposed of altogether.

"It's your choice, your vote. Celebrities shouldn't be a part of it. If you keep yourself educated and don't let yourself be influenced or swayed by other people, you'll make the best choice for yourself," said Hoyen.

Still, others expressed the opinion that celebrity endorsement, while done with the best of intentions, is doing more harm than good.

"It's not a great thing, but it's not a bad thing either. Politicians shouldn't be able to use celebrities for their fame," said sophomore Emma Kraft. "People should have their own opinions instead of following what someone says."

Stylish Students in SHU's Hallways

Garrett Minyard, Senior
"Most of my outfit is from H&M. I like to wear clothes that are darker in the fall and winter. I also love to stay simple and casual."

Marisa Messina, Sophomore
"Most of my outfit is from Forever 21, I'm dressing up today for my sorority, Kappa Delta!"

Chris Kulesza, Sophomore
"I got my outfit from Brave New World in Point Pleasant. In the fall I wear flannels almost every day."

Olivia Canada, Senior
"My outfit is from Urban Outfitters and Forever 21. I wore it because it's comfortable but also looks put together."
Jerry Goehring brings SHU to Broadway

Goehring represents Sacred Heart with his production of 'A Christmas Story'

Kathleen Perzanowski  
Staff Reporter

Leg lamps, Santa, Fra-glee-lay.

This year, for the first time ever, the classic film, "A Christmas Story," will hit Broadway in a new musical produced by Sacred Heart University's own Jerry Goehring. The musical opens at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre Monday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m., but Sacred Heart students have been involved with the production for quite some time.

The show follows the same storyline as the original film, but incorporates musical numbers. It is a family show about Ralphie Parker's mission to get what he believes is the best Christmas gift ever, an Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle: "It's a big old fashioned Broadway musical, it's still the same story as the movie, but we have some fantastic songs," said John Bolton, who plays the "Old Man," (Ralphie's father), in the show. "There are a lot of fantasy sequences in it and those moments lend themselves to become songs very well."

Goehring got the idea of turning the film into a musical four years ago. Over that time period Sacred Heart students have been involved in the journey of bringing the film to the stage. He is the Executive Director of the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts and is in charge of the Theatre Arts Program (TAP). Many TAP members have been given opportunities to help with the show, from attending tech rehearsals, set load-ins, and even advertising meetings, they've seen it all.

The show first opened three years ago at The Kansas City Repertory Theatre. The following year it was performed in Seattle, Wash. and last year it went on a national tour. This November, it is making its Broadway debut.

Kimmie Latulippe, an alumni of Sacred Heart, was a production assistant for the show in preparation for its opening in Seattle. Senior, Amanda Ferrari also helped out with organizing the show, by creating handmade character cutouts with Latulippe. The cutouts will be used in the Broadway theatre this year so fans can pretend to be Ralphie in his pink bunny pajamas, as well as his brother wearing the giant snowsuit.

Among the TAP members, there was a contest for whomever could sell the most advertisements for the upcoming fall play program. The winner would receive two tickets to see the red carpet premier of the show and be able to attend the after party. Freshmen, Anthony and Michael Tartaglia were the winners and are looking forward to attending and seeing all of Goehring's work come to life.

"We always watch the movie every year and are excited to see it go from the big screen onto the main stage," said Michael. "I think it's really cool that our director is the main producer of a Broadway show," said Anthony. "We're excited to go to the premier and the after party and see what celebrities we might bump into."

Other ways that Goehring has brought involvement of the musical to Sacred Heart is by offering a production practicum to members of TAP. The class met once a week and focused on the work involved in producing a main stage show. Students learned how to take an idea and turn it into a Broadway production.

"One of the reasons why I decided to do a Broadway show right now, was to make sure that theatre students at Sacred Heart could be involved from the day I got the idea, through the opening night," said Goehring.

Sacred Heart is one of the only schools that has a Broadway producer who also works for the University, and incorporates the students with the show. To open up the experience with all students, this past Saturday, Nov. 10, SET sponsored a trip to New York City to see the show and featured a meet and greet with the cast.

"You don't have to be familiar with the show, but the audience that is familiar does enjoy seeing their favorite moments played out on the stage," said Bolton. "They're going to have a great time, it's a really fun Broadway show."

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Movie Review: James Bond Skyfall

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Not only did "Skyfall" beat every movie in the box office this weekend, it beat out every other movie in the James Bond franchise as well.

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the original James Bond film, Daniel Craig reprises his third movie as the Bond character.

Director Sam Mendes creates an entirely new storyline that puts Bond in a more modernized light but does not fail to include the action, women and villain that is typical of the James Bond franchise.

According to CNN, "Skyfall" had $87.6 million in box office sales during its opening weekend and beat 2008's "Quantum of Solace," which pulled in $67.5 million. Right from the start, Mendes brings the action to the screen. The beginning scene features Bond and fellow agent Eve, played by Naomie Harris, chasing a man through the streets of Istanbul who has stolen an important hard drive.

Before long, Bond is fighting on top of a moving train and his apparent death follows. When an explosion hits the M16 headquarter, Bond must get revenge against the film's impressive villain Silva, played by Javier Bardem.

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The men's ice hockey team lost both games this past weekend against UConn 5-3 and Holy Cross 6-3. Scoring the three goals against UConn were sophomores Ryan Stammers, senior Eric D'Hont and sophomores Nick Curry. During the game against Holy Cross, sophomore Brian Sheehan, senior Ike Kancham and senior Mitchell Stuckless scored the three goals for the Pioneers. The Pioneers next games are away at Army on Friday and home against American International on Saturday.

The Sacred Heart University men and women's basketball teams return to action with some highly anticipated games to begin their seasons. Pioneer basketball fans from far and wide will now have the opportunity to watch some games this season on television, if they cannot make it in person. The Pioneers will be featured as a part of the Northeast Conference 2012-2013 television package.

"This opportunity gives Sacred Heart, as well as the NEC, a lot more exposure," said senior guard Kiley Evans, "which not only helps our basketball programs, but the school in general, because increased exposure generates interest in Sacred Heart University."

"The other thing that the league has done," said men's head coach Dave Bike, "is give free access to the website. It's called NEC Front Row, and all of our home games in the league are being televised on the Internet."

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All season, Sacred Heart University head football coach Mark Nofri has preached to his team the importance of putting together four quarters. On Saturday, in front of a Senior Day crowd made up of 1,336 at Campus Field, this was the limit.

"They're a bunch of great kids," said Nofri of his seniors. "They deserve to go out right." But this quartet stands right now. Obviously, Senior Day, they're always ready to play. They were pumped up for the game and I think they showed anything less. It's just disappointing that we didn't play four quarters to finish the game for the win for them.

Taking a 17-6 advantage into the final frame, the Sacred Heart Pioneers surrendered 15 unanswered fourth quarter points as they were upended, 21-17, by Robert Morris University.

The Robert Morris Colonials struck early in the fourth quarter on their first possession. Following a 15-yard kick catch interference penalty on Sacred Heart junior Greg Moore on a booming punt, Robert Morris drove 76 yards down the field, capped by the 15-play drive when senior quarterback Jeff Sinclair hit junior tight end D.J. Pearson with a floater to the back of the end zone. A successful two-point conversion cut the Pioneer lead to 17-14.

Then, it happened — again.

For the second-straight home game, Sacred Heart blew the lead late. On Oct. 27, against the then-No. 20 University of Connecticut, the Pioneers coughed up the lead with 1:38 remaining on a 40-yard run.

On Saturday, it was worse.

With 2:57 left, Sacred Heart s-senior punter Robert Shepherd stuck the Colonials on their own 18 with a 36-yard punt. Robert Morris quickly moved the ball downfield, but the drive seemed to stall on the Pioneer two-yard line.

Opting to go for the win instead of a chip shot field goal to tie the game and likely send it into overtime, Colonial head coach Joe Walton went for the play into Sinclair.

On fourth-and-one, Sinclair dropped back in play action, waited for senior fullback Nick Great to clear the flat and head into the left corner of the end zone, and connected with a touch down bob for the winning score.

"It just came down to making plays at the end," said Sacred Heart senior outside linebacker and tri-captain Niko Sierra, "and they just made one more play than we did. We got mixed up with the coverage and then we left a guy open and they found him. Sometimes they don't, but they found him this time.

For Great, a four-year contributor, it was his first career touchdown reception. Sinclair, the winning play caller despite throwing four picks, extended his program record of most career game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime.

For the 21 graduating Pioneer seniors who were honored with their parents before kick-off, the loss was an unfortunate microcosm of their final campaign. "Honestly," said r-senior defensive lineman and tri-captain Tyler Poole, "I feel like, as a captain, as a fifth year, we let the fans down this year. That's not how we wanted to finish. We wanted to come out today and ball out. Obviously, it's the way things have been going. I don't know what it is." Poole, who came into the game ranked 23rd in the nation in sacks, walked off in defeat.

"It's pretty sad to see them go," said sophomore Alissa Young, one of eight returners for the Colonials. However, Sacred Heart senior linebacker and tri-captain Justin Sexton, who had 11.5 tackles for a loss, four picks, extended his program record of most career sacks. "I really don't want to think about it, to tell you the truth," confessed Sierra. "It's definitely flattened my mind, but I try to not think about it and... come back to practice and get ready to work?"

Women’s volleyball sweep Quinnipiac 3-0

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Staff Reporter

As the Sacred Heart University women's volleyball team concluded their season with a sweep of Quinnipiac University on Saturday, Senior Day, they marked the end of an era for the class of 2012.

Seniors Nicole Morales, Johanna Ovsenek, Megan Pulone, and Elise Sage each contributed mightily as they ended their Sacred Heart careers in dominating fashion. "I was just so happy to go out there and give it my best shot in my last game and to leave everything there on the court," said Morales. "I have been playing volleyball for a long time now, so it was nice to finish it like this and especially with my friends and teammates.

Not only do the four seniors left the indelible mark on the program, but in the match as well, they each led in a different statistic. Morales led the match with 11 digs, Ovsenek with 10 kills, Pulone with 14 assists, and Sage with a .583 hitting percentage.

It was Ovsenek, a departing leader, who notched the game's final point. "It's the best feeling in the world," said Ovsenek. "I don't usually get nervous before games, but it was different for me person­ally. I don't usually get nervous before games, but it was something different just because I know I am never going to step on this field again."

Sacred Heart struck first when, late in the first quarter, Wischowski hit sophomore fullback Pat Casey from 4 yards out. Sophomore kicker Connor Fitzzell put the Pioneers up 10-9 with an 18-yard field goal early in the second quarter.

Robert Morris responded with two field goals from senior kicker Greg Langer, but Sacred Heart r-sophomore cornerback I.D. Roussel picked off Sinclair midway through the third quarter and returned it 14 yards to pay dirt for his second pick-six of the year and the 17-6 advantage. After holding the Colonials to 81 yards of total offense in the first three quarters, the Pioneers marched 189 in the fourth.

"I think we played very well the first three quarters," said Poole. "Then, the fourth quarter, they started to figure it out and they hit us. They played better than we did.

"Whereas, the Sacred Heart offense, who put up 211 yards of total offense in the first half, was held to just 87 in the second.

"Complicity," explained Tate. "We think we're all set in the first half... and we just don't adjust to what the other team is doing on defense. We got complacent, basically, the only thing I can say."

The loss keeps the Pioneers in the cellar of the NEC with a 1-6 conference record (2-8 overall) and moves Robert Morris to a tie for fifth with a 3-4 conference record (6-6 overall). For 21 gridiron gladiators, their days in Pioneer red and white will come to an end in Loreto, Pa. after Sacred Heart battles Saint Francis University at noon on Saturday.

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Cross Country

The women's cross country team finished 16th at the NCAA Regional Championship this past Friday. Senior Alyssa Seligquest finished 62nd overall and ran the 6k course in 21:22.2, which now is her new personal best time. Also leading the team was junior Brianna Castrogiovanni who finished 68th overall in the tournament. Along with Seligquest, she set a new personal best time and completed the course in 21:27.3.

The men's cross country team finished 32nd out of 34 at the NCAA Regional Championship. Leading the Pioneers was senior Christopher Connolly finishing 54th out of 239 runners with a time of 31:56.7.

The Pioneers finish their season this Saturday, Nov. 17 running in the ECAC/NEC Cross Country Championship at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, NY.
Men win OT thriller while women lose in preseason WNIT

The Sacred Heart University men's basketball team started their season with a thrilling 85-82 overtime victory over the Yale University Bulldogs at the Connecticut 6 Classic on Saturday.

Six of Connecticut's Division I teams were featured in the Classic. Sacred Heart, Central Connecticut State University, Fairfield University, the University of Hartford, Quinnipiac University, and Yale met at the Chase Family Arena at the University of Hartford for the tripleheader showcase.

The Pioneers stepped onto the court ready to claim their first victory. In the first half, the Pioneers found themselves behind the Bulldogs by 24 points. "It was hard to not feel somewhat pessimistic after being down so much at halftime," said r-senior forward Justin Swidowski. "But we are an experienced team and we've been in this kind of situation before. We heard them talking at halftime about how they should have been up by 30 and that was great motivation."

But the Pioneers pulled it together and came back in full force the second half.

"We needed to improve in areas we struggled in," said Sacred Heart head coach Dave Bike, "and we did better at the foul line. We made more shots than they did, but it was a little rusty in the beginning, but once I got into the flow of the game, it was just like riding a bike. I have so much faith in my teammates and coaches that, even down 24, I just kept thinking it's never over. And it turns out I was right."

With 16 seconds left, the Pioneers were only trailing by two points. In the final 10 seconds, Gibson scored a layup, sending the game to overtime.

Sacred Heart had a rough start in the beginning of overtime, but kept their heads up. "Being down in overtime is a lot," said Bike. "But we were down 24 in the first half, so we just had to keep playing."

With makes by Gibson and r-junior forward Louis Montes, the Pioneers found themselves back in the game. With 55 seconds left, Swidowski was fouled and made both free throws to put the Pioneers up by one point.

In the final 40 seconds, r-sophomore guard Steve Glowiak sank two free throws to seal the victory for the Pioneers.

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The game also marked an exciting milestone for Bike. The win, in the first game of his 35th season at Sacred Heart, was also his 1,000th game coached.

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The Hoyas dominated field goal percentage with 45.8-percent (33-72) to Sacred Heart's 29.9-percent (20-67). Sacred Heart also had 35 points off of turnovers compared to only 11 scored by the Hoyas.

The Pioneers are on the road this Friday when the team travels to Rutgers on Monday night. Despite playing a very good team, the Pioneers recognize that their efforts were not up to par with what they're capable of.

"Georgetown is a good team," said Shepard, "but we did not play up to our potential. I think that this will help our team. We know what is expected of us, now we can continue to get better every day."

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