The Pioneers celebrate after winning the NEC championship.

BY KATIE SHEPARD
Sports Editor

For the first time in program history the Sacred Heart University football team will be appearing in the FCS playoffs. Defeating Robert Morris 42-25 on Saturday, the Pioneers capped off a tremendous turnaround season winning the NEC for the second time in program history and finishing the regular season at 10-2.

After such a dismal season just one year ago winning only two games and being picked to finish last in the conference in the preseason poll back in August, the Pioneers proved everyone wrong. "The kids set out last January to change the culture here and have a winning program," said head coach Mark Noffi. "They were resilient all year long and I couldn't be happier for these guys.

On Saturday it was a dynamite offense coupled with a terrific defensive effort, just how the Pioneers have played all year long. Playing in the big game to clinch at least a share of the championship certainly didn't look to affect their mindset.

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-SHU Alumnus Dario Melendez

ESPN Anchor Speaks to SHU Students

On Thurs. Nov. 14, Sacred Heart University’s newest club on campus, the Sports Media Club, welcomed back alumnus and ESPN anchor, Dario Melendez. The talk was given in the Pitt Center boardroom and all majors were welcomed to hear the exciting news about Melendez’s success after being a Sacred Heart student who just recently graduated in May 2008.

Melendez’s talk was very informative about the steps that need to be followed in order to survive in the media business. He explained how students should not expect to graduate and land a job at ESPN or any other large production company in NYC immediately.

“In order to make it in this industry it is important to be open to traveling to smaller cities to get a few years of experience under your belt,” said Melendez.

The talk was in a very relaxed setting and Melendez aimed to have it be conversational-like. Students engaged in asking questions about Melendez’s past and what he took away from Sacred Heart’s media department.

“One thing I wished I learned how to do while in college was learn how to read off of a prompter, it is one of the hardest things to do, to learn how to make reading sound conversation based,” said Melendez.

Melendez explained how much work goes into being an anchor for ESPN. He explained how in the media business, you have to be willing to work long hours and on the weekends.

“Thursdays may be my day off, but I take lessons set up by ESPN to get better,” said Melendez. “Everyone has to continue learning and growing to become the best of the best, if you don’t have the passion to improve, then this isn’t the field for you.”

In addition to discussing all of the amazing opportunities that ESPN has given Melendez such as working at two Super Bowls and covering many major events within sports news, he discussed the basics of landing an internship.

“My advice for internship success is to dress appropriately [and to] research the company and know about what is currently going on within the company,” said Melendez.

“You always want to know what the company you are applying to work at is doing, the history is important and knowing the people that work there can take the level of conversation between you and the employer from basic to extraordinary.”

Media students and members of the Sports Media Club specifically listened with intent to everything Melendez had to say because of how much success he has had in such a short time.

“I personally really enjoyed seeing and hearing from someone that has graduated with the degree I am pursuing and graduating with this May,” said senior Maddy Muccott. “Dario Melendez has had so much success and hearing how much work he put into achieving it was very informative. It is amazing to see what a degree at Sacred Heart prepares you for and exciting to see someone that has graduated from here achieve so much.”

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Students arrive before and after class to enjoy food on the go.
Moses Webb’s Play Goes Viral

BY KAITLYN VOSWINKEL
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 2, fans witnessed a jaw-dropping play made by Moses Webb during the football game between Sacred Heart and Monmouth at Campus Field. The top play consisted of major maneuvers, including a reception, fumble, tackle, forced fumble, fumble recovery, and touchdown by the talented sophomore.

Millions of viewers were glued to the YouTube clip showing Webb’s impressive play with more than 2 million hits. Webb fumbled after the catch, only to regain and force another fumble, recover, and run 51-yards into the end zone for a touchdown.

Major networks, such as ESPN and NBC, were so impressed by the play that they had their newscasters request interviews with Webb.

“It was good publicity for our school. It shows that small universities can have great athletes, too,” said sophomore Alyssa Taras.

Sacred Heart suddenly had the headlines, along with big schools like Clemson, Georgia Tech and Ohio State, which are used to receiving attention from major networks. Sacred Heart’s Athletic Department has gained national attention from professional football media.

“It gives a good name to our school and gets our school on the map,” said sophomore Taylor Langen.

Webb’s determination is quite evident. Last year, the Pioneers finished with a 2-9 record but rebounded to finish this season at 10-2. Webb claims that the “whole team environment changed, we get rid of the losing attitude.”

“I think Webb brought a good deal of positive recognition to the athletic mindset at Sacred Heart,” said sophomore Lene Etienne.

Most recently, Webb scored a touchdown in the NEC Championship-clinching win over Robert Morris University.

Students, faculty and administration are enthusiastic about Webb being in the spotlight.

“Very happy that Moses got selected on so many major stations. It’s good that finally our school is getting the attention we deserve,” said sophomore Julie Ashworth.

Students are proud of Webb and the entire Sacred Heart football team on their performance this year.

“This win brings Sacred Heart into a very positive light because our athletes are very determined and can rise to any challenge,” said sophomore Ali Braig.

Webb’s teammates also shower him with praise.

“They’re supportive and they show me their love,” said Webb.

I don’t find any enjoyment out of shopping for three hundred and sixty four days of the year. There are so many other ways that I would rather spend my time. But when Black Friday rolls around, shopping suddenly becomes my favorite hobby. I can’t decide if I enjoy the deals or the opportunity to play real-life hunger games once a year.

I’ve gone out on Black Friday just to people watch. Observing people battle over a microwave for $3 is prime entertainment. It’s as if it’s the last time these people will ever get a chance to overspend. Two years ago, I spent all day at the mall fighting the crowds and only made one purchase; a burger from Five Guys. I can’t pass up the opportunity to watch frenzied mobs do inhuman things for that great bargain.

There have been numerous deaths related to Black Friday shopping. People literally die to get ahead on their holiday shopping. We must have been in a recession or something. Isn’t the day before Black Friday Thanksgiving? The day we give thanks for everything we have? The next day we’re killing people over a pair of Jordan’s. It’s amazing how quickly tides turn when money is on the line.

I plan to knock out my whole Christmas list this Black Friday. In other words, this Black Friday will most likely translate into Black Saturday for me. But how can my spirit be knocked down on the day stores begin playing Christmas music on repeat.

My plan is to line up before the crack of dawn with the earliest of shoppers. I can only hope that there are Black Friday deals on the hospital visit I might need after this year. May the odds be ever in my favor.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. A day spent towards celebrating two incredible facets of life: good food and family. Now life has taught me that when something positive is happening, something not-so-positive isn’t too far in the distance. In Thanksgiving’s case, this looming negative is Black Friday.

This is a day where people get up at 2AM to stand in line for the newest and cheapest motorcycles. Just another reminder of how selfish we all really are!

With a belly full of gravy and turkey, I’m surprised more people haven’t suffered from heart failure on this day. I know in my situation, Black Friday gives me high anxiety. I have been “gladly” and “willingly” participating in this commercial day as sort of a “family tradition” with my cousins and aunts for a few years now. We get up extra early and go to an outlet mall near my town. I mean in theory we are all spending time together and that’s nice. But when my Aunt is consumerist nature is in full force, things can get a little dicey.

Its paradox seems to surface when thinking of these two days. We are the only species that spend a day giving thanks and then spend a day kicking each other out of the way for the best-priced plasma television.

Now this year, folks, things are supposed to get extra rowdy. Stores are opening up on Thanksgiv- ing Day this year! Here are the top 5 deals you cannot miss:

01. Barnes & Noble: a Barnes & Noble location of your choosing with purchase of any best seller within the last decade.
02. Petco: An obligatory ferret with every purchase! (not an option— you must take ferret)
03. Hollister & CO: Free judgmental stares on inattention upon entering store (all year round)
04. Michael’s Crafts: Complimentary sadness and feeling that there is more to life than 50% off scrapbooks with every purchase. (Thanksgiving day only)
05. Stop and Shop: 5 free turkeys when you walk in the door.

Good luck to all!
The safety of cars on campus is important to Sacred Heart, not only for drivers, but for pedestrians walking to and from classes as well. To enforce safety and to keep speeding to a minimum, Sacred Heart has various speed bumps placed around campus, starting from the entrance near public safety and run all the way to Scholars Commons.

Sophomore Bianca Tiberi was able to bring her car with her to school for the first time this past fall. “I love the freedom that I have with my car. In the beginning of the year, I had no issues, but about two weeks ago, the speed bumps have been significantly raised in size without giving students any notification that this change was taking place. I keep the same paced speed every day, but scraping the bottom of my car was unavoidable due to the size of this bump,” said Tiberi.

Speed bumps serve as a yield sign for drivers, giving them no option but to slow down to avoid damaging the bottom of their car. While Sacred Heart may believe that the raised speed bumps may be increasing the enforcement of controlled speed, students are becoming extremely frustrated with the lack of warning made by these changes.

“When driving into school last week, there were no signs or any other means of signaling color differences made to the area around the speed bump,” said senior Malory Kuscu. “I approached the speed bump at fifteen miles per hour and unexpectedly heard a scraping noise underneath my car. The noise distracted me and I feel that I was much more of a danger to the pedestrians now that my attention was on whether my car was damaged or not.”

Junior Mathew Hall has heard a lot in the past few weeks over this controversial speed bump issue.

“When I went over the bump, I felt my car scrape but I didn’t think too much of it. I figured I was going a little fast, but once I heard all my friends discussing their frustration, I knew that there had to be a change made that we all weren’t aware of. We told public safety about the issue to see if there can be another change made to lessen the severity of the height,” said Hall.

Public Safety is not in charge of the roadwork done around campus; however their department does deal with the complaints about any driving issues that may occur.

“I do not see the problem with the speed bump on campus. As long as it is painted in yellow paint like the rest of them, then that is enough of an indication to slow down and handle the speed bump with proper care,” said a Public Safety officer. Although there has been significant controversy over the new speed bumps, it does not seem like any changes are going to be made.

“I do not think that all speed bumps should be removed, I just believe that there should have been more of a warning to advise students that the speed bump may be larger than it has been before and to drive accordingly,” said senior Joe Traupman.

Habitat for Humanity Thrives on Campus

BY MARGO LESHER
Staff Reporter

Do you ever wish you could make a difference in someone’s life? Help make the world a better place through your involvement in Sacred Heart University’s campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

As one of the only four campus-based chapters in the state, the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education has recognized Sacred Heart’s chapter for outstanding community service work.

“To be a part of the largest club on campus means that one is involved with something that has become much bigger than oneself,” said sophomore Cory Rivera. “Habitat has become the largest club on campus because of both the atmosphere as well as the unique opportunities and rewards that individuals receive.”

Every year Habitat for Humanity sends out five delegations to states in the United States. This year they are Washington, Texas, South Carolina, West Virginia and Florida.

“In the spring, our campus chapter participates in what is called the Collegiate Challenge,” said senior Nicole Floriano. “We have the privilege of sending out almost 100 students on spring break trips to different states based on the Habitat affiliates that are willing to work with students.”

As a non-profit international Christian housing ministry, the Habitat organization provides the initial capital to build or renovate homes for the inadequately sheltered. “Trips may include interior or exterior work building, putting up the walls of a home, doing instillation, and putting up roof trusses,” said Floriano.

Many students don’t know how Habitat for Humanity sets a constructive tone for our university.

“We have a heavy and positive presence on campus. We actively advocate to try and get more students aware and involved with the organization,” said senior Taylor Filanowski. “Our club not only gets students involved but staff and faculty as well.”

Habitat for Humanity not only helps enhance your college experience but makes you realize how grateful giving back can be.

“It’s a very accomplishing feeling after working on a house all day, you really get to see the changes and effects that are done in that day,” said junior Thomas Bovino.

Habitat has been a big factor in the lives of many students.

“Habitat has become an immensely important aspect of my college experience at Sacred Heart. Before attending this university I had never heard of Habitat and when I did my first workday I knew that it was something I wanted to be a part of and become very involved in,” said Rivera.

Sacred Heart emphasizes community service, helping others, building a community and promoting diversity throughout a student’s time here.

“Individuals who participate in Habitat volunteer their time to work on a home for a deserving family while working alongside the family, really getting to know them and share a bond with them,” said Rivera.

Habitat makes a great impact not only on those who are being helped but also on those who participate. “We encourage active members to bring new members at any point during the academic year,” said Filanowski. “It’s a great way to bond with a great group of people that strive to achieve the same goal and have the same passions.”
The Rockin’ Rockettes

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I am the biggest sports fan you may ever meet. Strange isn’t it? A girl that is more passionate about sports than some of her male counterparts. But I have been this way my entire life, which makes my experience this weekend different than my normal lifestyle. On Sunday afternoon my 4 roommates and myself went to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular down in New York City. It was an experience I wouldn’t trade for any ball game and one that I will never forget. I absolutely loved it! When I first moved out here from Colorado 3 years ago, my mom told me that I had to go see the Rockettes perform around Christmas at some point. See she’s all about doing touristy things and she finds that stuff interesting. I on the other hand, am more of the girl that loves baseball games in the Bronx or perhaps some hockey games in Boston, but a show filled with dancing and theatre, not really my scene. But one of my best friends here at Sacred Heart, Sarah Bergman, has wanted to see the Rockettes for the past 3 years, so for her birthday we all bought tickets to finally go. Of course given the fact that this is the beginning of basketball season, I think we changed the date about six times, but nonetheless I got to experience one of the coolest Christmas traditions with my very best friends. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular started back in 1933 and has since become a tradition for so many during the holiday season. The 2013-incorporated things that a younger generation can relate, especially the technology. Throughout the performance there were times in which 3D glasses were needed to view parts of the show. That is how far we have come, 3D videos being used in theatre performances, crazy! The dancing was flawless. Now I am used to watching one dance team here at school, which I believe to be very good and my cousin dances back home, so this wasn’t my first experience, but I was blown away. The Rockettes were incredible throughout the entire performance. So many got bored during a Broadway show, constantly looking at the program for the next intermission, but in this 90-minute performance I didn’t take my eyes off the stage, they were that good.

The transitions from scene to scene were flawless, each character never skipping a step or making a motion out of turn. What impressed me most of all though is these women that make up the Rockettes. Each day of the week from the second week of November until the end of December these women perform in 4 shows a day and they only have Christmas Day itself off. I am a division I athlete and I don’t think I could play that many games in as many days let alone perform perfectly 4 times each of those days. And people say dancing isn’t a sport…I would like to see you do what these performers do. So thank you Radio City and my dear friend Sarah for showing me what a truly amazing experience this show is, one that I will never forget.

My Beef With Guilty Pleasures

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Recently I was discussing the idea of guilty pleasures with a few of my friends, and I have come to the conclusion that I don’t believe in them. At all. Now mind you, I am not saying that people can’t like Ke$ha because they’re huge AC/DC fans; I am saying you should like both and not feel the need to be ashamed of liking one or the other.

Who in their right minds would mix guilt and pleasure in the same phrase? If there is something out there that you find pleasing, why on earth would you feel bad about liking it? I’m gonna get real and lay down some definitions for all you reading this lovely school paper right now. The ever-helpful online Merriam-Webster dictionary defines guilty as, “a feeling caused by knowing or thinking that you have done something bad or wrong”. Pleasure rightfully so is defined as “a feeling of happiness, enjoyment, or satisfaction: an activity that is done for enjoyment”. Now let’s combine the two, and I’ll create a makeshift definition for my argumentative purposes. Guilty pleasure to me would mean having a bad feeling about doing something you enjoy. Honestly, that doesn’t sound too fun to me. Why would I want to feel bad about listening to 2 Chainz? He’s AWESOME.

I can personally say that I have a lot of contrasting likes or “pleasures” shall I say for the purpose of this editorial. I love Coldplay, Ingrid Michaelson, and 2 Chainz, none of which you will find me saying that they are “guilty pleasures” of mine. I like Buzzfeed, I read the news, I’m a huge fan of Starbucks, so what? That just makes me a more dynamic and complex human being with a lot of different likes, and interests.

People who say they have guilty pleasures really offend me. I find them unwarranted. One thing I find especially aggravating about guilty pleasures is the overuse of the phrase. Increasingly so with my generation, it is in our best interest to only like the coolest things, to wear the most recent fashions, etc. So I have found that people are really just hiding behind this coined phrase, and using it to up their cool factor. Let’s say for example: that Jane finds Susie listening to Miley Cyrus in her dorm room one night. Jane approaches Susie about this, and in denial Susie retorts—“Miley Cyrus is my guilty pleasure! Don’t judge me!” Don’t be ashamed to like the girl who sticks out her tongue way too much. She enjoys doing her thing, so why don’t you want unapologetic enjoyment when you listen to her sing naked on a wrecking ball?

Get rid of your guilty pleasures and exchange them for real pleasures that you can share with the world. Don’t be offended if you like wearing toe socks to bed or enjoy a mean game of Chinese checkers… Make guilty pleasures a thing of the past, and embrace your multifaceted personality and interests.
Allison O’Keefe, a graduate student at Sacred Heart University, has been named the interim head coach of the women’s swim team for the 2013-14 season. She replaces Brent Noble, who recently resigned from his position.

Growing up in Southington, Connecticut, O’Keefe started swimming competitively at age 7. She swam for a total of 14 years and continued her career at Siena College. O’Keefe graduated from Siena in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and an additional concentration in Accounting. From there, she came to Sacred Heart University to get her master’s degree. She is still in the program and is expected to graduate in the spring of 2015.

Prior to her career experience at Siena, she was the assistant coach for both teams.

O’Keefe wanted to be a part of the Sacred Heart community for two reasons: “Academically, it was a great place to be and the school has a great MBA program. Athletically, I swam for a small catholic high school and a small catholic college and was part of growing both the programs. I saw a lot of potential with the development of the program here at Sacred Heart and wanted to play a big part in it,” said O’Keefe.

Now, her heart and dedication belong to the women’s swim team, as she takes on the position of interim head coach.

“It is very exciting, but challenging. There are a lot more responsibilities as head coach,” said O’Keefe. “I couldn’t be more thankful for a great group of girls, as well as the assistance I have received from both the athletics and admissions department.”

O’Keefe’s athletes, too, are excited.

“Our new [interim] head coach is awesome. She is always positive and coming up with new ways to make practice interesting,” said junior Alyssa Farnsworth. “She gives us positive feedback and tells us when we’re doing a good job.”

O’Keefe’s unique coaching style seems to have had a great impact on the team.

“I love her style of coaching and it has helped me excel as a swimmer throughout this season,” said senior captain Elizabeth Bennett.

Members of the team are glad that O’Keefe was chosen to fill the interim head coach position.

“She knows exactly what we need to work on during the week and helps us practice on our weaknesses,” said Bennett. “I don’t think the university could have chosen anyone better for the job.”

O’Keefe has confident energy, as she has fulfilled the role as interim head coach and been a great role model to the team.

“Allison shows us everyday how invested she is and how much she is willing to help us reach that next level in our careers here at Sacred Heart,” said freshman Olivia Decas.

The girls see her presence over the next few years as a benefit to their swim careers.

“I can’t wait to continue to swim for her over the next couple years because I know we are going to increase in size and depth and are going to become a top team in our conference,” said Decas.

O’Keefe is thrilled with her new position and eagerly looks forward to the future.

“My plans for the team in the future are to continue to grow the roster and develop the program into a stronger team in the conference,” said O’Keefe.

Students Do Business in China

Sacred Heart’s John F. Welch College of Business has always provided its students with an international education in the world of business. This spring, students will be putting that knowledge to the test on a trip to China, BU399, “Doing Business with China,” is a class being offered for the second time in Spring 2014.

Dr. Michael Zhang, an Associate Professor of business at Sacred Heart, is origi-
16 Handles or Pinkberry?

In recent poll, students favor 16 Handles over Pinkberry

BY LAUREN PETTINELLI

Staff Reporter

Although the days are getting colder, students still have that constant craving for frozen yogurt, otherwise known as "froyo".

Even in mid-November, people will continuously go to 16 Handles and Pinkberry in downtown Fairfield, but the true dilemma is which froyo do students favor more?

In a recent poll, 50 Sacred Heart students were surveyed at the Linda McMahon building while eating dinner, and were asked the question, "Pinkberry or 16 Handles?" 80-percent of students said 16 Handles was better, while a slim 20-percent chose Pinkberry.

Since both shops are just minutes away from each other and on the same side of the road, some may wonder what the difference is. 16 Handles is located at 1301 Boston Post Rd, while Pinkberry is just up the road at 1512 Boston Post Rd.

The locations are similar, but since 16 Handles is a newer addition to the frozen yogurt world, it has been getting more attention. 16 Handles goes over the top to beat other competitors by adding vegan and fat free yogurts. They also offer a "party-like" atmosphere, with all of the colorful lights.

On any given night, kids, teens and adults will be in line at 16 Handles. The store is always playing the latest hits and, for some, it is an overwhelming atmosphere. "With 60 different toppings and 80 flavors to choose from, the self-serve froyo is definitely a top hit."

"Downtown Fairfield is a nice area. Also, 16 Handles has cool music," said junior Ryan Cotrupi. "There's more variation with toppings and flavors, and it's a better social environment."

On the other hand, Pinkberry has more of a subtle atmosphere, with not as many colors or lights. It is a mellow version of 16 Handles, but still a great place to test out tons of flavors. Pinkberry attracts the health conscious snacker by offering more fresh fruit toppings. They also introduced a new product called "Pinkberrygreek," which is greek yogurt that anyone can add their favorite toppings to. It is a healthier alternative to the frozen yogurt and still satisfies cravings.

Pinkberry serves half the amount of toppings of 16 Handles, but it continues to be popular because it puts out more of the healthy choices. "I like toppings at Pinkberry better than 16 Handles. Also, it is more of a relaxing environment," said sophomore Alison Watts.

With both companies competing for customers, price also comes into play. At 16 Handles, there are two sizes to choose from, medium or large. Once one of the cups is filled with the maximum amount of toppings and yogurt, it can be any price up to around $5. That is a good price considering the size and amount.

At Pinkberry, price is very particular and there is a small, medium and large cup to choose from. It can get a little pricey and range from five to six dollars for a small.

"I love 16 Handles because it's closer to our school and it's also a great price for college students," said junior Kayla Lance. "I wouldn't want to go anywhere else."

High Demand for Study Rooms Cause Conflicts in Library

BY TAYLOR LANE
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The daily demand for study rooms in the library is causing drama among students. During the library's busiest hours, around noon, students who seek to work with a group in private study rooms are often left disappointed because they are all being occupied.

There are eight study rooms available on the main floor of the library. The staff recently changed some of the policies regarding study rooms to alleviate some of the conflicts. Two or more students have to be present in order to sign out a study room and the group can stay in the room for up to 6-hour slots, totaling 3 hours.

Some students want to oversay their welcome in a room, causing conflict for the staff and fellow students. The library staff recognizes that students want ample amount of time to study in a quiet space, but monopolizing a room is unfair to other students who want the same opportunity.

Reference librarian Kim Macomber said, "Be considerate of your fellow students and follow the policy. Do not hog a room by having multiple people in the same group keep signing it out every 3 hours."

Students who come in looking for a study room and get turned down because of no availability need to respect the system and wait their turn. Michael Tomanelli, a student worker at the circulation desk, said, "I have had to pull people out from staying in the room too long."

There are actually rules put in place to avoid student disappointment. Students may reserve a room days in advance. If a group of students are doing a project due on Friday, they can reserve a study room in the beginning of the week to ensure they have the time and space to work as a group.

"Signing in advance is permitted, but if you can't make it, be sure to call and cancel," said Macomber.

If the students who have reserved a room do not arrive at most 15 minutes after their designated time begins, the study room will be opened up for others to sign out. This ensures that students who are running a bit late still get their reserved study room.

The library staff asks that one student from each group fill out the sign-out form with proper contact information. The students often skip this portion of the form. The staff would like to remind students that filling out contact information is important because, in many cases, students leave clothing items, books, or other items in the study room and there is no way of contacting them.

According to Shari Baron, circulation and building manager, some of the major problems have been students not filling out the sign-out form completely and some group members monopolizing a room by sending someone else to resign up for the same room.

Students like the study rooms because of their privacy. "I can have a quiet room to work on assignments with my classmates," said junior Madeline Kennedy.

Kennedy uses the study rooms three to four times a week.

Sophomore展演 Searight uses the study rooms a couple times during the semester and likes "the privacy and the fact that it's a comfortable area."

If students cooperate with the study room system and are courteous to other groups, there will be less conflict come finals week.
Students are “Catching Fire” OVER “HUNGER GAMES” SECOND INSTALLMENT

BY TARA DURKIN  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday Nov. 21 at midnight, “Catching Fire,” the second movie of the “Hunger Games” series will be premiering worldwide.

“Catching Fire” is based off of the second book of Suzanne Collin’s “Hunger Game” trilogy. The first “Hunger Games” movie premiered two years ago with great reviews and there has been great anticipation for the second movie, “Catching Fire.”

“I am a huge fan of the trilogy and I have been waiting for this movie to come out since I saw the first one. “Catching Fire” was my favorite of the three books so I am most looking forward to seeing this movie in particular,” said sophomore Alyssa DeLuca.

The “Hunger Games” movie grossed an astonishing 155 million dollars opening weekend, coming in as the third-best debuting film of all time.

With the anticipation and build up of the second Hunger Games movie, “Catching Fire” is anticipated to do just as well its opening weekend.

“Now that Katniss and Peeta have won the hunger games and they have become symbols of hope instead of pawns to the president of the capitol, I am looking forward to seeing how their new roles effect the next Hunger Games and how they have gained bigger roles,” said sophomore Christina Celone. “I am excited to see how thin all ends up on the movie screen as well. I love the choice of cast and cannot wait to see if opening weekend.”

The on-screen adaptation of the “Hunger Games” series has skyrocketed in popularity and has created a sensational fan-base. The creative premise of the series and the timeless romance that occurs has stolen the hearts of millions of people around the world.

“I will absolutely be going to see the midnight premiere on Thursday, I am so excited. I have read all three books and I saw the first movie, opening weekend. I have been looking forward to the “Catching Fire” premiere for weeks now,” said sophomore Kristen Dunbar.

“Catching Fire” already premiered in London and created a whirlwind of fandom and has already started to get fantastic reviews.

“I think they did an amazing job with the first movie and I can not wait to see how great the second movie comes out,” said Celone.

Though many students have not read the book series, they are still very much looking forward to the second “Hunger Games” installment.

“I never read the books but I saw the first movie and loved it and I am looking forward to seeing the second movie as well. I’ll probably be going opening weekend with my friends. From the trailers it seems like “Catching Fire” is going to be amazing,” said sophomore Shannon Dennelly.

The movie will premiere everywhere on Nov. 21 and is predicted to be a hit. The positive feel of the movie already will surely provide a great turn out opening weekend and is bound to break some box office records.

As Effie Trinket says, “Happy Hunger Games! And may the odds be ever in your favor.”

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Lady Gaga is known for not only dressing in exotic outfits, but also for doing and saying things that are very unique and out of the ordinary. The latest news of this pop icon’s announcement to the public did not surprise many. The “ARTPOP” singer confirmed that she will be performing at the Zero G Colony event, a 3-day high-tech festival at Spaceport America. She will be the first artist in history to perform in space.

With the recent release of her new album on Nov. 11 titled, “ARTPOP,” Gaga has been in the public eye more than ever this month.

“The mission of some art, particularly the modern kind, is to provoke — to present outlandish concepts, explore untraditional ideas, challenge traditional norms — and leave you with many questions, searching for answers. If that is the goal of Lady Gaga’s fourth album, “ARTPOP,” then she’s already got a success on her hands,” reported the Associated Press.

People are drawn to her music for a variety of different reasons.

“Her new album is catchy and attracts many people because of the interesting beats and bizarre lyrics,” said senior Chelsea Stampo.

Appropriate to her recent announcement, one of her new tracks titled “Venus” is rated highly by the many fans that have purchased the album on iTunes. Gaga is planning to perform one track at the Zero G Colony event, yet the song choice is still up in the air.

“Lady Gaga is a hit or miss with me, but I am loving her new album. The songs are fun to dance to and are definitely on my top playlist right now,” said sophomore Sydney Basil.

Although her performance will not happen until early 2015, she is already preparing to claim the title of the first artist to perform in space.

“For anyone to go to space is a big deal, let alone a celebrity to actually perform there. Lady Gaga is the only artist that can announce this crazy news and for no one to be shocked,” said sophomore Alyssa Labarbera.

Though the news alone of performing in space is a shock, coming from Lady Gaga, not so much.

“Aster all, this is the woman who has paraded around in a dress made of meat, assumed a male alter-ego for an awards show, arrived at another in an egg and stripped naked on stage in Europe last month,” reported Associated Press.

Performing on the third day of the event, Gaga is scheduled to blast off in the afternoon making her way onto a Virgin Galactic ship.

At 27 years old, this pop star has already achieved a numerous amount of milestones. With five Grammy awards and many hit albums and singles, she is adding to her fame and success with each new album release.

As the news is quickly spreading, there are no comments from other celebrities about Gaga’s decision. Whether believed or not, there will be much talk as the date of her trip to outer space comes closer.

“I am anxious to see if this really happens. She has confirmed it, so I know it is not a silly name, but I am not going to believe it until I see her tweet about the experience or I watch her get interviewed after on E! News,” said sophomore Nicole Bann.

Cold Weather Concerts

By Giorgio Scalone

As this fall season comes to a close and we welcome a new, white, bright and colder season, students may find themselves wondering what they will do for entertainment, as the temperature gets colder.

Music Festivals and Concerts seem to be a great way for Sacred Heart University students to socialize and enjoy this winter season.

With New York a snowball throw away, a lot of students travel by train to attend shows at the numerous venues scattered across the city.

As one of the most popular venues in the city, Madison Square Garden’s theater hosted Macklemore and Big K.R.I.T. on Wednesday, November 13.

“Macklemore has been one of my favorite artists since his single Thrift Shop dropped and I’ve been a fan of Big K.R.I.T. ever since he was on the XXL Magazine Freshman cover. They both have unique artistry that complimented each other nicely at MSG," said junior Justin Reine.

Recently, DJ Blend was behind the turntables at Webster Hall in New York City.

“The performance was epic, he dropped incredible sets, and made the crowd go wild,” said junior Dom Lippolis.

Lippolis also saw the versatile female DJ Bambi at LOVE in Long Island, NY.

“DJ Bambi brought some crazy beats to LOVE on Long Island, her talent is incredible and her incredible talent made everyone’s hands go up,” said Lippolis.

With a majority of concerts being performed indoors this season, do students enjoy the atmosphere winter concerts have or prefer warmer weather?

“To be honest I prefer spring and summer shows over winter. I already have my tickets for Ultra Music Festival in Miami and I can’t stop thinking about being outside in the warm weather enjoying incredible music. I do not like this cold,” said junior Michael Cross.

Though some students aren’t too keen on indoor or colder weather concerts, other students love to attend concerts at smaller intimate venues during the winter season.

Senior Emily Nunes recently saw Florida Georgia Line in New York City, and loved the atmosphere.

“New York in the wintertime is pretty magical. With all that the city has to offer this season, the combination of getting to the venue and the concert is one reason why I love going to see performers this time of the year,” said Nunes.

Senior Cory Lukas had a similar take on winter performances.

“My favorite time to perform is all the time. When it comes to large music festivals I prefer the summer, but as for indoor concerts I like the winter,” said Lukas.

Other students on campus are adventurous when it comes to trying new music.

“I love going to random local shows and discovering new music throughout the year," said junior Rosalie Joy.
Sacred Heart's men basketball team is now 0-3 after dropping a double overtime thriller to Holy Cross and falling to Brown in their home opener Saturday afternoon.

The Pioneers fought hard and kept up to pace for most of the game. Redshirt junior Evan Kelley scored a career high 32 points, in addition to grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out four assists. Junior Steve Glowiak also scored a career high 28 points shooting 7-9 from the 3-point line.

"Although disappointed with the final score and the ending of the Holy Cross game, I was pleased with the way we played especially offensively," said head coach Anthony Latina. "Pushing the tempo in transition was something we emphasized even more and we were happy with our progress in that area."

The Pioneers started the first half well, having an early 10-9 lead thanks to Kelley. Holy Cross fought back, going on a 13-3 run, pinning the Pioneers back and making them work hard for every basket. Senior Louis Montes hit a 3 to keep the Pioneers close, making it 22-16.

Glowiak helped Sacred Heart get within one with a 3 of his own to make it 24-27 with 7:38 left in the first half. Freshman Leo Vincent scored a 3-pointer to tie the game 30-30 with 6:58 to go.

It went back and forth for both teams for the rest of the first half and Holy Cross took a 3 point lead into halftime.

The Pioneers started the second half strong, going on an 8-0 streak, with Kelley starting it off with a dunk. Holy Cross answered and took a seven point lead with 13:39 left in the game.

Glowiak came up big, making two 3s in a row to give the Pioneers a 69-68 lead. Montes and Kelley combined for 11 points to take an 81-74 lead with 8:14 left in the second half. Holy Cross tied the game up at 83 with 5:43 left.

Kelley made it 97-92 with 26.2 seconds left. Holy Cross fought back, only to be pushed back by Glowiak who made it 98-94 with 13 seconds left.

Unfortunately, Holy Cross managed to tie the game 98-98 with 3 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, both teams went back and forth only to tie after the five minutes 107-107. In double overtime, Holy Cross was able to get the best of the Pioneers and win the game 122-118.

The Pioneers opened up at home on Saturday against Brown. After a back and forth, fast-paced game Brown defeated Sacred Heart 85-73.

"Going into the Brown game we wanted to continue to push the pace like we did against Holy Cross," said Latina.

Montes scored a season high 24 points, with five rebounds, while redshirt junior Chris Evans scored 23 points, including four rebounds and three steals.

Brown came out swinging, while the Pioneers had a rough start, going down 20-9 with 12:01 left in the first half.

Evans started the scoring for the Pioneers, who went on a 15-4 streak. Glowiak capped the streak with a three pointer to give the Pioneers a 24-22 lead with 8:00 left in the first half.

Sacred Heart led 35-32 with 3:39 left in the first half before Brown ended the half on a 6-1 streak, to take the lead at the end of the half 38-36.

Evans and Kelley came out strong to start the second half, both scoring to tie the score 40-40. Montes scored a layup to make it 42-40 with 17:17 left in the second half.

The Pioneers took a quick lead, but Brown’s fast break offense was too much to handle and they reclaimed the lead 66-55 lead with 8:23 to go.

Montes made two three-pointers and a free throw to get the lead within five points, but that’s as close as the Pioneers got. Brown proved too much in the end, winning 85-73.

Despite the loss, Latina is still hopeful for the rest of the season.

"We will continue to play fast offensively but need to improve on the defensive end going forward," said Latina. "Our team is a work in progress but will continue to work and improve."

The Pioneers took on Yale on Tuesday night but results were not available at press time. Sacred Heart will be on the road for next few games starting with Fordham Saturday afternoon. Tip-off is scheduled for 4 p.m.
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SACRED HEART 3, STEVENSON 3 OT

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VOLLEYBALL

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SACRED HEART (1-1) VS

VILLANOVA (3-0)

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART (1-1) @

SAINT PETERS (0-2)

Saturday, 2 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SACRED HEART (0-3) @

FORDHAM (2-1)

Saturday, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

NEC SEMI-FINALS

SACRED HEART (15-15) VS

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT (20-8)

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
HOCKEY SLIPS TO 2-8

The Sacred Heart men's ice hockey team dropped both games this past week facing Army on Nov. 12 and Yale on Nov. 16.

Quickly into the first period of the game against Army, the Knights had two shots on net both saved by Sacred Heart. Just 6:18 minutes in, freshman Justin Danforth scored his second goal of the season on a breakaway with assists from freshman Jordan Minello and freshman Evan Jasper. This was the fourth consecutive assist by Jasper in the past four games.

"I really like the energy our team had in the first period," said head coach C.J. Marottolo.

Brian Sheehan scored the second goal of the game 10:16 minutes in. This was his second goal of the season. Sheehan scored his goal by the rebound of Minello.

"It felt good, I haven't been finding the back of the net a lot in this first half of the season so it was nice to put another one on the board and take a 2-0 lead early in the game," said Sheehan.

Nearing the end of the first period the tension was high and an Army Knight managed to slide the puck past the Sacred Heart goalie with 1:10 left. Army outshot Sacred Heart 14-8 in the first period.

"The goal at the end of the 1st for Army seemed to give them life. As a young team we need to better mange the clock in our situational play and manage the momentum swings with more composure. I feel we are making progress in these areas," said Marottolo.

Only 49 seconds into the second period, Jasper was sent to the penalty box for boarding, along with freshman Jeff Carroll 13 seconds later for boarding as well.

Moments after they were sent to the penalty box, Army capitalized on a five on three powerplay. Less than a minute later, Army had another power play opportunity and converted. With about five minutes left of the second period, Army added another goal.

Unlike the first period, Sacred Heart outshot their opponents 11-9 in the period, but the Knights pushed on and scored 2 more goals winning the game 6-2.

Saturday night the Pioneers faced Yale, the defending national champions and another exciting matchup early on in the season.

The first period against the Yale Bulldogs ended with a tie, 1-1, Yale being the first to slide the puck in on a rebound with just 1.39 left on the clock. Sacred Heart's goaltender Alex Vazzano stopped the initial shot, but Yale's forwards collected the rebound and scored shorthanded.

The Pioneers were quick to respond. Just 35 seconds later on a shot from junior Ben Lake, assisted by sopho­­more Jacob Brightbill. The puck bounced off the crossbar of the goal and into the net.

The Pioneers had to hold off the Bulldog's powerplay, a five on three for 20 seconds when Jasper was sent to the penalty box for hooking.

"Yale is a very good transition team so we had to manage the puck very well and not turn it over," said Marottolo, "Our physical play had to be at its best."

Yale had their third powerplay with 17:03 left in the period, but the Pioneers defended it and killed Yale's penalty only allowing two shots.

Yale dominated the puck throughout the period result­ing in a goal on a powerplay with 10:52 left taking the lead 3-1.

In the third period, the Pioneer's Nylend was close to tying the game with 8:46 left. He caused a turnover far into the Bulldogs' end.

After Yale got control of the puck again, Bulldog Kenny Agostino shot backhanded at the Pioneer's Vazzano bump­ing the score 3-1. Another Bulldog Ruffolo scored with 11 seconds left on a breakaway and Yale scored their 5th goal on a powerplay at the end of the third.

Sacred Heart faces off against Army again in the Atlantic Hockey series on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

PLAYERS of the WEEK

KIKI ROBINSON

HOMETOWN Bakersfield, California
YEAR Freshman
MAJOR Psychology
SPORT Volleyball, Setter
GOALS AFTER COLLEGE
Pursue a career as a sports psychologist
STATS/AWARDS 924 assists, 10.5 assists a set

I LOVE BEING SURROUNDED BY OTHER PLAYERS THAT SHARE A COMMON GOAL.

J.D. ROUSSEUL

HOMETOWN Pawtucket, Rhode Island
YEAR Senior
MAJOR Marketing
SPORT Football, Corner Back
GOALS AFTER COLLEGE
Pursue a career where he can better the community
STATS/AWARDS NEC Player of the Week, College Football Performance National Defensive Back of the Week, 6 INT in 2013

I LOVE THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT I HAVE WITH MY TEAMMATES.