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The Political Agenda
The votes are in... Let's talk politics.

Rockin' and rollin' Russert
Jenna Rignanese
Staff Reporter

Qualified, compassionate, quick and comical.

Tim Russert, managing editor and moderator of NBC's "Meet the Press," spoke to the masses of eager listeners at Sacred Heart on Monday night.

The event was titled "A View from Washington," and Russert gave the inside scoop on Washington D.C., as well as his personal views on this year's election.

Russert is also the political analyst for "NBC Nightly News," and "The
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Professor runs for office
DeSanctis defeated by Drew in polls
Anne Dunne
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart's very own Professor Chris DeSanctis took his political stance to the polls as a Republican State Representative, but lost to Democratic representative Thomas Drew last week.

DeSanctis has always been interested in the public political arena.

He grew up in Trumbull and has lived in the state for the past 25 years.

After graduating from the non-denominational Christian Heritage School in Trumbull, DeSanctis earned a Bachelor's degree in education and a Masters
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Tim Russert rocked the Edgerton Theater with his view on politics. Using his sense of humor, he engaged the audience while reflecting on how his father's military service influenced his life choices.
A candid view of Washington through the eyes of Russert

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Today Show."

His opinion and voice is commonly heard Sunday mornings on "Meet the Press," where Russert challenges political figures and others with knowledge in the area of economic, social, political and governmental issues.

Russert's numerous titles include contributing anchor for MSNBC and senior vice president and Washington Bureau chief of NBC. He also hosts a program called the "Tim Russert Show," which airs weekly on CNBC.

"I'm here to talk about our country and our world," said Russert.

Russert addressed the audience with a smile, sincere laugh and related well to both his young and old fans.

A mixed group of students, faculty, community members and interested onlookers paid a tribute to this insightful man.

He is an exceptionally astute journalist," said Dr. Gary Rose, Chairman of the Government and Politics Department, Cheshire, who also hosted a pre-event interview that aired on WSHU with Russert last week.

"It's his socioeconomic background and religious upbringing that gives his message resignation here at Sacred Heart," explained Rose. "His personality and character allow him to connect well with a school like this. His objectivity and fairness puts him in a special category of journalists, and his anecdotes are priceless."

Laughter and emotions filled the Edgenton Center for the Performing Arts as Russert reminisced about his childhood, school years, lessons of preparation, accountability, optimism and discipline that his parents instilled in him at a young age.

"I wanted to let you make up your own minds," said Russert.

Giving a balanced view of both sides is what Russert is known for on "Meet the Press."

Russert touched upon the behaviors in Washington and without posing a side, he got his point across.

"We can't deal with these issues of magnitude such as Iraq and Social Security without reaching across the aisle," said Russert. "These are the real issues in America right now."

His stage presence stirred interest, created smiles and produced an outpouring of positive reactions throughout the audience with an eruption of applause.

"I found it to be heartwarming," said Alison Rosch, freshman, Bridgeport.

"I've never seen his show before, but he seems like a very genuine man. I even got a little misty-eyed when he spoke about his father."

Russer's humor turned the hourlong lecture and "Meet the Press"-like Q &A fly by to some of the listeners.

"I thought he was very entertaining," said Jay Oglisardi, junior, North Branford. "I agreed with a lot of what he said, and he kept it very balanced as far as politics and (political) parties go. He didn't include any of his own biases."

Members of Student Government worked hard to make this event happen.

"The Tim Russert event was a huge success," said Jim Daly, president of Student Government, senior, Hadlet, N.J, who introduced Russert to the eager audience. "It was good time placement being that the mid-term elections were this past week."

"Russert's delivery was solid and the audience was entertained the whole time. We need more events like this one. A big name speaker always draws a bigger crowd."

Born and raised an Irish Catholic family, he spoke highly of his parents emphasis on the importance of education.

Russert pointed out that at a young age, he fell in love with working on his elementary school newspaper and continued his education through law school.

"Go to school, you will always find a way to pay for it," said Russert.

Russert's charismatic voice mixed with political views, a deeper personal meaning, wide array of subject matter and words of wisdom always fell back to politics and human morals.

With bright eyes and a Pioneer's cap atop his head, Russert's powerful mes-

sages reverberated in the theater long after he left campus.

Russert opened up his heart, mind and life mission to strangers and tried to inspire the audience to do the same.

"The secret to a meaningful life is understanding our earthly duties."

-Tim Russert

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The votes are in and the winners are...

Two Republicans and an Independent took home the “W” last Tuesday in local elections.

Britany Price
Staff Reporter


Congressman
Christopher Shays

- Slogan: “Listen, learn, help and lead.”
- Republican
- Future Plans: Since Shay’s represents a mostly urban district, he is working on cleaning up/revitalizing industrial sites, reducing crime, improving transportation and organizing our nations financial house.
- Opponent: Democrat Diane Farrell
- Political history: Has served since August 18, 1987. Delivers federal services to the 4th Congressional District.

Shays has a long history of delivering federal services to the 4th Congressional district.

“He has an outstanding staff which has served the residents of the 4th congressional district very well,” said Rose. “He is also a likable individual which serves him well in campaigns.”

The city of Bridgeport failed to turnout in a big way for Diane Farrell in the election, which hurt her campaign. Farrell needed a heavy vote from Bridgeport to win this election and that is what Shay’s received.

“T side with many of the issues of Christopher Shays,” said Matthew Telvi, sophomore, Walkill, N.Y.

“His accomplishments over the last 19 years are irreplaceable and cannot be over looked. He tries to help the people of Connecticut by listening to what they say and acting on it in an efficient manner.”

Connecticut Governor
Jodi Rell

- Slogan: “Integrity. Leadership. Results”
- Republican
- Future Plans: Attracting and retaining secure, well-paying jobs, while restoring faith, honor and integrity to Conn. Government. Rell is working to make communities a safer place, creating an efficient 21st century transportation system and enhancing children’s education.
- Opponent: Democrat John DeStefano
- Political history: Gov. Rell took over for ex-Gov. Rowland, after the Rowland scandals. Rell’s modesty was seen as a refreshing change of pace.

“Jodi Rell was elected in a landslide because she strikes voters as ethical and very down to earth,” said Rose. “Plus she has claimed many issues which normally have belonged to the Democrats.”

Rell is pro-choice, pro-stem cell research, pro-civil rights and for campaign finance reform.

“These issues are advantageous in a ‘Blue State.’ DeStefano never gave voters in Conn. a real reason to vote against her,” explained Rose. “Moreover, DeStefano’s campaign did have as much money as Rell’s campaign because he had to spend a great deal to win his primary election, therefore under funded.”

Rell is expected to continue her support for Conn. independent colleges. She will support both private and public higher education in the state.

“Gov. Rell is one of the most popular governors in our nation,” said Telvi. “She has turned Conn. in the right direction and has great plans for the upcoming future. With Mike Fedele on her side they will be a great ‘one-two punch’,”

U.S. Senator
Joseph Lieberman

- Independent
- Future Plans: Focus on building a bipartisan coalition around the Iraq War.
- Opponent: Democrat Ned Lamont
- Political history: Re-elected for a fourth term. Changed from a Democrat to an Independent based on his stance on the war. Won the general election as an Independent so decided to hold his position as part of this political party.

“Senator Lieberman cares about what people and believes in what is right,” said Telvi. “Yes, he is a ‘Democrat’ but he does not take each issue and side with his party for no reason. This is what is needed in a leader and he has shown he can do the job very well.”

Lieberman was able to retain his Senate seat.

“He [Lieberman] retained his seat by effectively appealing to Independents, Republicans and a portion of Democrats, as well as emphasizing his long experience in public affairs,” said Rose, who compared Lieberman to political newcomer Ned Lamont. “Lamont was unable to expand his base beyond liberal anti-war Democrats.”

How will Shays, Lieberman, and Rell impact the student population here at SHU?

Rose strongly suspects that both Shays and Lieberman will support the Democratic Party’s effort in Congress to cut or eliminate interest on federal student loans. This would be tremendously advantageous for college students everywhere.
Dance tickets ‘back’ by popular demand

‘Back to Basics’ moves locations and sells more tickets

Lauren Confalone
Staff Report

Congratulations! You spoke. The Spectrum reported, and your requests were heard.

Thanks to the student body’s reaction to the sell-out of the “Back to Basics” semi-formal dance tickets, the Class of 2008 acted on behalf of non-ticket holders.

On Nov. 2, 600 tickets were sold within less than five hours leaving a lot of students empty-handed and rather upset at the limited availability for the win dance.

“I would’ve been out of luck,” said Pete Izzo, junior, Cutchogue, N.Y. “The only reason I was able to get [tickets] the first day was because my girlfriend woke me up.”

The Class of 2008 stood up to the student’s challenge and met their requests by changing the venue, despite the short notice, to be able to accommodate more guests.

That meant tons of phone calls to local entertainment venues by Class of 2008 President Amanda DeMatteis, junior, Hamden who didn’t quit until the matter was resolved and a bigger location found.

The dance was originally booked at Fantasia who couldn’t raise the number of guests due to fire department regulations.

“We’re definitely sorry to see you go,” said a general manager of Fantasia. “It’s unfortunate we couldn’t accommodate you quickly enough to host more people.”

“Back to Basics” is now taking place on Dec. 1 at the Stamford Marriott, which was the school’s first choice but was originally booked on the date of the dance.

“We really lucked out getting a larger place,” said DeMatteis. “The Stamford Marriott is gorgeous.”

Class of 2008 rep were quite surprised with the turn out this year.

“The formal hasn’t been very popular in the last 10 years,” said DeMatteis.

Tickets sales soared from 600 to 875, selling-out within approximately two hours. The extra 275 tickets were sold mostly to juniors and seniors with about 30 of them going to non-SHU students, according to DeMatteis.

And for those primary ticket holders, your tickets are still valid for the event.

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DeSanctis runs campaign for Republican State Rep.

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degree in Public Policy. During his graduate studies, he served as Administrative Director for the Student Political Foundation and was a graduate assistant to the dean of the school of government.

In 2001, DeSanctis started teaching in the Department of Government and Politics on campus. He has taught Modern Political Economy, Campaign Management, American Public Policy and American Government Survey courses.

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I didn’t get tickets the first time around because they sold out before I could. My friend made me come and get one. All my friends are going,” said Ashley Buonanno, senior, Warwick, R.I.

The “new and improved” event promises to attract a crowd.

With a more up-scale location, different food selections and two DJ’s to provide entertainment, the Class of 2008 has left quite a legacy and the attending student body is definitely excited.

“I’m psyched for the semi-formal,” said Annie Belllettiere, senior, Brooklyn, N.Y. “This is my fourth formal, but now I’m actually 21. I’m very excited.”

Hopefully the hype will make the night even more of a success.

“I’ve never been to a formal before, so I’m not too sure what to expect,” said Izzo.

The event does have a black and white attire theme that is highly recommended, but not strictly enforced.

“It will add to the mood of the evening,” said DeMatteis.

Izzo said that he is very excited.

“It will feel nice to finally strut my stuff and look good doing it,” said Izzo, who is attending with his girlfriend and plans on getting decked out.

If nothing else comes from this event, although it will most certainly be a night to remember, know that as a student body, your voice does get heard. You can make a difference.

Powerful Political Past

- Worked as a policy and communications aide for the former mayor of Jersey City, NJ
- Worked as a Senior Aide for the Mayor’s 2001 Gubernatorial Campaign
- Directed strategy and event for the veteran and senior coalitions
- Coordinated VIP campaign visits for fundraisers and public relations events
- Worked with N.J. Congressional Delegation
And the survey says?

Students encouraged to take online Princeton Review survey to win a scholarship and put SHU in the top 361 colleges.

Carolyn Tavares
Staff Reporter

How much do you love SHU? Enough to receive a $5000 scholarship?

On Tuesday, students received a global e-mail asking them to participate in an online survey for The Princeton Review.

Students, who complete the ten minute long survey, were automatically entered to win a scholarship for $5000.

"The Princeton Review's College Guide publications are among the most highly respected and publicized college guide books utilized by prospective students and parents," said Christine Davin, Special Projects Manager for Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs. "It is critical that as many SHU undergraduates as possible complete the survey in order to provide an accurate and widespread depiction of life at SHU."

In addition to the scholarship opportunity, there is another incentive to filling out the survey, a new sense of value to SHU.

"Should Sacred Heart be selected for inclusion in this and other similar publications, there will be a high level of value added to our degrees now and in the future," said Jim Daly, Student Government President, senior, Hazlet, N.J.

David agreed with Daly's view on the importance of this survey to the University.

"By obtaining critical third-party endorsements from organizations [such as the Princeton Review] SHU can now arrive at the next level by being recognized as one of the very best universities in the country," explained Davin.

"There will be much 'value' added to students degrees now and in the future as the University's reputation continues to grow on a national level."

Sacred Heart has been included in The Princeton Review before, but unfortunately the information is dated.

"The last time Sacred Heart University students were surveyed by The Princeton Review was in the academic year 2003-2004," said Davin. "A lot has changed since then from the students perspective."

Students, like Danielle Huseman, senior, Ambert, N.H., believe the survey is important.

"I think that this student survey is a great idea," said Huseman. "Especially with a growing campus and plans for more development, it's good to get the word out there about how we are growing as a school and as a community.

The survey is imperative for SHU to keep up with other competing schools.

"The majority of Sacred Heart's competitors such as Fairfield University, Marist and Quinnipiac are all included in this book," said Davin. "An exciting opportunity exists for today's undergraduates to make history by completing the survey and focusing on the wonderful educational and extra-curricular opportunities afforded to SHU students that make this University so great."

Daly's global email requested that students use the survey as a way to show the Princeton Review and hopefully the nation, why they love SHU.

"We are asking students to answer the survey with all the factors of why they love SHU."

Adult students honored by academic society

Anne Dunne
Staff Reporter

"Alpha Sigma Lambda" is not just another Greek-named society affiliated with Sacred Heart University. It stands for one of the nation's premier honor societies that aim to recognize the outstanding scholastic and non-academic achievements of adult students who have achieved extraordinary goals through their college careers.

"These honor societies are more or less a second family in college," said Amanda Plakias, junior, Middletown. "Although I've never been a part of one, I can certainly see the relevance of them and how they impact students. Sacred Heart is lucky to have one because it's important to see students become aware of their accomplishments."

Alpha Sigma Lambda promotes self-recognition. It encourages students to continue to strive, to earn their associate and baccalaureate degrees, and to further advance their education.

"It's a huge self-confidence booster and they show what students truly are capable of doing once they get their heads out of the partying mindset and start cracking down on their schoolwork," said Plakias.

Currently, there are well over three hundred chartered chapters in the country. The camaraderie and benefits of this society are exceptionally beneficial. Aside from the unification of faculty and students, Alpha Sigma Lambda offers the individual his or her own unique, treasured experience by recognizing their academic excellence or talents.

According to William Hine, Membership Development Chairman of Eastern Illinois University, requirements for this honor society are that members must be matriculated and have a minimum of twenty-four fully graded semester hours in any number of undergraduate degree programs (this does not include transfer credits), at least twelve of the earned credits must be undertaken in a liberal arts or science course, and must be within the highest ten percent of their class with an absolute minimum grade acceptable of 3.2 out of a scale of 4.0.

Other honor societies in affiliation with Sacred Heart include: Lambda Alpha Phi, a National Paralegal honor society, and Delta Mu Delta for Business Administration.

"We feel that it is necessarily vital for students to expand their visions while they are receiving quality education. This society is a unifying institution and only seeks to grow through our student-faculty interaction and particularly has been useful through our fund-raising efforts," said Guy D'Oonofo, treasurer of the society, Marietta, Ga.
Zachary Giglio
Staff Reporter

Is the movie "Borat" extremely offensive and indecent? Yes. However, a more prudent question would be why.

"Borat" is the number one movie in America that features the title character played by British actor Sacha Baron Cohen. The movie has already been banned in Russia. It has also stirred talk of being banned in the USA due to widespread controversy.

The character Borat is a journalist from Kazakhstan that that is documenting his trip from New York City to California in order to marry Pamela Anderson in his traditional Kazakhstani way. The movie pokes fun at certain groups of people such as Blacks, Jews, and white Americans.

To many, it seems that Cohen is mocking these cultures for the pure reason of making money by getting a cheap laugh. There have been statements saying that he attacks "red-state America" as well as America as a whole.

It is alarming that people find this offensive to America since Borat says, nothing that directly insults America. His predisposition as a journalist from Kazakhstan gives him the license to be ignorant. This allows the people he interacts with to act as themselves.

So which is more offensive, the idiotic/pecuious questions Borat asks that the audience knows is an act, or the serious/disturbing answers he receives from the people who are not acting?

While there are a couple scenes from the movie that are disgusting and seem to serve no purpose of trying to relay a message, most of the things considered obscene raise an interesting eyeworld.

The audience needs to wonder why he is being offensive rather than if what he does is offensive or not. Throughout the entire movie, there are negative as well as vulgar remarks made about the Jewish Culture. Being that his character is from Kazakhstan, the people he encounters understand this as a Muslim-Jewish conflict.

Does Cohen take the character of Borat simply to offend a culture that he realistically loathes?

While reasons for his offensive actions towards others may be disputed, his mockery of the Jews is justified. Cohen is in fact a part of the Jewish culture with his mother being from Israel. Cohen then furthered his faith by joining the Habonin Dor, a faith-based youth group as well as writing his dissertation at Cambridge University on Jewish involvement in American Civil Rights.

This should not suggest that the things he says about Jews in the movie are not offensive. But it should open one's eyes to the reason for his obscenity. It is obvious that he has grabbed audiences from all over by selling a record-setting $25.4 million in only 837 theatres in the US and Canada.

"I thought the movie was hilarious and a good time," said Joseph Romano, junior, Brooklyn, NY. "I can see why people would think it is offensive but I think they should try to understand why it's supposed to make light of serious issues such as racism and anti-Semitism," said Romano.

Yes, "Borat" is offensive. Yes it exposes southern Baptists as crazy and feminists as men. Yes some parts are so disgusting that many eyes in the audience had to avert their eyes somewhere besides the screen.

And yes, it is the number one movie in America with speculations of legal issues, however there are no signs of any roadblocks in Borat's path.

Sacha Cohen as Borat appears on the Late Show with David Letterman.

Student Government speaks out to

What part of Thanksgiving dinner do students look forward to the most?

Amanda DeMatteis - Junior
Hamden

"Turkey, gravy and broccoli casserole."

Kelly Parks - Junior
Stoughton, M.A.

"Mashed Potatoes"

Katie Murphy - Junior
Oakland, N.J.

"Turkey"

Sara Adams - Junior
Hamden

"Mashed Potatoes and gravy"
Blackboard causes registration restrictions

Rachel Maresca
Staff Reporter

Your session has timed out. A five-word phrase we are all too familiar with. Most SHU students have seen this phrase come across their computer at the most inopportune time. Usually when registering for classes, a time when you need it to work the most. Nothing is more frustrating than trying to make your Fall or Spring schedule and watching it close right before your eyes because web-advisor has timed out when you go to press submit.

"I find it extremely annoying. They should really do something about it because it's extremely frustrating when you get closed out of your classes because the website didn't work," said Katie Carol, junior, Demarest N.J.

The Internet can be a fickle thing sometimes, something like registering for classes is very important for students. So why do we have to rely on the Internet when clearly it is not always a reliable source to determine our next semester's schedule?

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Every Thursday at 6:30am we will perform a scheduled maintenance, this service outage is scheduled and will be accessible during this time. This outage affects on-line access to our systems. Thank you for understanding if you have any questions.
Hbcblackboard@sacredheart.edu

Blackboard is meant to be hassel free, but is often the cause for much distress.

"I think it is ridiculous that everything is through the computer. Half the time it cancels out or can't even load because of all the students trying to register at the same time. It's frustrating because you have an entire schedule worked out and then it takes forever to load and once it does that the spots are filled for the class. I think an in person registrar would help solve this problem and you would be able to get feedback on the classes you are taking," said Christine Lion, junior, New Haven.

Even though we do have the option of registering in person it is long after our online registration date and if SHU students waited that long to register they would get closed out of at least half of the classes they wanted, if not all of them.

"Personally I hate registering for class online. I have not been able to get the class I wanted to take many times due to web advisor being too "FULL." I also hate how you can't register if you are blocked because of a ticket or something, it's awful when I go to register online and I cant cause I'm blocked," said Mikara Cimmino, junior, Hampden MASS.

We shouldn't be closed out of registering for our classes due to something like a parking ticket. Its just not fair, if were paying tuition we should be able to register for classes we shouldn't be blocked because of small matters like that.

Having things like web-adviser and Blackboard can be very good tools to have as students. It gives us the ability to look things up about ourselves like our transcripts and our grades.

When it comes to blackboard, it is nice that we can look up assignments and information on our classes.

However, the problem with this is that as a student I know I have come to rely so much on web-advisor and blackboard and when its down and I can't get to something I really need it is so aggravating.

Are long distance relationships worth the wait?

He Said... She Said...

Rob Roy
Columnist

You probably couldn't swing a dead cat and not hit someone who has been part of long distance relationship at one point in their life. Long distance relationships occur for many reasons such as different colleges, distance of jobs, new job opportunity and even family issues. The sheer amount of long distance relationships creates the opportunity for a bevy of problems which can be as small as too much phone time. Consequently, there are many opinions about long distance relationships which stem from these problems.

The main idea about a long distance relationship is that they never workout in the end. However, for as many failures there have been successes when it comes to both long and short distance relationships. Like any other bond a long distance relationship takes hard work and effort. The two people involved need to take time to communicate on the phone and both people need to make an effort to see each other regularly even though expensive travel costs may not be convenient. The amount of work you put into any relationship will dictate the quality of that relationship, and if you put in the time and effort your relationship will succeed.

The ideas such as too much phone time, not seeing each other enough and when to see each other will be dictated by the couple and should change from one relation to another. These factors rely on communication and if one person has a problem with, for example, too much phone time that person needs to speak up and voice their opinion. Constant and open communication is a huge factor in a long distance relationship as the couple does not have the daily face to face interaction. Overall, I believe a long distance relationship is like any other relationship as the success of it will mirror the effort put into it.

Dana Disaster
Columnist

Long distance relationships. Crip. Like most people in college, I have never, ever tried to be in one of those. I never once thought to myself, "Yeah, this could work out." No matter how far, any distance is long distance. And distance means, bad.

Long distance relationships take dedication, patience, and most of all, loyalty. Those who are brave enough to attempt a long distance relationship usually try to approach it optimistically, despite how terrible the distance is.

What I think really makes a difference in a long distance relationship is how independent the individuals are, and how well they can cope with being apart from their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Couples who are used to seeing each other every day might have a harder time dealing with the distance, than those who aren't. They are used to spending most of their time with each other and possibly more emotionally dependent.

One thing to look forward to, I guess, would be the occasional visit. But how often should you visit? If you're going to visit them at school, do you go there every weekend, and impose on their partying? Think about how lame that would be.

But then, for some reason, when people who are in a long distance relationship miss each other, they fight. Big messy fights. I mean waterworks and break-up threats.

And naturally these fights happen on the phone, so while the phone is being held up to your ear, it is soaked with tears and you really can't tell the fate of your relationship.

During a long distance relationship most people wonder if it is even worthwhile. There's a good chance that while you're in a committed long distance relationship, you'll feel lonely and disconnected from your significant other. Granted, this is normal, but these are things that single people experience, and they don't even have to worry about screwing up.

The thing about long distance relationships is that it works for some couples and it doesn't work for others. I know people who have been in long distance relationships for years, and some that were broken up with being in one for a month. But chances are, it won't work out. I'm just saying.

Would you like to write an editorial?
Please e-mail Jacque Boothby
at Boothby@sacredheart.edu

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Gigs & Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Bradley, I saw an e-mail from a friend like this one on your computer:

THAT'S CALLED ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE

What do I do? Should I forward it to sayswhoknows.com? Or is this type of thing done to cover up illegal activity?

Even if you saw the most inhumanizing search and seizure, not allowed to bring it up...

Says Who... Says the Constitution...

That's called unprovoked assault. I'm sure the constitution has a little something to say about that, too.
Death of a Salesman
Success for SHU Players

Theatre nights. Last K-Fed Staff Laura RtPOKT CCLEBKIiy
have Federline Maybe chapel 55 divorce Spear
hours. Reporter was Alexander Scaglione 'in
This was the first time that the SHU players put on an amazingly complex show and pulled it off well," said Matt Telvi, sophomore, Wallkill, N.Y. "The audience that came out was bigger than ever." The show summarizes the life of Willy Loman, played by senior Scott Wagner, through a series of flashbacks. Willy is unable to see through the delusions of the American Dream, expecting to get ridiculously rich with little or no effort.

Wilky's family is trying to deal with his losing grip of reality as well as work through problems of their own. Throughout the play Willy's son Biff played by juvenile Justin Scharbone is trying to find himself so he can finally settle down.

Willy's younger son Happy played by juvenile David Founts his life lying to look like the perfect Loman son.

Linda played by senior Lindsay Halle, Willy's wife spends time defending her deteriorating condition to her sons.

"Linda's an incredibly complex woman, and I was thrilled to be able to play her and look further into her role," said Lindsey Halle, senior, Storrs.

Other characters contrast their lives such as successful Charley played by sophomore Matt Telvi, his father Bernard played by freshman Avery Owens, and Willy's dead brother Ben played by junior Jay Gabilliard.

The performance ran for two and a half hours with a fifteen-minute intermission.

"I think the show went amazing, I feel as a cast we came through not only as a group of professionals, but as a family," said Paul DeCerbo, freshman, Bridgeport.

Directed by Matt Libassi, Bridget Steckis, and Paul DeCerbo, the cast went through long extensive rehearsals to get ready for the three performances.

"We decided that we would direct this show last year, and had auditions at the beginning of the semester," said Matt Libassi, junior, Shoreham, N.Y. "The show turned out better than expected, it was one of the hardest shows we put on as a group, and it turned out incredibly successful," said Matt Libassi, junior, Shoreham, N.Y.

The audience was very responsive to this show. They laughed and cried as they got a peek into the lives of a middle class family with big dreams.

"I loved it, I thought it was really well done," said Jess Hartley, junior, Westerly, R.I.

The SHU players are going to have another production next semester, open to everyone.

Britney Spears cancels FedEx: K-Fed no longer her priority male

Laura Scaglione Staff Reporter

Twenty four year old pop singing sensation Britney Spears filed for divorce on Tuesday, November 7 to husband Kevin Federline.

This isn't the first time that a marriage went bad for sex icon Britney Spears. Spears' first marriage to childhood friend Jason Alexander only lasted a whopping 55 hours. The two tied the knot in a little chapel in Las Vegas in January of 2004. Maybe she is trying to start a new trend?

After only two years Spears and Federline are calling it quits. This was the first marriage for Federline unlike Spears who was already on her second. They have two sons together, one-year-old Sean Preston, and infant Jayden James.

I laughed when I first heard they were splitting up. Her image is so pathetic. I really think she has gone down hill ever since she broke up with Justin," said Jessica Rodriguez, junior Staten Island, N.Y.

Ever since Britney and Kevin's marriage they were flooded by the media. The newly weds even had their own reality TV show "Chaotic" which aired on MTV.

"It wasn't surprising to hear they were done. He was never on her level. Kevin Federline totally killed Britney's wholesome image. Hopefully she's better off," said Balkis Bernard, junior Long Valley, N.J.

When filing for the divorce, Spears did ask for legal and physical custody of both her children as reported on cb2.com.

Even though she wants custody of their children, she agreed to visitation rights for Kevin. No one really knows if the two are on good terms because actual statements from either of them have not been made. Only their attorney's have released statements to the press.

Students can enjoy the vast selection of specialty sandwiches and snacks.

Café Review:

The Spectrum/ Kate Brindisi

Holy Grounds

Sarah Hou
Staff Reporter

The Holy Grounds Café is a modern early morning to late evening eatery located under the first building of Christian Witness Commons. The quiet canteen offers an array of Flik foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Breakfast offers croissants, breakfast sandwiches, waffles and bagels. Or if you’re in a hurry, you can grab a quick breakfast bar or some cereals. For lunch and dinner you can choose from grilled panini sandwiches, soups, or pre-made salads.

Desserts available include sweets like chocolate cakes and cookies to go along with coffee, tea, hot chocolate or the various flavored cappuccino or espresso beverages. Ice cream, homemade smoothies and milkshakes are also on the menu.

“The drinks are good. I’ll have their coffee and milkshakes. The quality of their milkshakes has gone down though; they make it too watery now,” said Sarah Kylle, Abington, Mass.

Some students are disappointed with the menu choices and would like to see more of a variety for food choices.

“I really like the atmosphere, it’s so cute, but I am not too happy with their selection,” said Danielle Fertitta, junior, Roslyn, N.Y. “They need to have a bigger selection, there should be a deli and salad bar like they have in Flik.”

The café’s seating area is an arrangement of booths and tables, comfy couches and chairs, which are modernly decorated with bright colors. There is a large screen plasma TV for personal viewing. There is also a small stage where you can find live entertainment including musicians, comedians, and poetry readings.

“They have good milkshakes and that is about it. They need more variety. The sitting area is nice but not too many people hang out there,” said Jake Malkoon, junior, Southwick, Mass.

Past performances that have appeared on the Holy Grounds stage include performances from Jeff LeBlanc and Joe Belezany. Last year there was even a special acoustic guitar routine from the lead singer of the band Dashboard Confessional, Chris Carrabba.

You can check out the Holy Grounds Café for yourself Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Student Life Brings SHU to Broadway

Matt Brucato
Staff Reporter

Student Life continues to provide recreational trips to Broadway shows available for all students at discounted prices.

Run by the Student Activities Office, trips are planned for almost every month of the school year. So far Student Life has successfully hosted three trips to Broadway shows this semester. Trips to the see “The Wedding Singer” and “Beauty and the Beast” sold out quickly after they were offered.

Student Life’s most recent trip planned was to see “Les Miserables” on Nov. 12. Tickets for this event went on sale earlier this month and sold out soon after.

“For “Les Miserable,” they were sold Monday afternoon at 7 a.m. There is usually a long line to get tickets with people showing up early to sit in line,” said Michelle Mortali, junior, Hamden.

Tickets for the trips are sold at the student activities office and usually go on sale a week before the event. A global E-mail is sent to students notifying them about the ticket sales.

Student Life provides transportation for students and also discounted tickets for every show.

“The bus leaves around 10 a.m. on a Sunday and then by the time you get to the city you usually have a couple hours to walk around and grab lunch or something,” said Lauren Corso, sophomore, Trumbull. “It is really a lot of fun and I like the fact that I can go see really popular shows that are on Broadway right now for a fraction of what it would cost me if I was to get tickets on my own.”

The tickets are bought at full price but Student Activities pays to sell them at a discounted price. Tickets are sold early in the morning to give students ample time to purchase them throughout the day.

“Usually the first hour of ticket sales is only for SHU students and the tickets are $30,” said Mortali. “If not, sold out tickets then go on sale to non-SHU students for $60 and then $35 for SHU students. However the prices vary from show to show.”

Typically there is one bus filled with around 50 people to New York.

“Dr. Seuss’ How The Grinch Stole Christmas” is already planned for Dec. 3 and Student Life is hoping to acquire tickets to “Rent” as long as it continues on Broadway.

A two-bus trip to see “Wicked” is already set to take place in March. In the spring semester there are also plans to see “The Color Purple” and “Mary Poppins” on Broadway.

Tickets for “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” went on sale Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. in Hawley Lounge. Keep an eye out for e-mails detailing future trips and feel free to contact Director of Student Activities Tom Wuestamp for more information about future events.
Features

Sharing our blessings with the community

Alyssa Ferdinando
Staff Reporter

Around this time every year, students gather all across the country and give thanks for the things they are grateful for. This year Sacred Heart is finding new ways to show their appreciation by giving to others.

Utilized by Campus Ministry's own Interfaith Prayer, the SHU campus can now lend a helping hand to those in need in times of celebration.

"If [food collecting] has always been connected to the Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer service," said Mandy Pittman, Campus Ministry, and Carol-Anne Dabek. "The collection began about five years ago as part of Hunger Awareness Week (usually the week before Thanksgiving)," said Pittman.

"I think it's a great service," said Jesse Portman, freshman, New Heaven.

"We're able to lend a helping hand and there are some people out there who really need our help," said Portman.

"Frozen turkeys and a variety of non-perishable food items (rice, beans, canned vegetables, etc.) are collected in the form of actual food donations or money," said Pittman and Dabek.

"Each year it goes to a local food pantry. This year it is going to St. Charles food pantry in Bridgeport, a church that Sacred Heart has strong connections to," said Pittman.

"It's a great idea," said Elise Valerio, junior, Wellesley Mass.

"I participated in similar drives at my high school; we had winter clothing drives (mittens, scarves, and hats). I believe we even collected coats," said Valerio.

"The food collection and the Interfaith Service both serve as tangible examples of the University's mission of service to the local community as well as our commitment to establish relationships with members of all faith communities," said Pittman and Dabek.

The entire SHU community (staff, faculty, administration, and students) get very involved and are all instrumental to both the collection and the service. As Campus Ministers we are concerned with the needs of all people, whatever their socio-economic status or religious beliefs," said Pittman.

Campus Ministry will be displaying the collection boxes outside the UC while holding a special service for the drive on November 15th.

Boxes upon boxes of food will be put out and later distributed to St. Charles, impacting the lives of over 200 families.

"This particular service is different than others because it includes our brothers and sisters from different religious communities (Jewish and Muslim to name a couple)," said Pittman and Dabek.

"The service each year is unique because different people share their gifts of prayer with the group and different faith traditions are represented every year," said Pittman.

"I like the idea of being able to participate in a food drive," said Portman. "I like knowing that I'm giving back to this community."

"A simple 'thank you' from those I'm helping is enough to show me that my contributions and my efforts count for something," said Valerio.

"Every year it looks different," said Pittman and Dabek.

"To see the amount of food (which grows every year) and the people who gather to bless it is truly a beautiful sight. It is one of the experiences where a person can see the mission of Sacred Heart University being carried out," said Pittman.

The flu: how to steer clear of the winter's enemy

Mark Weber
Staff Reporter

It starts with a fever, sore throat, and coughing. We know these symptoms all too well as the infamous influenza.

These are the tell tale signs that the weather is changing and our bodies are reacting to the cold seasons coming on.

Influenza, better known as the flu is an, "infectious disease of birds and mammals caused by an RNA virus," states Wikipedia.com.

Influenza was first discovered in the 1930's yet historians believe that it's been around for centuries prior to the discovery.

Today, the influenza virus is classified into three categories, Type A, Type B, and Type C.

Type A is the most common and serious of the three.

Remember when your mom or school nurse always told you to cover your mouth when coughing?

There was a reason and it was not just to be courteous to others.

In fact the flu virus is considered an air born virus.

This means if someone with the flu coughs or sneezes around you or anyone else, tiny droplets infested with the virus will disperse into the air, and ultimately becomes contagious.

Anyone close enough can inhale the virus through their nose or mouth and may have a greater chance to catch the flu themselves.

The risk doesn’t stop there.

The flu carriers can also leave their

Buy a pie or two before heading home for the holidays.

Flu shots are more accessible than in years past.

And the risk of infection gets even greater in highly populated areas like schools, buses and crowded living conditions," states flufacts.com.

During 2005-2006 flu season, there were eight confirmed cases of the Type A strain.

So how do students combat the huge risk of living in dormitories and staying clear of the flu virus?

The best-recommended treatment to lessen or prevent the flu is to receive a flu shot each fall and now there is even a nasal spray.

Health Services, located at the top of the hill on the way to Roncalli Hall, is now providing students with the shot.

If you feel you are at risk, or just want to prevent the flu, make an appointment with Health Services as soon as possible.

"This year, about 115 million doses of the flu vaccine are available, more than in any years past. The flu season usually peaks any time from December through March," states CNN.com.

Though most shots are recommended for children and the elderly, Health Services has 250 doses ready to be administered.

"Eat a balanced diet and get enough sleep as possible also wash your hands often. If that's not possible antibacterial hand sanitizers are recommended as an adequate substitute. Washing of our hands isn't practiced enough," said Sheila Wheeler, Director of Health Services, and Registered Nurse, Sacred Heart University.

As mom always says, wash your hands, cover your mouth, and be aware of what you touch.

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Campus parking is not an easy task

Cintreece Brown
Staff Reporter

Each year more and more students are moving into off campus housing and as a result, commuters are flocking to campus in droves.

One of the most frustrating parts about living off campus, whether you are a student or faculty/staff, is the parking.

Parking is an increasing problem for everyone traveling to campus.

As a result drivers are parking their vehicles illegally and causing even more traffic jams and congestion in the parking lots.

Members of the Commuter Council, as well as Roncalli Hall, begins the bog down of traffic flow.

Continuing into the main parking areas, commuters and faculty have to compete for a parking space, both legal and illegal. Jockeying for parking spaces has become a daily routine for the majority of drivers coming onto campus.

"The second biggest problem with parking students experience is the inconvenience of having to park out in North Lot as the Commuter and Library lots fill up very fast," said Piazza.

"Many students will wait for spots in specific areas mentioned."

"From my own personal experiences sometimes there are parking issues and sometimes there are not," said Lauren Corso, sophomore, Commuter Assistant.

"There are days when I get [on campus] and find a spot immediately, and other [days] when I can circle the lots several times before finding anything," said Corso.

"It all depends on the time of day, mainly we tell students that between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. there is a rush for parking," said Corso.

a resource for the commuting student community on campus, gave insight on the parking problems in the various parking lots.

"The biggest problem about parking on campus would be the fact that there are not enough spaces to accommodate the University Community," said Christina Piazza, senior, Commuter Assistant.

"Many students have to park illegally on the sides of curbs, therefore receiving a collection of tickets. This poses a problem for students as many have to drive around for twenty minutes and are often late to classes," said Piazza.

With only one entrance into campus, the traffic problems begin on Park Avenue.

With short traffic lights and drivers running red lights, as well as combating with students crossing Park Avenue coming from the Christian Witness Commons the Commuter and Library lots causing additional traffic there," said Piazza.

While the Student Senate and many other groups are working with Public Safety to try to resolve and alleviate the parking woes on campus, Public Safety officers are doing their best to control the flow of traffic into campus daily.

"We monitor the parking lots to prevent unauthorized vehicle from parking," said Jack Fernandez, Director of Public Safety.

"For the most part there is adequate parking and for approximately one hour span; parking is limited," said Fernandez.

Fernandez also said that traffic is at its worst directly before and after classes, which leads to people parking their vehicles illegally in driving lanes.

There are plans to increase the number of parking spaces on campus, but no

A good suggestion for commuters is to allow for an extra ten to fifteen minutes before classes begin to allow for time to find a legal place to park.

If by chance there is absolutely no parking in the commuter lot, the faculty lot, and any other lot on campus, students and faculty are entitled to call Public Safety and report that there are no parking spaces. They will then take care of the issue.

Students looking for such prime spots, have to either get to campus early or park in the depths of north lot, if possible.

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"Studying" a well balanced life

Thomas Sands
Staff Reporter

College is not only a place of higher education but also an environment where students are free to manage their own personal lives.

Life for a student consists of academics and a social life.

The social life ranges from the people you live with to the new people you meet everyday.

Friends and acquaintances can be both positive and negative influences.

Staying in a positive mind frame can help to add to a more fulfilling college social life.

The problem comes when there isn't a balance between the scholar and the student.

A sound mind has always stemmed from a sound body. Working out alleviates stress and boosts a person immune system.

Once already physically capable, a student is going to feel just as mentally capable.

Scholarship, and specifically study hours extended outside of the classroom can help lead to a higher level of learning.

Education leads to a successful individual.

If one is going to put as much emphasis on the social and physical, why not put as much effort into academics?

Aren't we here to learn?

The difficulty comes when one is presented with the infamous "decision."

Can I go out and still wake up for my 8 am classes tomorrow?

Time is the one thing we can't get back during our college years.

Our time must be spent wisely. Not only wisely but reasonably.

There is nothing wrong with going out. It is how you manage time elsewhere in your schedule that will lead to success.

"Study time is important but it depends upon the student," said Aimée Mezzo, junior, Westchester, N.Y.

"Some students require hours of preparation. While others don't study at all," said Mezzo.

"Dedication and patience are the only way towards a balanced lifestyle," said Mezzo.

College is said to be the best four years of your life.

Balancing a social life, an athletic life, and setting aside time for studying takes practice.

A social life helps to open up avenues of friendship.

Athletics helps to keep the physical body toned.

Feeling positive, will help to make you mentally positive.

Studying helps the mind to grow and to learn.

Knowledge is a key part of anyone's lifestyle.

So if one can coordinate each section of life, one can grow consistently.
Hansbrough towers over Pioneers

The cheers by fans, decked in North Carolina baby blue attire as their team jogged onto the court, echoed off every square inch of the Charlotte Bobcats Arena before Tuesday’s Dick’s Sporting Goods’ Preseason National Invitation Tournament basketball contest.

The problem was that those cheers became louder and more piercing to Sacred Heart’s squad as forward Tyler Hansbrough displayed why he was last season’s ACC unanimous Rookie of the Year and named the first freshman in school history to earn a first team All-American slot.

Hansbrough scored 29 points, grabbed nine rebounds and shot 11-for-14 from the floor in the convincing 103-81 Tar Heels victory.

“When it came to handling [Hansbrough], we just tried to stay active and get involved defensively,” said Sacred Heart head coach Dave Bike.

Sacred Heart came out strong against the No. 2 team in the nation as they built a 16-11 lead four minutes into the game, but those efforts were evaporated when North Carolina conducted a 14-2 run that lasted over three minutes.

“[North Carolina and Hansbrough] are just so hard to guard and at times we didn’t do a good job of staying in front,” said Bike. “I think we could have controlled the turnovers more.”

Hansbrough began the game 8-for-8 from the floor, and was uncontested all night, which showed Sacred Heart simply had no answer for a dominant force inside the paint.

“[Hansbrough] was just sensational,” said North Carolina head coach Roy Williams.

Pioneer guards Luke Granato and Drew Shubik matched the Tar Heels from the outside range as they combined for 19 points on 7-for-12 from the floor shooting in the first half. Those numbers mysteriously kept the Pioneers, who were outscored 32-8 in the paint up to that point, within striking distance at the end of the first half, 42-37.

“Granato (24 points, 8 three-point field goals) was very impressive even though we didn’t make them drive,” said Williams. “They made outside shots, we missed some easy lay-ups, but I wasn’t concerned about that. They play to their strengths and they did a nice job.”

“They’re very quick defensively and box out well,” said Hansbrough, sophomore, Poplar Bluff, Miss. “But today, I didn’t prepare any differently. If they chose to shut me down, we have many options on offense.”

The positive energy that Tavio Hobson created with his three-point money ball before the buzzer sounded in the first half, was again deflated at the hands of Hansbrough. North Carolina claimed their first double digit lead, 55-44, with 15:48 remaining in the game and never looked back.

“We played hard in the first half,” said Shubik. “In the second half, we kind of just fell apart.

Again, the cheers produced by a wave of blue became louder and louder to the point where Sacred Heart couldn’t hear the voices of hope in their own heads.

With just over ten minutes remaining, Tar Heel senior Reyshawn Terry made it clear for all those who weren’t convinced of North Carolina’s dominance, despite a rapidly constructed 71-51 lead. Hansbrough missed shot bounced off the rim, but Terry was there to emphatically dunk the put-back in mid air and send the crowd into a further state of triumph.

“[Terry] tried to do too much in the first half,” said Williams. “At halftime, I told him to relax and he was great for us.”

The noise was then deafening and figuratively, ultimately fatal for the Pioneers, who were outscored 61-44 in the second half.

“This helps us,” said Bike. “Now if we are lucky enough to make the tournament, we already played a tournament caliber team.”

The Tar Heels, who boasted five players in double figures, played the winner of Iona versus Winthrop in the next round of the NIT.
What the NIT means for SHU

Ask any college basketball fan and they can tell you what North Carolina is all about. The program is a Mecca for basketball and has produced some of the NBA's best including the greatest player ever, Michael Jordan. It has over 27,000 students and is seen as one of the better and more popular schools in the nation.

On the other hand, you have Sacred Heart. A university that hasn’t had much success basketball wise and is relatively new on the Division I scene. A school with 3,500 students and has just been noticed as one of the Northeast’s better universities.

So what does our university have in common with UNC?

Quite frankly, besides the fact that they are both places for young men and women to further their educations, there isn't much in common.

However, for one night we weren’t some team from some school in Fairfield, we were a team that shared the spotlight with a college powerhouse.

We had the pleasure of seeing what it like to play in front of thousands of fans dressed in blue and white cheering for their Tar heels like there was no tomorrow.

We get to see our very own Liam Potter and Joey Henley take on one of the countries best players in Tyler Hansbrough. Though Sacred Heart lost the game, they came away with a new experience this week.

"I think this was definitely something that will help us, it was a great experience to play a team like UNC and I think we proved tonight that we have the ability to keep up with some really good teams," said Henley.

"I think this game will help is if we improve and make the tournament because we will know what tournament play is like," said Pioneer head coach Dave Bike.

Even UNC was impressed by the play of the Pioneers. "I like their club, they are a staky team and proved that they can run with some good teams" said Tar Heels head coach Roy Williams.

"They were a quick team and made it pretty difficult on offense at first," said UNC star Tyler Hansbrough. " They boxed out really well and played pretty impressive."  

So what does this game mean for each team? Well for the Tar Heels, its just another game for them on the road to March Madness, where they will be favored to win it all.

For the Pioneers however, it means so much more. For one night, all of the country saw what a small school is made of. It showed how far we have really come and maybe how much further we will go.

After all, to some people the best way for people to remember a school is through a ball and a hoop.
**Smith shines in goal**

Denis McGuire  
Staff Reporter

Searching for their fourth straight win, the Sacred Heart hockey squad headed into Friday’s game with high expectations. After sweeping Mercyhurst last weekend and a win on Tuesday in Springfield Mass., the Pioneers were ready to give Holy Cross a piece of the action.

Known for being one of Atlantic Hockey’s most intense rivalries, the Atlantic hockey world had a good excuse to look forward to Friday’s face off between the Pioneers and the Crusaders at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

In last year’s match, the Pioneers came away with the victory when they defeated Holy Cross in the series 3-1. They again faced off in January where they split the series 1-1. To conclude, the Pioneers swept Holy Cross in a three game match up in their season series finale.

The Pioneers faced off in a double header this weekend, game one being this past Friday night against Holy Cross.

After falling behind in the first period, 1-0, the Pioneers headed into the second period looking to regain the upper hand.

Pierre-Luc O’Brien scored making it the eighth goal for the year of himself. Holy Cross attempted a come back by pulling their goaltender while on the power play with four minutes and 25 seconds left of the game.

The Crusaders scored two goals towards the end of the game with three minutes and thirty seconds left but it wasn’t enough to overcome the Sacred Heart Pioneers.

One of the many highlights of the game was when Dave Jarman helped the Pioneer’s regain the lead at the 3:35 mark, making it his third goal of his rookie season.

With a two men lead, the puck was driven through a mass of people with 3:58 left to the game which was just enough to fire the puck into the net scoring the Pioneer victory.

Jason Smith had a number of excellent saves during the game to keep Sacred Heart on top. The Crusaders finished with 11 attempts on the power play.

The win on Friday evening gave the Pioneers high momentum to head into Saturday’s game.

“There’s not much I would change, because our goal from the beginning of the season was to win the Atlantic, and I think we got off to a good start,” said Jarman, freshman, Toronto, ON.

“Our team has really come together, and our systems play has greatly improved since the beginning of the season. Quickness and overall strength on the ice. Friday’s game was just a solid defensive game. It felt really good to score a goal and give our team the lead, but because of the penalties we had to work harder, and Giosa had a great game winning goal. I think we did what it took to win, and held onto the lead really well. We should have a strong season, and it’ll be exciting to see how we do against RPI this coming Friday.”

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**O’Brien strikes again against Crusaders**

Mike Harnois  
Staff Reporter

Last season heroes seem to be Pierre Luc O’Brien’s specialty this season. With his latest effort, he brought a 5-4 overtime victory for SHU against Holy Cross to make it five wins in a row for the Pioneer hockey team.

After winning the first game on Friday 4-2 at home, the Pioneers traveled to Worcester, Mass. to face Holy Cross on their home ice. This didn’t seem to matter to them because they were able to carry the same confidence and momentum that they had the previous night.

With only 22 seconds left on the clock in regulation the Crusaders found a way to tie the game and send it into overtime. The 4-4 tie was broken by none other than O’Brien, who’s centering pass gone awry, but still found its way between the five hole of Crusaders goalie Tyler Chrestutt to win the game.

The game started off with a goal from freshman Erik Boivert his third of the season. Another freshman Nick Jochnick was credited with the assist after a beautiful centering pass from Boivert.

The Crusaders tied it up after Brian Kolbs beat goaltender Jason Smith, who had 37 saves on the night, off of a rebound, and later the Crusaders took the lead with 6:38 left in the first period as senior Dale Reinhardt scored with a 5-on-3 power play goal.

The Pioneers tied the game with a power play goal of their own in the second period as Alexandre Parent scored off of a centering pass by O’Brien at 4:34 left in the opening period.

Shortly into the second period the Pioneers found themselves on the short end of yet another power play. The Crusaders wasted little time cashing in on the power play when 17 seconds later Ryan Drisch scored off of a loose rebound to make his fourth goal of the year.

Parent tied the game at the 15:39 mark in the third period with his second goal of the game. After shots by Eric Giosa and Dave Grimson failed to pass into the net, Parent made the third time the charm pounding the puck into the Crusaders net to tie the game 3-3.

The tie was nice but Bear Trapp was not satisfied. Only 31 seconds later Trapp scored when he fired a rocket from the blue line with the force of, well, a bear trap, that found its way through the pads of the Crusader goaltender and gave the pioneers the 4-3 lead in the third period.

The Crusaders pulled their goalie to set up a 6-on-5 advantage that ended up paying off as they scored to tie the game at 4-4. Although the Pioneers could not score in regulation they were able to strike first in OT to bring home their fifth straight win.

The Pioneers are back in action Friday night when they travel to New York’s capital district to face RPI. Game time at the Houston Fieldhouse is set for 7:00 pm.

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**Broken records broken hearts**

Chris Morrow  
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart closed out their football season against the Robert Morris Colonials on Saturday, only to find themselves losing a 41-21 battle.

It marked their sixth straight loss. Plagued with turnovers, the Pioneers found themselves trailing early and wouldn’t be able to capitalize on an attempted comeback.

With the Colonials (7-4, 5-2 NEC) capped off their scoring with a touchdown run by Vincent Magnone with 12:50 left in the game to make it 41-0. Sacred Heart would not go down without a fight. Scoring three times to pull themselves within 20 points before the end of their long season.

Jason Payne had a 2-yard run and Steve Tedesco caught a 19-yard pass from Tyler Arciaga, both resulting in touchdowns.

It was Payne’s fourth rushing touchdown of the season. He accumulated 621 yards on the ground this year.

Tedesco in his first year, had 11 receptions with five touchdowns, totaling 355 yards.

Arciaga threw for 191 yards, including three interceptions. He was also sacked four times.

The big news of the day was Arciaga’s reach at Pioneer history.

With 2:02 left in the game, Arciaga’s touchdown pass to Tedesco was his last and 36th of his career.

With 4,470 career yards passing, Arciaga now holds the record as all-time leader in passing yards at Sacred Heart.
Eagles soar over Pape and Co. in Boston

Chris Morrow
Staff Reporter

The Boston College Eagles owned the Pioneers from tip-off. Sacred Heart (0-1, 0-0 NEC) was outscored 37-16 in the first half and Boston College (1-0, 0-0 ACC) wouldn’t look back as they cruised to a 68-46 victory.

“They took us out of our rhythm early in the game,” said Head Coach Ed Swanson. “Boston College opened the game with a 10-0 run. The Pioneers could not match up to the Eagles strong defensive presence, shooting 28 percent compared to Boston College’s 47 percent. Boston College muscled out 49 rebounds, while Sacred Heart was only able to grab 28.

Boston College center, Kathrin Ress finished the game with a double-double, dropping 16 points and adding 12 rebounds. Ress was one of four Eagles to score in double figures.

The first half of the game set Sacred Heart back from the start. The 2006 Northeast Conference player of the year and selected to the All-NEC Preseason team, Amanda Pape, was unable to convert any field goals, going 0-7 in the first half, her only 2 points coming from a set of free throw shots.

“We were getting good looks at the basket, we just weren’t finishing and you have to finish against a team like BC,” said Pape, senior, Stamford. “We didn’t have a flow, trying to hustle back on defense and not being able to make stops.”

“Our best players have to play better, we just didn’t execute the way we wanted,” said Swanson. Sacred Heart opened in the second half with a sign of life. An aggressive attack both defensively and offensively, the Pioneers were able to put points on the board and create turnovers.

“We came out with a sense of urgency, we were more settled in,” said Swanson.

But that didn’t last long as Boston College once again took control.

“In order to beat a team like Boston College we have to bring our ‘A’ game for 40 minutes,” said Swanson.

Amanda Pape finished with 12 points and four assists and an unfortunate four turnovers. Jasmine Walker also added 12 points and pulled down 9 rebounds.

“In order to have a chance we had to get off to a good start which we didn’t,” said Swanson. “We’re disappointed with the outcome but I thought we did a terrific job,” added Swanson.

Sacred Heart will take on LaSalle in their home opener tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:00pm in the William H. Pitt Center.
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