

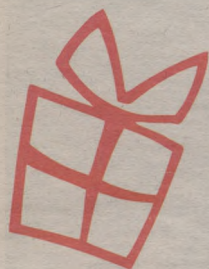


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PIONEERS SKATE UP VICTORY

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Sacred Heart senior forward Bear Trapp (#19) controls the puck against the Rochester Institute of Technology's sophomore Andrew Favot (#28). Sacred Heart went on to defeat the RIT Tigers 4-2 on Oct. 25 at the Milford Ice Pavillion. The previous day, the Pioneers faced the Tigers for the first time this season with the game ending in a tie. The game on Oct. 25 marks the first victory of the 2008-2009 season for the Pioneers. On Friday Oct. 31 the Pioneers head to West Point N.Y. to face the Army Black Knights.

For more details on the game, see the Sports section, MEN'S ICE HOCKEY page 15.



Community in uproar over student behavior outside campus

Brittany Barbarise
Staff Reporter

Whether it's drunk driving, vandalism, or general misbehavior, the people in the community surrounding Sacred Heart University's campus are outraged. They are taking a stand because they're fed up with the disruptive students.

According to News Channel 8, the year round residents are finally responding to an issue that they have been putting up with for years. They say that the students from Sacred Heart are moving into houses off campus and then "trashing" them.

The Bridgeport residents say that the students are forgetting that they live in a community other than just a college campus.

"They're college kids. I have two college-aged students myself so I understand," said Sue Lesko-Kohut, Bridgeport resident. "And we're not here to put the kibosh on the students and their college life, but they need to realize the responsibility of living in the community not on the college campus."

The Bridgeport residents believe that the students are taking over their community more and more over the years and causing havoc.

"I think none of this would happen if Sacred Heart University set up a community of housing for all their students," said junior Tom Aufiero. "I don't think any of this is fair to the students either. We go to college similar to many other colleges, and this is not an issue there. The residents chose to live in the community of college kids, and next to a college campus, obviously there are going to be parties."

This issue is mostly a concern for the north end residents of Bridgeport and they have brought it to the attention of local city council woman, Michelle Lyons and three other colleges who represent two city districts.

Together the residents wrote a letter to Larry Wielk, dean of students, addressing all of their concerns. They brought up the misbehavior of the Sacred Heart students, and how they will not tolerate it.

"There's dangerous activity in terms of

SHU student hit by car

Dennis Conrad
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 21, at 6:33 p.m., a public safety officer on patrol witnessed a Sacred Heart University commuter student get hit by a vehicle on Park Avenue.

The officer immediately radioed public safety dispatch and requested emergency response to the scene. Upon arrival, the officers took action to aid the student and restore order to the traffic conditions while awaiting ambulance response.

"The student received non-threatening injuries and was taken to St. Vincent's Medical Center for treatment via ambulance," said Jack Fernandez, director of public safety. "He was later released from the hospital and is recovering at home. The driver of the vehicle was unharmed."

The report said that the driver was

leaving campus, turning left onto Park Avenue, heading northbound. The student was stepping off of the island in the center of the crosswalk when the vehicle struck him.

"According to witnesses, he had not activated the crosswalk signal and he was not in the crosswalk itself when he was struck. Bridgeport police responded and are investigating the accident," said Fernandez.

In this case, who is at fault? It seems that crossing the streets around campus has been an issue even before this accident occurred.

Since the accident, residents of Christian Witness Commons (CWC) have voiced some concerns.

"The accident shows that we need to be more careful when crossing the street," said sophomore Dan Shaw. "We need to realize that cars fly by campus constantly and this means that we need to show respect and care. Obviously

crossing the street when there is oncoming traffic is dangerous."

But it isn't just the residents of CWC who constantly need to cross Park Avenue. Roncalli Hall is also located across from the main campus.

"I had a few classes in Roncalli Hall last year and almost got hit by a car a few times on my walk over there," said Chris Caccia. "Whenever I was late for those classes I never used the crosswalk signal because it takes forever."

Some student drivers find no shame in admitting that when they're running late to class they might speed or rush in order to beat the light.

"When I'm driving to class late, I am prone to driving a little faster than usual, but I always do my best to keep an eye on the pedestrians," said senior Nicole Treglia.

"The fact is I can't predict what someone else is going to do whether it's a car or a pedestrian."

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News

Residential life searches for new RAs

Leslie Bradshaw
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University has only reached the midpoint of the fall semester, but the department of residential life is already starting its search for new residence assistants (RAs).

"It is challenging to share what we are looking for when we are facilitating an RA selection process," said Raymond Gordon, assistant director of residential life. "However we ask that students are themselves throughout the entire process. Your desire to learn about yourself and the position itself is important to us."

According to the RA job description on Sacred Heart's Web site, RAs have to help foster a sense of community in residence halls, as well as help residents with any issues that may arise throughout the year.

An additional benefit of becoming a RA is the RA Scholarship of \$3,735 per semester, according to the RA job description.

"I cannot speak for every RA but some positives to the job are clearly the money off of housing, which contrary to popular belief does not cover all of housing but definitely helps," said Chacra.

More than money though, there are other perks that have an effect on the character of students who choose to be an RA.

Students learn "how to deal with real life situations that someday everyone will encounter in the working world," said Shakro.

In working so closely with peers on campus, there have been some common misunderstandings about the job of an RA.

"One of the major misconceptions of being an RA is that they are 'out to get' students," said Tiffany Shakro, residence hall director of Merton Hall.

Shakro said that RAs are still stu-

dents, regardless of their job requirements, and are just looking out for the safety of their residents.

There is the potential for conflict when RAs and residents are close in age and residents look to take advantage of the situation.

"Now that I am an RA to juniors and seniors I find it difficult to show authority especially when a majority of my residents are people I know or people who knew me prior to being an RA," said junior Danielle Chacra, RA in Park Royal.

Balancing friends and the RA position seems to be a problem for some of the staff members.

"The real issue is knowing when to draw the line between friends and residents," said senior Lauren Beier, RA in Taft Commons.

Part of the training to become a RA is to learn how to handle these potentially confrontational situations.

"We have to know how to make our friends respect us as an RA," said Beier.

It seems that if a balance is created, something can stem from it and create a balanced community.

Shakro said that the main thing is to "develop a good rapport with your floor as an RA and build up trust, the other students respect you and try to avoid putting the RA in difficult situations."

Most RAs do not enjoy that they have to sometimes jeopardize their friendships with their residents by being authority figures.

"The truth is that most RAs hate handling out of control situations and then filling out tedious paperwork afterwards," said Chacra.

In spite of what may be viewed as negative aspects of the job, there are benefits to being an RA.

"One major positive is that I have met some of my best friends from the position," said Beier.



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Crowhurst

Christian Witness Commons RA staff competes in staff Olympics during this year's summer RA training.

Sometimes this close bond the RAs have can intimidate residents on campus.

"The support that the RAs give each other is instrumental in their ability to handle the difficult situations," said Hudson, residence hall director of Taft Commons and Park Royal. "I think some of that support is misconstrued on campus as being cliquey when in actuality it is a way to cope with the real deep situations that any campus has."

There are also benefits of being in a highly visible position on campus.

"The RAs help people meet new friends, help people work through conflicts, have time for themselves, plan events for students. People do not realize there are so many rewarding facets of the position that will stay with the person for a lifetime," said Hudson.

Still, other RAs speak of the personal

growth that comes from taking on the job of an RA.

"Being an RA has increased my confidence in confrontational situations, and has given me the chance to meet so many wonderful people," said Chacra.

According to Gordon, residential life currently has 70 RA positions. If students are interested in applying to become a RA they can get an application on the Sacred Heart Residential Life Web site.

Applications are due to the Residential Life office in Roncalli Hall by noon on Nov. 3.

"The selection process takes into consideration whether the person would be good in the individual halls we have available and whether they are growing as an individual or have the ability to grow and mature from having the position," said Hudson.

RAD PROGRAM TEACHES WOMEN SELF-DEFENCE

Ines Cenatiempo
Staff Reporter

You've seen it in the movies: A lone girl walking through an isolated parking garage as an evil-looking man suddenly jumps out from behind an SUV. The girl gives him a quick jab to knock him off of her and as he is squirming she jumps into her car and speeds to safety.

That might happen in the movies, but in real life the girl doesn't always necessarily get off that easy. He may know what's coming, and force her into a position where she cannot defend herself.

Sacred Heart University public safety takes a stand on this issue. Through a series of Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes, they have made a commitment to teaching women the best way to defend themselves if they are ever in such a situation. The classes run for four sessions, three times a year and are open to all female students, staff, and their families.

"I believe basic self-defense is something everyone should know. It's useful because the instructors also focus on how to avoid dangerous situations," said junior Lisa Mariani.

Having already began the RAD classes, public safety nears the end of the term with the final session today, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 110 of the University Commons, involving a realistic enactment of an attack. With the real attack being shown, there can be a better

understanding of how to react in a situation.

"The Rape Aggression Defense program attempts to provide women with information, tactics, and considerations which the Public Safety department believes may be useful for various types of dangerous encounters against women," said Kathryn Frederick, public safety officer and RAD instructor.

The RAD classes give women the opportunity to learn self-defense moves, which can only be experienced through practice according to Frederick. Simply reading about how to defend yourself may not always help when a dangerous situation occurs.

In the first class, instructors taught the basics such as never putting your drink down, not giving away your address to a stranger, and always locking your door.

"When you make these mistakes, you can get yourself in situations you don't want to be in," said sophomore Daniella Bower. "We are also learning about how to be more aware, which includes keeping your blinds closed when you are changing, checking out the backseat of your car, and not sticking around once you get into your car, just drive away."

Another important aspect of the class is learning how to use your voice effectively, thus creating more attention to alert someone nearby.

"Screaming makes you lose your voice faster, so yelling is a better option because it gets more attention and is better for your throat. Yelling actually uses more air so if

you get hit in the stomach you oddly enough won't be as winded since the air can't be knocked out of you," said Bower.

After the lecture, basic self-defense moves are demonstrated, including how to break an attacker's grasps, surprise the attacker, and how to get away.

"The class shows how to help you escape if you end up in an unfortunate situation. We learn blocks, strikes, kicks, etc.," said Mariani.

These skills are mandatory in an emergency because they make it easier for a victim to take action against the perpetrator.

Self-defense is not just a kick, left hook or jab at the offender. According to the Teens Health Web site, self-defense actually means doing everything possible to avoid fighting someone who threatens or attacks you, and is all about using your brain rather than your fists.

"Although I hope I never have to use the techniques, I do feel more confident defending myself if a dangerous situation arises," said Mariani.

Women who take the classes will learn to avoid risky situations, but if they do happen to be in one, they can defend themselves without fear.

"The RAD program creates opportunities for women to realize their inner powers and strengths. With each lesson, women become more confident, and this is one of the best things that people take away from self-defense classes," said Frederick.

CLUB OP: 18 to enter, 21 to drink at Outpost Pub

Friday nightlife keeps students entertained on campus

Mike Randa
Staff Reporter

Are high cab fares getting you down? Are you tired of leaving campus just to have a good time? Well look no further, because Club OP is the answer to your prayers.



The Spectrum/Steve Coppola
A DJ from the area spins some jams at Club OP.

Club OP, sponsored by the Sacred Heart University Outpost Pub, is the university's first Friday night club and will provide the Sacred Heart student body a form of night life. It will take place every other Friday night, with two more planned this semester on Nov. 7 and Nov. 21.

"The goal of Club OP is to create an alternative source of events for students on campus to socialize," said Elizabeth Coyne, student union operations assistant.

According to Coyne, student union is also looking to co-sponsor future Club OP nights with prominent organizations on campus to generate attendance and create a stronger sense of campus life.

"I think that it's a good thing that the school is now promoting more on campus activities," said senior Carly Matarazzo.

As long as you are of age, anyone can attend. The club is 18 to party and 21 to drink with two forms of ID.

"I think it's a really good idea, especially because they include people who aren't 21 just yet," said sophomore Pete Pulaski. "I like the fact that I can take part in something like this because I don't always feel like spending a lot of money to go off-campus."

Student reactions are mixed, but most are pleased with the idea.

"I'm glad that Sacred Heart is giving, for the most part, the entire student body the opportunity to take place in the new club," said senior Jennifer Reho. "More often than not, students that are underage try to get away with drinking at other places, and this is where the trouble comes in. Now that Sacred Heart has Club OP, the possibility of trouble can be eliminated."

Some students have an opposite reaction.

"I don't think anyone is going to want to party in the cafeteria," says junior Daniella Forte. "People who are under age would rather go to a place where they can get away with drinking."



The Spectrum/Steve Coppola

The record spins to get the crowd moving.

Some students think that it would be more effective to host Club OP in Hawley Lounge. This way, they also have the option of playing pool, ping-pong, and other activities.

"I think that if they are going to commit to having a club on campus, they have to treat it like a real place to go out, and not a school sponsored event," said senior Erin Bulvanoski. "They don't play to our level of maturity or how college life should be."

The student union office hopes to encourage participation and safety with the newly organized Club OP.

"By providing a dance club atmosphere every other Friday night, we are encouraging students that may want to dance or socialize but do not necessarily want to go off campus to come out and enjoy themselves," said Coyne.



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News

Local outrage, administration works to prevent future issues

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reckless driving, drunk driving and general misbehavior," said Jeff Kohut, Bridgeport resident, "...as well as vandalism to nearby homes."

News Channel 8 asked Sacred Heart if they are even aware of this concern prior to the letter, and what is being done to solve it.

"Since the beginning of the academic year the University has received complaints from some of the north end residents about the behavior of some of our students living off campus," said Wielk. "We take these issues seriously and since that time we have worked together with the Bridgeport and Fairfield Police as well as local government officials to attempt to curtail these incidents."

Sacred Heart's Director of Communications, Funda Alp, responded with, "We have a good working relationship with the north end neighborhood groups and the City of Bridgeport and we have worked closely with them to resolve any issues that have arisen. When incidents have occurred, we have taken significant action."

On Nov. 5, Sacred Heart, the council members of Bridgeport, and North End residents have scheduled a meeting to discuss this issue.

According to Wielk, the administration is aware of each incident that occurs and that they have taken their own dis-

ciplinary action with the offending students.

Since the beginning of this year, two communiqués have been sent out to students regarding the potential ramifications of their behavior because it often relates to the local police.

Announcements were also made by Police Chief David Peck of Fairfield and Acting Chief Joseph Gaudett of Bridgeport.

"We have established a good working relationship with all related groups and will work closely with them to resolve any issues as they arise," said Wielk. "The University, and our students in particular, have been a positive presence in the greater Bridgeport community and as such we expect this wonderful relationship to continue as we move forward."

Although the issue is being addressed, many residents are fearful for the time passed until this meeting.

Halloween is coming up and they expect that students are going to misbehave even more, trashing the community, and causing more mayhem.

"I believe that this is the school's responsibility. Kids will be kids and it isn't fair for them to be harassed and arrested by the police because Sacred Heart doesn't provide adequate housing," said junior, Chris Corrigan. "The community needs to come together and find a solution."



Photo courtesy of Public Safety

The crosswalk where the student was hit is commonly used by students who live in CWC. Public safety urges students to wait for the "walk" signal before crossing the street.

Public safety advises caution to community

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The public safety department urges the university community drivers to obey the rules and regulations on campus in order to ensure everyone's safety.

"We'd like to remind everyone of the 15 mile per hour speed limit on campus as well as that all drivers are required by law to stop at every stop sign and to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks," said Fernandez. "If these rules are broken, you will be subject to the consequences."

Your responsibility as a driver and pedestrian both depend on the circumstances as well as common sense. So what are some of these drivers and pedestrians thinking when going to and from campus?

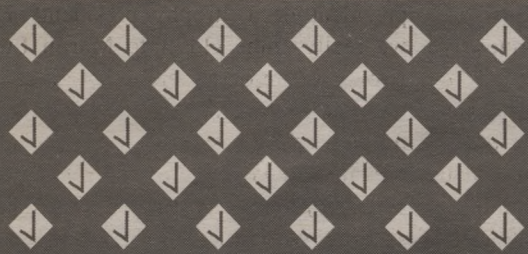
"I think the crosswalks between North [CWC] and campus are somewhat safe,

but a lot of the time I'm not necessarily paying attention. Most of the time I assume that no one's coming and cross at my own discretion, not paying attention to the walk and don't walk signals," said sophomore Chereese O'Shea, resident in CWC.

Now that crossing the streets on campus has become an issue, what do some of the students propose the school does to make things a little safer?

"Something needs to be done to ensure the students safety. I noticed at a few other schools such as Hofstra University and the University of Delaware, that they have enclosed walkways that rise over certain streets to avoid these situations. Maybe the school should head in that direction," said Caccia.

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Political Pedestals

Ready for change, U.S. voters decide

Chris
LeBeau
*Democratic
Columnist*



As the election season drastically comes to an end, we have seen Sen. Barack Obama surge ahead in the polls in popular vote and key electoral states in the almighty Electoral College.

Obama is looking strong and the American people have rallied behind him. However, it is important to stress that the election is not over until the last vote is counted (except in Florida, because we all know that Florida does not count all their votes, especially in tight elections.)

Taking into account that this year's election is not stolen and that the polls remain somewhat close to what they have been, it looks like Obama will win the election. That is not only good for Democrats, but it is good for America.

The United States simply cannot afford four more years of the failed Bush policies that Sen. John McCain has voted and supported for 90 percent of the time. After the largest national debt that this country has ever seen, our generation and our children's generations need the change that Obama offers.

With the country in the worst economic shape since the great depression and the lowest approval ratings for Pres. George W. Bush, Obama should not only be running ahead but he should be blowing McCain out of the water. It should not even be a close race.

Obama has run a strong election and debated very well in his three victories. However, McCain is still running close with Obama. I believe this is the race factor coming into play.

No matter how well of a campaign Obama has run and how badly of a campaign McCain has run, some people will

simply not vote for Obama because he is a black man. It is sad to think that in the U.S., the melting pot of the world, that people still hold these bigotry and racist views.

The U.S. is a country that has been built on fulfilling the dreams of immigrants. As an American, it is embarrassing that some people will not vote for a candidate simply because of the color of their skin. I question people who are not voting for Barack Obama because of his race.

McCain has targeted Obama in is highly slanderous campaign. The right wing media and McCain have attacked Obama for issues such as reverend Jeremiah Wright and Bill Ayers. The McCain campaign has brought these issues to the table to try and question Obama as a candidate for president.

The media and the McCain campaign have tried to strike fear in the hearts of Americans by raising these issues of the past to cast doubt on Obama as a safe choice for America. The McCain campaign has tried to paint Obama as the candidate with little experience and as a risky choice for America.

I would rather vote for a candidate that represents change who can direct this country in the right direction, towards a better future for all of us. The U.S. is in desperate need for a change that will bring the country back to a golden age.

With Obama running for president, I have hope for the U.S. I believe that with Obama as president, there would be better days ahead with a bright future. He can bring about the change this country so desperately needs.

As the great Abraham Lincoln said "Leave nothing for tomorrow that can be done today."

We must stop passing the problems of today to tomorrow's generations. We have the opportunity to change for the better. So get to the polls on November 4, stand with Obama for a better America for today and tomorrow.

Race, age, income, may affect outcome

Alexandra
DiGiorgi
*Republican
Columnist*



This past summer, while working a national survey at Quinnipiac Poll, I had an interesting respondent. She was an older, well-educated, African American woman from Maryland and she said that she was undecided between voting for Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain.

The woman had been a long time Democrat, but felt that Obama was a wild card and that McCain was at least a well-known commodity.

I had asked her a question concerning McCain's age, in which case she responded that this was not a factor in her voting decision because, "you can drop dead at fifty!"

Recently, during a conversation with my mother, she felt that the media was really beating up Gov. Sarah Palin wrongfully for being not just Republican, but also a woman. I was later disappointed that she told me that if Sen. Hillary Clinton had won the Democratic primary, she would have seriously considered voting for her because she really wanted to see a female president during her lifetime, without strong regard for issues or leadership.

The Democrats have continuously touted Sen. Joe Biden as a member of the middle class. The Wall Street Journal compared the incomes of both vice presidential candidates and found that Biden and his wife Jill reported \$320,000 in income to the IRS. Also, \$995 were spent on charitable donations; that's less than 1 percent.

They reported that Palin and her husband, Todd, made \$166,000 and about \$3,325 or roughly 2 percent of this went to charitable causes.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but didn't Obama set the middle class high range bar at \$250,000?

Let's not forget the race card. Unfortunately, there will always people who have hate towards another group of people for unjustifiable causes.

Racism has been more of a "he said, she said," guilt trip issue, because we as a nation still need the training wheels of Affirmative Action and we find comfort in the darkness of Plato's cave of naivety concerning the issue of race.

Gov. Ed Rendell (D-PA) made a remark to editors of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in February this past year, he said "You've got conservative whites here... who are not ready to vote for an African-American candidate."

Earlier this month, Pennsylvania State Congressman John Murtha (D-Johnstown) made the accusation, "There's no question that Western Pennsylvania is a racist area." Are they speaking truth, or are they attempting to make people of Pennsylvania feel that they will be repenting for their sins of supposed racism by voting for Obama?

I hope PA. makes the right decision on Election Day because of the right motives, not guilt trips. The good news is that most Americans do vote because of issues, not for the guilt or any other irrelevant reason; let us hope this is the case here.

Are we as Americans in search of a president or a "trophy president? Have we really come closer to Martin Luther King's dream of a society that gives little to no consideration to race, sex, ethnicity, religion, etc.; a society where character prevails above all? Vote for candidates because you agree with their issues, not to satisfy your shame with America's past.

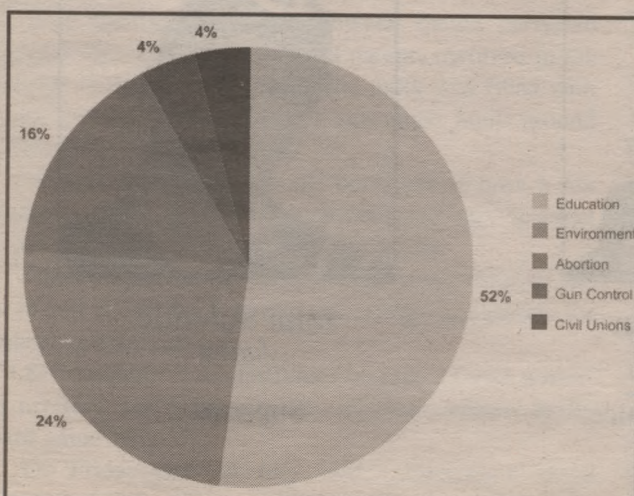
I hope we don't sum this election up 10 or 50 years from now, as it was said on Saturday Night Live, "A very important election between two very qualified candidates: hot lady and the Tiger Woods guy."



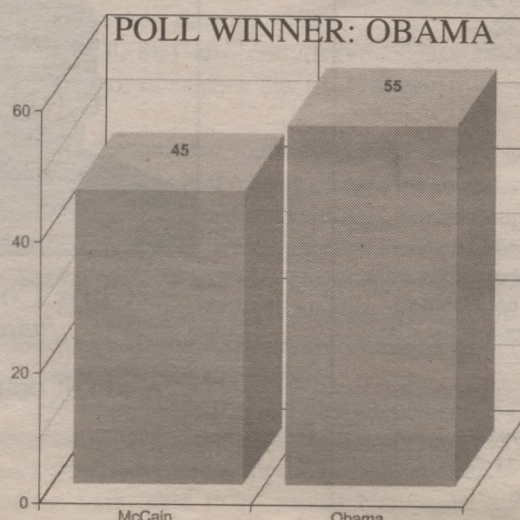
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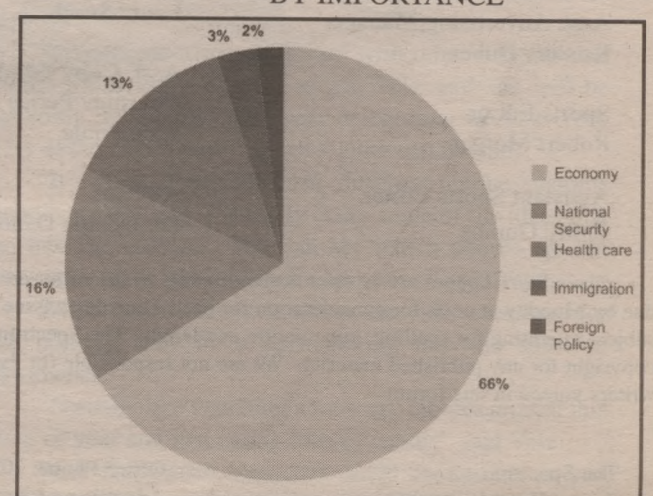
SOCIAL ISSUES RANKED
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In a poll conducted by The Spectrum Newspaper, 100 students answered questions based on their personal values and political views.



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Student Poll Winners:
1st prize winner- Emily Underwood
2nd prize winner- Stephanie Valvan

Perspectives

SHU's top 10 hottest Halloween movies Several students and professors list their all-time favorite scary films

Elise Silverstone
Staff Reporter

Now that Halloween is here, the perfect way to spend a night at home is with a scary movie. Every year around Halloween, Bravo puts out their "100 Scariest Movie Moments," in which they show the scariest scene from each of the 100 movies. So what do some Sacred Heart University students and professors say are their all-time favorite horror movies?

1. "Saw"

While "Saw" was not on the Bravo list, the series is a favorite of some SHU students and professors. The "Saw" film series is about the Jigsaw Killer who captures unsuspecting victims wearing a pig mask and gives them instructions on how to free themselves.

"I am going to see 'Saw V,'" said junior Dan Coffey. "I think the 'Saw' movies are still really well-written with great plot twists and until the producers come out with one I don't like, I will keep going to see them."

Professor Gregory Golda, clinical instructor of media studies, disagreed. He thought that the first "Saw" had a very nice twist, reminding him a lot of work done by Alfred Hitchcock, but said he was disappointed by the next two in the series that he watched.

2. "What Lies Beneath"

An older favorite, "What Lies Beneath" is about a housewife who discovers that her husband's murdered mis-

trepreneur is haunting her home.

"What Lies Beneath" was probably one of the scariest movies I have ever seen," said junior Michelle Munden. "I liked all the different ways that it was startling. It wasn't your typical scary movie that can often seem really fake and predictable. I never knew what was going to come next."

3. "The Sixth Sense"

"The Sixth Sense" was 71 on Bravo's list. The movie tells the story of a troubled boy who claims to be able to see and talk to the dead and an equally troubled child psychologist who tries to help him.

"I like 'The Sixth Sense' because it's out of the ordinary," said Munden. "The surprise at the end when you find out Bruce Willis has been dead the whole time is really intriguing."

4. "Friday the 13th"

Like "Saw," "Friday the 13th" did not make it to Bravo's list.

The film, which is considered to be a classic, concerns a group of teenagers who re-open an abandoned campsite years after a young boy drowned in a lake located nearby.

One by one, the teens fall victim to a mysterious killer.

5. "Halloween"

"Halloween" was No. 14 on Bravo's list. The movie deals with a boy who is placed in a mental institution after murdering his sister on Halloween night.

Fifteen years after his release he stalks a babysitter and her friends before being shot by his psychiatrist.

"'Friday the 13th' and 'Halloween' are some of the classics," said Coffey. "Not only were they first scary movies I watched as a kid, but they scared the pants off me when I was 8 years old."

6. "Psycho"

Junior Sonny Bandak said that this classic, which fell into fourth place with Bravo, was also one of his favorites.

"I would not say that it's the scariest movie ever made," said Bandak. "But some of the scenes are pretty ridiculous. The ending blew my mind the first time I ever watched it."

"Psycho" documents a secretary who has stolen money from her boss and the psychotic killer who owns the motel that she has been hiding out in.

Professor Golda listed "Psycho" as the eighth of his top ten favorites.

"The movie was creepy and intellectually troubling," said Golda. "It played on our fears of cross-dressing slashers with mommy issues."

7. "It"

"It" is the story of seven kids who have to defeat a demonic creature named Pennywise who dresses as a clown and terrorizes a 1960's town in Maine.

Senior Alex Resca said that "It" was scary to him because he hates clowns.

8. "Dawn of the Dead"

This movie is about people who take refuge in a shopping mall after surviving a worldwide plague that is producing flesh-eating zombies.

"Dawn of the Dead is another one of my favorites," said Resca. "I love zombie

flicks."

9. "House of 1000 Corpses"

"House of a 1000 Corpses" is another scary movie that ranks well with Resca.

The film is about four teens traveling across the backwoods of Texas who end up as prisoners of a bizarre and sadistic family of serial killers.

"It had the best line up of evil characters," said Resca.

10. "The Evil Dead"

Ranking 76 on Bravo's list, "The Evil Dead" and "The Evil Dead 2" also rank well with Bandak.

"These two movies scared the hell out of me when I was a kid," said Bandak. "Dead people attacking a man in a log cabin in the woods...enough said."

So with all of these choices of Halloween films, one has to catch your attention.

If you're not easily frightened, movies can still be a festive form of entertainment.

"I love horror movies," said Resca. "Even the really bad ones can be the best if they make you laugh."

"I think the 'Saw' movies are still really well-written with great plot twists and until the producers come out with one I don't like, I will keep going to see them."

-Junior Dan Coffey

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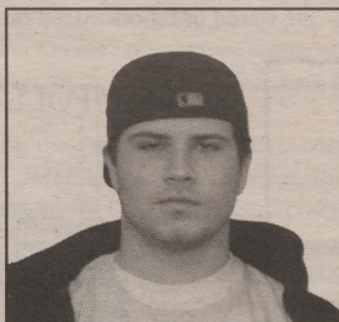
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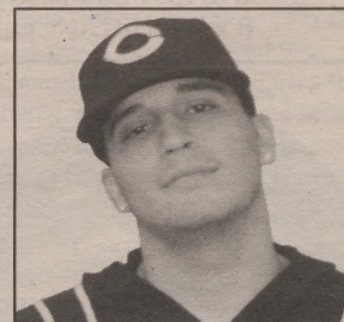
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What are you going to be for Halloween?



Sarah Tatlock
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"Superman."



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Last year, SHU students saved money by making their own Halloween costumes.

Rant of the week: Students can't afford cost of costumes

Rants & Raves

Allie Pohevitz
Columnist



They said it best in "Mean Girls:" "Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like total..." You catch my drift.

When we were little, Halloween was about getting a cute (or gory) costume, begging our parents to let us stay out an hour longer, and eating as many Snickers and Reeses as we could get our hands on before collapsing into a sweet sugary coma.

Fast forward 15 years, and where are we today? Paying \$70 for a tiny piece of fabric, only to ensure that we will look like every other girl at the bar.

It's different for guys. Throw on a T-shirt with some red blood stains on your chest and there you have it, an instant costume.

Spending so much money on a costume that many people will only wear once, to me, seems ridiculous. What is the point in going so overboard on an outfit that will most likely get ruined by the end of the night?

It seems that in college, Halloween is no longer a one night event, but a week long affair. Some girls spend weeks, even months in search of those perfect, barely-there dresses.

While I can't say that I am much different than the majority of Halloween party-goers, I try not to make myself crazy over the fact that I can't afford four costumes a year.

Some stores, such as Halloween Headquarters, offer what appear to be great sales including buy one costume, get one 50% off.

But even with the discount, buying two costumes at the usual price of \$69.99 each will still cost you over \$100.

And that doesn't include the price of shoes, accessories, make-up and entrance to whatever bar or party you may be attending. Multiply that by the number of nights you plan on going out, and you will be out a few hundred dollars.

We all like to look good, at least the majority of us anyway. Halloween is one of the biggest occasions to dress up. People go out of their way to get noticed for how good they look. No matter where you plan on going, there are costume contests and prizes available, so appearance is especially important.

Because people make such a big deal out of Halloween, it is easy to get carried away and blow a month's pay on one night out.

I just can't see the logic in it all. For half the price, people can go to Marshall's and T.J. Maxx and buy separate pieces to create their own outfits.

Just because those devil horns weren't packaged with the little red dress from a thrift store, it doesn't mean that they won't still make for a great Halloween ensemble.

Accessories can also be purchased at a bargain at places such as Target and Wal-Mart. It is much cheaper than those expensive novelty shops.

Another easy way to save money this Halloween is to trade your older costumes with friends and roommates. With many dorms on campus, it is not uncommon that 12 people live together in a suite.

Surely one of the 11 others has thought of something in the past that you wouldn't mind pulling off.

Also, if you try to pick a costume that won't go out of style, in a few years when you find it in the basement, you can reuse it without anyone knowing.

Planning ahead always makes things easier on your wallet.

But in the end, there will always be those of us who wind up panicking at the last minute.

So, if I run into you in Party City tonight, don't be surprised. Maybe next year I can take my own advice.

He Said/ She Said... Couples costumes: Cute or corny?

Brian Germain

He said



Who cares?

I can tell you, that guys do not care if they see couples dressed up together. This action wouldn't come close to striking a nerve with me.

The only thing it does, is give me something to make fun of all night. When your friend walks in dressed up as a piece of bread with peanut butter, and his girlfriend follows dressed as a piece of bread with jelly, all you can do is laugh.

He should be aware that this is a night no one will let him live down. Sure, couples costumes can be cute, but they lack a component of masculinity.

If men can put up with their friends making fun of them for eternity, they should consider a couples costume. It will make your girlfriend happy, and keeping your girlfriend happy will ultimately keep you happy.

I would personally rather do my own thing on Halloween. I adhere to a strict rule: no couples costumes, unless it's a couples party where everyone will be matching.

Why limit yourself? Fred and Wilma are great. But they are lame costumes to be stuck in all night, considering how unoriginal the costumes are for couples.

If matching costumes are necessary, you must ensure that they have high entertainment values. I have seen so many Spartan cheerleaders that the costume has become cliché. It is only acceptable if "the perfect cheer" accompanies it.

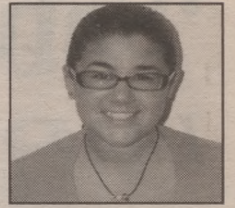
It would be much more interesting to see the bizarre interactions of Marilyn Monroe chatting with a deep-sea monster than watching a cowboy and cowgirl all night long. The entertainment factor of that is so much higher for the random bystanders.

Be clever with whatever you do. A plug and socket is a better combination than Popeye and Olive Oil. Stores only sell some couples costumes, so options are limited unless you make your own.

Group costumes are far more entertaining. Not that Sonny and Cher singing a duet of "I Got You Babe" would ruin my Halloween, but I would much rather see the Spice Girls performing songs that no self respecting male would admit to knowing.

Amanda Altieri

She said



What do Malibu

Barbie and Ken, Fred Flintstone and Wilma Flintstone, and Fred and Daphne all have in common? They are all popular couples costumes for Halloween.

Most people love to dress up for Halloween. No matter what your age, it's fun. But when dating someone, is it too much to dress up as a well-known couple?

I believe that Halloween is a night to dress as whatever you want. Whether you pick out a costume for yourself, or go as couple with your significant other, the people who get the compliments are those who are dressed up the best.

Couples costumes have the potential to be cute, depending on what the pair decide to go as. When selecting a costume, couples should keep in mind that no one wants to see love-dovey, make-you-sick costumes like Cinderella and Prince Charming.

If that's how you think of your boyfriend, that's great. But it isn't Valentine's Day, it's Halloween, so make your outfits funny and exciting.

In my four years of college, I have seen many good costumes. However, most of them weren't from coordinated couples.

While there are always some people dressed in groups with similar costumes, it's usually the older adults who dress up with their significant others.

We as students are still going to big parties with lots of people rather than small gatherings with only couples. So, you generally don't see too many in college.

Though, the best couples costumes that I have seen are the ones that are original or funny.

I personally got a kick out of Austin Powers and Felicity Shagwell, a Christmas Tree and a present, and the perky Saturday Night Live cheerleaders.

There are many couples costumes out there, so if you plan on dressing up as a team, make sure it is something creative. The originality will be what people remember, so try not to be cliché.

You can wear whatever you want, so make it memorable.

Happy Haunting!

Girls & Sports



—Arts & Entertainment—

‘Saturday Night Live’: Election breaker?

Long-running sketch comedy show skewers political figures

Andrew McCoy
Staff Reporter

The thought of Republican Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin rapping about her stances on the biggest issues in politics seems too surreal, right? Not if you are talking about politics on sketch comedy show “Saturday Night Live.”

For nearly three decades, NBC’s “SNL” has been poking fun at the realm of politics through skits that feature the country’s most prominent leaders in government. First with Chevy Chase’s portrayal of former President Gerald Ford, “SNL’s” political satire has become a fan favorite.

“SNL” creator Lorne Michaels pointed out in an interview that the success of the skit hinges on the actor’s ability to nail the figure’s image.

“They become characters, not just impersonations,” said Michaels.

Will Ferrell came to embody this formula with his characterization of George W. Bush as having an almost childlike ignorance and intelligence. Ferrell even coined the term “stratergy” which would come to help define Bush’s presidency.

Ironically, these fictional characteriza-



Photo courtesy of NBC

Fey as Palin and Amy Poehler as Hillary Clinton on “SNL” Sept. 13.

tions have had noticeable effects on politics. According to TampaBay.com, after Gore’s character was viewed as unlikable and stiff, his camp focused much of their attention on changing his image.

Even Palin, who sparked the return of Tina Fey to the show, appeared on Oct. 18 as a guest anchor on “SNL’s” “Weekend Update” segment. This came after the huge success of Fey’s depiction of the Alaskan

Governor as a Vice Presidential nominee who relies on catch phrases and cutesy actions to carry her through the race.

And people are watching. According to NBC.com, the Oct. 18 show saw nearly 17 million viewers nationwide tuning in to see Palin’s appearance—one of the highest viewer turnouts in the history of the show.

Some worry about the effect that it has on the voters. Although Michaels insists

that the show is bi-partisan with sketches focusing on both sides of the political spectrum, “SNL” has had tendencies to sway democratic.

In the most recent prime-time installment of “SNL,” the joke about John McCain denying connection to Bush was taken far as Ferrell kept repeating “when you step into the poll booths to vote for [McCain], think about me [Bush].”

“There was a clear meaning to that one,” said junior Scott Rutolo.

However, with the election coming up, the popular sketches may be enough to sway votes.

“‘Saturday Night Live’ is a comedy show. It’s not ‘Meet the Press.’ It doesn’t ‘ask the tough questions’ or ‘set the agenda,’” said actor Alec Baldwin on huffingtonpost.com.

Others disagree.

“I think too many people are influenced by the media,” said junior John Ietto. “If a candidate is depicted on shows in a negative light it’s going to be in the back of the voter’s head.”

On the other hand, as the Salt Lake Tribune said, “Lord knows we need a good laugh in these dark times.”

War photographer presents graphic side of conflict

Jared Faircloth
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 23, Timothy Fadek gave his lecture “A Narrative of Madness” for Sacred Heart University students in the Schine Auditorium.

Fadek is a photojournalist whose job it is to document major world events in places such as Haiti, Lebanon, Iraq and Israel. His appearance is part of a lecture series presented by the Vision Project.

Fadek started his photojournalism career through a photo essay on children at Mt. Sinai Psychiatric Hospital in Mt. Sinai, N.Y.

Many children at this institution have come from abusive families and harsh environments.

He spent several weeks working on his photo essay entry at the hospital. He described the bond he developed with people through his photography.

“With time comes trust,” said Fadek.

Fadek risked his life taking pictures in the Middle East and in various other imperiled countries.

“As a journalist I am not immune to danger,” said Fadek. “I’m lucky I can go back home to my New York City apartment. These people are stuck.”

He witnessed poverty and war when he traveled to Haiti following former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide’s exile from the country. He displayed pictures of impoverished families living near streams of sewage and Aristide supporters being murdered by street gangs and their homes ravaged by looters.

Fadek’s photos encouraged government support for Haiti. Upon their release, United Nations forces arrived to help restore order to the country.

“He is a great example of a humanitarian reporter,” said Dr. Brian Stiltner, chair of the department of Religious Studies. “His chosen line of work is extreme. His courage while just ‘doing his job’ is a powerful model for all of us.”

The lecture included photos taken in Juárez, N.M. and according to Fadek Juárez is a dangerous city with limited laws.

“There is a saying that, if you want to find Juárez, just follow the crosses,” said Fadek. “There are a lot of them. 421 women, to be exact, have been murdered in Juárez since 1992, and hundreds more women have disappeared.”

Fadek has also taken photographs of tragedy in the United States. The pictures he took on September 11, 2001 showed tears in the eyes of families affected by the terrorist attack and the efforts of rescue workers.

He also described how the press was not allowed at ground zero following the events of 9/11. Fadek and other journalists needed to pose as relief workers in order to gain access to the site.

Dr. Castonguay, chair of the department of Media Studies and Digital Culture, expressed the importance of Fadek’s style of photography.

“We can’t reach out to those in need if we don’t know they need us and we can’t make the world a better place if we don’t know what’s wrong with it,” said



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Fadek discusses his images from Iraq on Oct. 23 in the Schine Auditorium.

Castonguay.

Whether supporting our troops, providing relief to impoverished countries, or raising awareness of world issues, Fadek’s photojournalism hopes to promote action by other countries.

His images are viewed as enlightening by Stiltner because they so effectively show the world from a different standpoint than is normally made visible in the United States.

“It is essential for students, for all Americans, to have more insight into these crises. Our understanding influences whether we will act to help the situation,”

said Stiltner.

The stories behind the pictures help audiences to gain a deeper appreciation for Fadek’s photographs.

“His words changed my ideas,” said senior Joe Mazza. “I realized that people were under bad circumstances and were forced to fend for themselves.”

Fadek has endured dangerous situations in order to bring awareness, through his photography, of the problems that the world is facing.

“His photographs saved lives and he risked his own life to take them. It is truly amazing,” said Castonguay.

Movie Review: Bush biopic lacks clarity

Oliver Stone's latest effort entertains but ultimately falls flat

Manny Santiago
Staff Reporter

With the election coming up and the last days fast approaching for our current president, what better way to say goodbye to George W. Bush than to put him up on the big screen for everyone to see?

Oliver Stone's latest movie, "W.," takes an interesting look at the life of the younger President Bush.

Josh Brolin, who plays the role of Bush, fits the role perfectly. Although many people do not know the background of Bush's life, Brolin finds a way to show a more compassionate and intelligent side of him with whom many are not familiar.

While the story continues into the years of Bush's first term, it also slips in the story of the 43rd president's past. With Elizabeth Banks playing Laura Bush and James Cromwell as Bush, Sr. this part of the film is the most entertaining.

A main part of the story is the struggle that Bush has had against his father, President George H.W. Bush, throughout his life.

As for the look and style of the movie, it is actually rather sporadic.

The way that the story flows is rather rough and the story jumps a lot. This brings up a problem when watching it because it becomes easy to lose track of where the



Photo courtesy of Lions Gate Entertainment
Brolin as Bush in Oliver Stone's "W."

film is as well as where it's going.

Along with the sporadic cuts throughout the movie, there are also some symbolic scenes that tend not to make sense. Bush standing alone in an empty baseball stadium is a popular example. This springs up a few times during the film and it is very confusing when trying to follow the story.

The interpretation of Bush in this movie is very intriguing. It is not hard to be sympathetic towards him after watching this film; it really doesn't make him out to

be a bad person, for the most part. Instead of being stupid, he looks more mislead.

When going through the flashbacks of Bush's earlier days, he is looked at mostly as a mess who personifies his father's disappointment in him. He finally starts pleasing his father when he gets "saved," quits drinking, and starts working on Bush, Sr.'s first presidential campaign.

The person that really is shown to be the bad guy in the film is Dick Cheney's character who is played masterfully by Richard Dreyfuss. In most scenes he does not talk much, but when he does it is like watching a villain speak.

All of the people portrayed in the movie look very realistic. Their impersonations were realistic as well.

With this being a movie based on real events, it was very interesting to see Stone use real footage in the film. During one of the speeches, he gives viewers real shots of the people in congress from when the real speech was given.

The movie itself can be more than a little confusing and is somewhat sub-par, but the character of Bush is uncovered in a fascinating way.

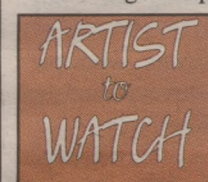
FINAL GRADE: C+

Artist on the rise: Lady Gaga

Michael Squitieri
Staff Reporter

Not many people have heard about her yet, but she has been making a huge impact in the music world. Her name is Lady Gaga.

Lady Gaga, whose real name is Stefania Germanotta, is from Yonkers, N.Y. and went to school in New York City. She is 22 years old. Even at a young age, Germanotta knew what she wanted to be when she grew up.



"I was always an entertainer. I was a ham as a little girl and I'm a ham today," she said.

Her first album was just released last week and is titled "The Fame." Its first single, titled "Just Dance," was released over the summer and became a hit on the club scene.

"Just Dance" reached number 59 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 charts and online gossip columnist Perez Hilton has even taken to calling her this generation's Madonna.

Germanotta first started to perform in the Lower East side of Manhattan. This is where she first started to make an impact on the club scene. Her shows where "theatrical, and often tongue-in-cheek 'shock art,'" said ladygaga.com.

Her style is very much her own; she even makes most of the outfits that she wears onstage.

She feels that being an artist is about the whole image. "It's not just about the music. It's about the performance, the attitude, the look; it's everything. That is where I live as an artist and that is what I want to accomplish," said Germanotta.

Her music sound is certainly all her own. It's an eclectic mixture of different types of music. Ladygaga.com said that her sound is "two parts dance-pop, one part electro-pop, and one part rock with a splash of disco and burlesque."

Germanotta has three singles out right now from her debut album. The first one is the ever-popular "Just Dance," the second one is called "Poker Face," and the third is one of the songs she has been performing since the start of her club career: "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich."

There is a specific meaning behind "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich," said ladygaga.com. Germanotta wrote this song around a time when she was heavily into partying.

"That time, and that song, was just me trying to figure things out. Once I grabbed the reigns of my artistry, I fell in love with that more than I did with the party life," said Germanotta on ladygaga.com

She has put that lifestyle behind her and is ready to move forward with her new album. Germanotta wants to bring her club hits into mainstream music.

"I would have to say that my favorite song on the album has to be 'Poker Face,'" said junior Jaclyn Constantino. "It is just so catchy. I really feel that this album can do big things. It is just all dance music that would get about every party started."

Acclaimed comedy series lacks viewers

Katie Conigliaro
Staff Reporter

These days it seems that Tina Fey has taken over television. If she's not working on her own show, she's dressing up as Alaskan governor Sarah Palin and strutting around "Saturday Night Live" to rave reviews.

Despite her popularity and critical admiration, the amount of viewers that Fey's show "30 Rock" receives is lagging in ratings. If Fey is such a hit, what's going on with "30 Rock?"

According to the New York Times, the show, which is scheduled to premiere on Oct. 30, is opening late in the season due to an unfortunate executive decision. Ben Silverman, the co-chairman of NBC Entertainment, explained that prolonging the start time was to give Fey's fans a lead in from other comedy series that were supposed to give '30 Rock' the "best possible chance to emerge finally as a hit."

"30 Rock" is a comedy series on NBC featuring a production team for a fictional sitcom variety program and is told from the perspective of Liz Lemon's (Fey) humorous professional and personal experiences in the company of her eccentric coworkers.

"I love its randomness and obscurity," said freshman Dominick DiMaria. "And I love how it hasn't lost its edge."

According to NBC's Web site, at the 2007 Emmy Awards, "30 Rock" won several awards including Outstanding Comedy Series. The show was also nominated in nine additional categories, most notably Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series



Photo courtesy of NBC
Guest Matthew Broderick with Baldwin in a scene from season two of "30 Rock."

for Alec Baldwin and Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for Fey.

Fey not only stars in "30 Rock," but is its writer and executive producer of the show. In 2008, Fey earned "30 Rock" a Producers Guild Award as well as the Writers Guild Award for Outstanding Comedy Series.

Baldwin plays a network executive for NBC. This role has also earned Baldwin his own fair share of awards including a 2007 Golden Globe for Best Actor in a TV Musical or Comedy and a SAG Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series.

Some Sacred Heart students have their own theories on why "30 Rock" is not pulling in the viewers. In their opinions, the later Thursday night NBC comedy "The Office" plays a role.

Roachusa said that "perhaps the reason '30 Rock' is not as popular as 'The Office' is because it just hasn't been around as long."

Freshman David Choy said that he likes "'30 Rock' because it is a combination of slapstick funny and smart funny. I think people do not watch '30 Rock' because it is not as out there as 'The Office.'"

Features

'Social norms campaign' sparks conversation *Drinking posters featured around campus have students speculating*

Patrick Bonner
Staff Reporter

You've seen them. They have bright colors, mind-blowing statistics, and generically attractive anonymous students. They speak to you, and also speak for you.

The posters hanging up in hallways and classrooms sport statistics like "Most SHU students have 0-4 drinks when they go out partying" or "9 out of 10 students think it's not cool to drink and drive."

While the statistics are correct, the Sacred Heart posters with Sacred Heart statistics seem to be missing one thing: Sacred Heart students.

"I've never met anyone who participated in any type of survey," said Ian Frazier.

"I have never seen any of those people in the posters ever on campus. For me, that doesn't exactly build the credibility of those posters."

There are several issues with having students in the posters according to Janice Kessler, alcohol and drug counselor.

There liability issues to consider and featuring a student on the poster who does drink heavily could be considered hypocritical.

"We want to put students in the poster, we'll just have to make sure we screen them."

The unrecognizable pseudo-students aren't the only criticism people have for the posters.

"I think they should resurvey all of

the student body instead of just a handful," said Senior Alex Resca.

"A fraction of the student body doesn't speak for all of it."

"Some of the stats seem a bit ridiculous to me, like the 'most kids have 0-4 drinks' one seems bit off, at least from what I have seen when I go out."

These criticism, comments, and conversations are the purpose of the posters.

"I have yet to meet a student who has not seen these posters," said Kessler.

"Students who drink less than 0-4 are not the exception - they are the ones who are most vocal."

The posters are part of a social norms marketing campaign prevention strategy to reduce high risk and dangerous drinking.

This strategy is based around the actions of the students versus the perceived actions of the students.

For example students who drink more than four drinks a night and less than four drinks a night both believe that the majority do drink for drinks a night.

This is a tactic that has worked at many other universities including University of Arizona, University of Connecticut, and University of Massachusetts.

Kessler explained that with the help of the Core Institute, the leading research institute for colleges and universities, they were able to randomly poll 502 students from every class year to provide a solid sample group.

Each student was asked the same questions and was able to answer in anony-

mymity.

After the survey was complete, many different styles of posters were formed and run through different focus groups. The statistics were collected from the students and the students picked the posters.

"The idea is to create conversation," said Kessler.

"We want everyone involved, the staff, faculty, and students. It's being brought up in marketing classes, economics classes, even a criminal justice professor told me a student brought the posters up in his class."

While binge drinking and underage drinking are rampant on almost every campus, so are the efforts to keep students safe.

Although many students are critical of the content of these posters, few can deny that the message they project is the right one.

"I think they are a great idea, those posters presented a sense of comfort for students who have felt pressured to drink before," said senior Frank LoCurto.

"As well as reinforced safety such as anti-binge drinking and designated driving."

There is an unintended use of these posters that some students have capitalized on.

While progress has been made, some students seem to be using these posters as memorabilia and decoration.

"Students love those posters, I've seen them all over my friend's apartments," said

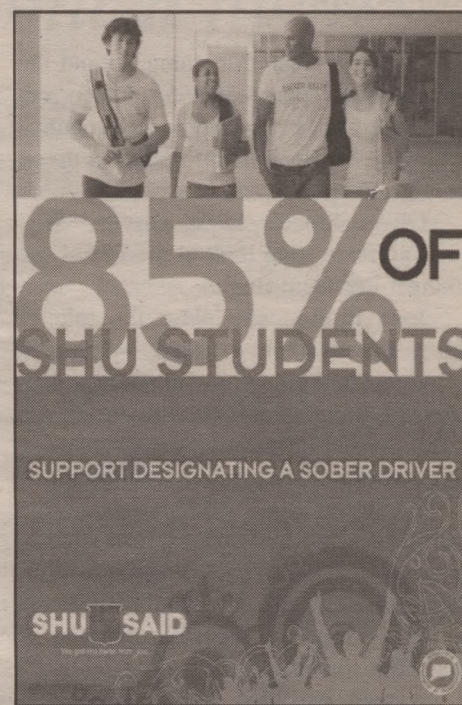


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senior Stephanie Ciccone.

The fact that students are bringing them to their off-campus housing, give the posters more exposure than they would have had.

The next step in this social norms campaign is to continue polling students, asking the same questions to gauge success of the last posters and also new questions for new posters.

Kessler also stated that the student's criticisms have been heard and larger sample groups will be polled.

Cable in dorms leaves Sacred Heart in the dark *Sacred Heart's new cable channels upset students*

Kyle Bush
Staff Reporter

On-campus housing is supposed to provide an easy living situation, free from bills and maintenance problems, but is it offering students the same amenities from home?

Recently, Sacred Heart University's cable service has made a few changes, leaving some students in the dark.

"A lot of our TV channels don't work," said junior Meredith Raus, "It will be all fuzzy or just a blank screen."

Sacred Heart's cable company has recently changed the service offered to customers, which includes the students living on campus. Students have noticed a change in the channels offered, as well as a loss.

"Yes, we definitely lost some channels," said junior Alan Minoyan.

The change in the cable package offered to students is recent. In September, on-campus cable included the channels TLC, ABC Family and HBO Family. TLC was replaced with Discovery Health, while ABC Family and HBO Family were taken off the package.

"It bothered me a lot when we lost those channels," said Raus. "TV last year in East was no problem and now there's a change."

For students living in Park Ridge,

new cable boxes have been added to their suites, but the old channels did not come back.

"This really bothered me. I was mad because we lost some good channels," said Minoyan.

Web site medialifemagazine.com tells readers that TV is on the rise for college-aged young adults.

It is no wonder that Sacred Heart students were not pleased with the loss.

"I find myself not watching as much TV because of this, which is annoying," said Raus.

The Web site also says that young adults on average spend over 10 hours a week watching television.

The recent loss of channels has Sacred Heart TV watchers left with more time and little to do.

"We're the ones watching and we're the ones living here, it'd be nice if we got what we wanted," said junior Meghan Dick.

The cable change for Sacred Heart dorms is also becoming a problem for students looking for something to do with roommates and friends.

"My suitemates and I get together to watch TV and we can't, because the channels we want aren't there anymore," said Dick.

Sacred Heart's TV viewers are not taking the loss lightly, and are upset that there

is one less thing they can do to relax.

"I liked the old channels we got, but now that we're losing them, I find myself not finding a good show or anything of my interest on, which bothers me," said Raus.

The change raised questions and concerns for a few students, who felt that the channel package choice should be left to them.

While students do get the chance to vote for the channels they like, it's not always a guarantee.

"We should get to pick the package," said Minoyan. "With everything else we don't like about the school, we should at least get to pick all our channels."

Other students agreed, and felt that the cost of living on campus should offer the same amenities a house living off-campus would provide, including the cable package.

"We're the ones watching and we're the ones who pay to live here, it should be up to us," said Raus.

The loss of some Sacred Heart student's favorite channels is not going over well, and for those who want the change, it might be harder than it sounds.

"I think some stations are now only available if you pay for an extra cable box," said senior Melissa Iellimo.

With the cost of living on campus comparable to living off, Sacred Heart's viewers are not pleased that the chan-

nels would mean more money out of their pocket.

"With all the contributions we give to the school, it should cover this," said Minoyan.

Students living in Taft have to pay for their own cable. While some might feel that it's not a fair deal, others are glad they get the chance to pick their package.

"We have to pay, but we pick our own cable package and the channels we want," said junior Michelle Rodriguez.

The cable change has a few students thinking that there needs to be a different kind of change, one that allows the students to pick exactly what they want.

"We give so much money in tuition, they should at least give us the chance to choose," said Minoyan.

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Sorority works to raise breast cancer awareness

Angela Salerno
Staff Reporter

As senior Lisa Brown sets up a table outside of the entrance to Chartwells, she gets ready to sell pink ribbons not only to raise money for her sorority Beta Delta Phi, but to raise awareness of breast cancer.

All of this is because the sorority's main cause is breast cancer awareness. Their goal is to increase understanding throughout the Sacred Heart community in ways that help support those who are diagnosed.

According to MyBreastCancerNetwork.com, supporting breast cancer awareness promotes both action and research.

"Getting the word out has led to women understanding they can take control of their lives. We have effective screening modalities for breast cancer, and their utilization has been increased through the work of advocates."

Beta Delta Phi agrees that it is important for others to be aware of what breast cancer is and that it still remains as a major concern for many women.

"It is important for students to become involved and more aware about breast cancer because it's something that hits home with a lot of people and should definitely be taken seriously," said Brown.

In fact, the American Cancer Society reports "about 182,460 women in the United States will be found to have invasive breast cancer in 2008. And about 40,480 women will die from the disease this year."

Although the number of women in which breast cancer effects continues to grow, new studies are being conducted to help find a cure to this disease.

The Sister Study, which is a "study of environmental and genetic risk factors for breast cancer" is amongst one of the current studies.

According to Sisterstudy.org, the study's participants involve women whose sisters have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"The Sister Study is one of the first long-term stud-



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From left: juniors Christine Martiello and Kim Siciliano sell lollipops to raise money for breast cancer research.

ies to help us understand how women's genes and their environment—homes, workplaces, and communities— influence the risk of breast cancer. It is the first to collect such extensive and detailed information about environmental exposures."

Aside from medical studies, fundraisers are also being conducted by the American Cancer Society to raise both awareness and money to benefit breast cancer patients.

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is a national fundraiser in which Sacred Heart's Beta Delta Phi annually participates.

"The making strides walk in Westport is one of our sorority's favorite community service activities," said Brown.

"When we arrive there, they show gratitude towards us for volunteering, which is definitely a good feeling," said Brown.

Other members of the Sacred Heart community participated in the walk including students and faculty.

Some did it to help contribute to research, while others had a more personal connection to the cause.

"I have personal ties to the disease in my family, so I did it in their honor. It made me feel good by helping the fight against such a horrible disease," said junior Megan

Liguori.

According to AmericanCancerSociety.com, "In 2007 alone, nearly 500,000 walkers across the country collected more than \$50 million to help fight breast cancer."

Along with participating in the strides walk, Beta Delta Phi also fundraises for awareness through events on campus as well.

Nina Vecchio, a junior and the sorority's vice president tries to create awareness on campus any chance her sorority can get.

"Our sorority creates breast cancer awareness in as many ways as possible," said Vecchio.

"We try to help with any type of fundraiser, event, or volunteer opportunity that we are aware of and able to participate in," said Vecchio.

Since Beta Delta Phi was established in 1964, its main cause has been in promoting breast cancer awareness on campus.

"We can often be found fundraising for various causes such as the Lee National Denim Day and The Pink Ribbon Project. We also host a dance-a-thon in the spring where we raise a rather substantial amount of money for our cause," said Vecchio.

Although Beta Delta Phi has been supporting breast cancer awareness for years in various fundraisers, some may wonder what has lead October to become the national month to raise advocacy?

According to the American Cancer Society Web site, October became the National Breast Cancer Awareness month while a week long campaign was formed in 1985 to support raise awareness nationally.

Still, the American Cancer Society works to promote awareness nationally, while other organizations such as Beta Delta Phi contribute to the effort as well.

"We feel as though these days everyone knows someone who has or has had breast cancer."

By promoting awareness the disease is much more successfully treated when it is detected early, which is vital to increasing survival rates," said Vecchio.

SHU gets spooky celebrating the new fall season

Alex Moreno
Staff Reporter

With the semester half way over, the holiday season is rapidly approaching all beginning with Halloween.

Since the beginning of October, students and clubs at Sacred Heart University have been planning different events to celebrate the fall and the holidays that go along with it.

"It's been great seeing everyone get into the spirit of Halloween. It really now feels like we are in the fall season and plus you can see everyone is enjoying themselves and having a great time," said junior Alan Minoyan, treasurer of Best Buddies.

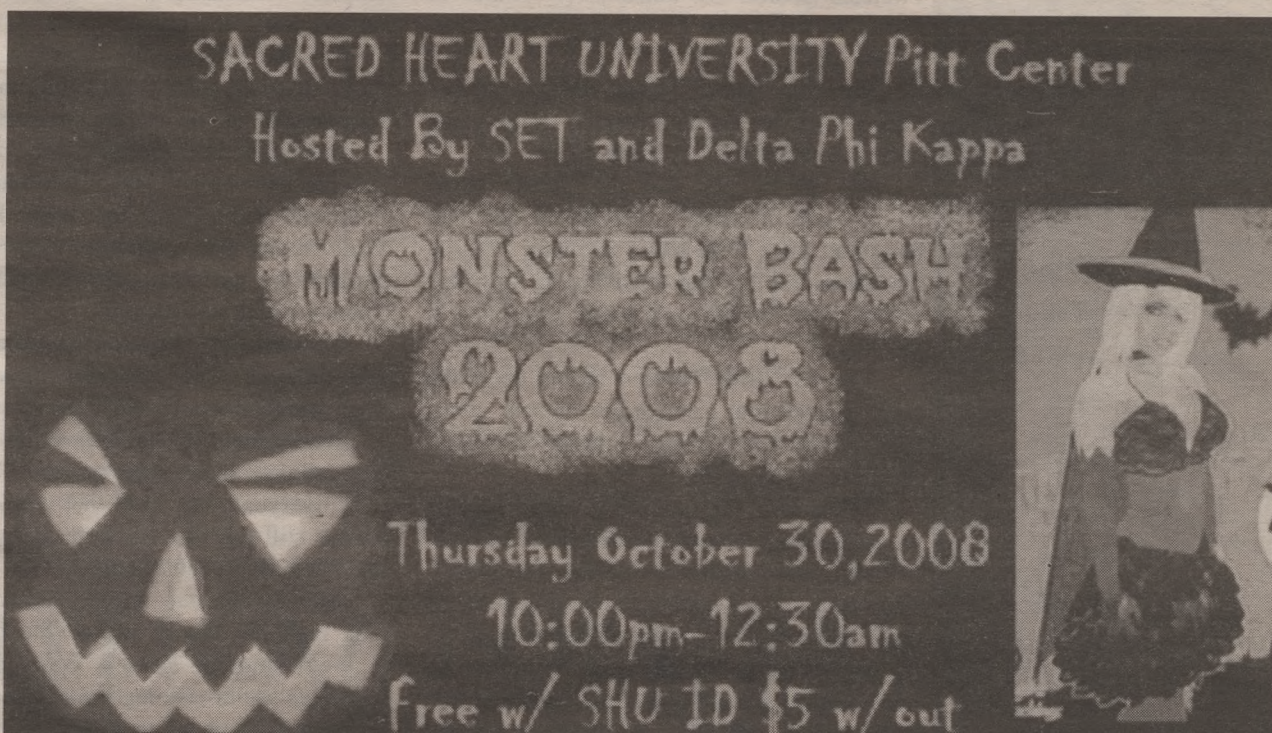
Best Buddies held a Halloween theme party on Saturday Oct. 25 for students and parents involved in the program in the faculty lounge. The party was filled with events such as trivia games and scavenger hunts around Sacred Heart's main campus.

"It was great seeing people come out to have a fun afternoon. Some of the kids even got more into the event by showing up in costumes," said Minoyan.

Other organizations such as SET also added to the list of fall events by holding several trips and events for students to take part in.

SET started off the festivities on Oct. 22 with a murder mystery. The event was set up based similarly to the board game "Clue."

On Friday Oct. 24, they held a Halloween bingo tournament in the Edgerton Center with one of the prizes being a \$250 gift certificate to the Trumbull mall.



Oct. 25, students had the chance to go pumpkin picking at the university commons patio; once they chose a pumpkin they then had the chance to carve a jack-o'-lantern as well. SET also ran a trip to Salem, Mass., where students got to enjoy a day of Halloween related activities.

The activities included tours of haunted houses and other scary monuments in the Salem area. This included a reenactment of the 1692 Salem witch trials, where people got to hear stories and see what happened at the trials.

On Sunday Oct. 26 students got to enjoy the day by having their choice of going apple picking, taking a trip to Lake Compounce Haunted Graveyard or seeing the play "Young Frankenstein" on Broadway.

The Lake Compounce trip included six haunted houses, all ghoulishly designed differently, a graveyard and 18 theme park rides redecorated for the Halloween season.

Monster Bash 2008 is an annual Halloween party hosted by SET and Delta Phi Kappa sorority. The event

will be held in the Outpost Pub, Oct. 30, starting at 10 p.m..

Students are also coming up with other ways to celebrate the holiday. Junior Jacquie Vele said she will be spending her holiday this year celebrating in New York City at the Greenwich Village Halloween parade.

"It's great seeing all these different unique customs people are wearing. It's really crazy some of the ideas that go into the customs. You can see which people are the ones who really get into their characters," said Vele.

While some student's plans are still uncertain for the holiday, they have been getting into the spirit of Halloween.

"I usually like watching a lot scary movies around this time of year and just eating tons of candy," said Vele.

With Halloween tomorrow night, remember if you still can't figure out anything to do, just do what you use to do as a kid-go trick or treating.

Sports

Weekend Scoreboard

Friday, October 24

M. Soccer

RMU-0

SHU-1

W. Soccer

SHU-0

CCSU-1

M. Ice Hockey

RIT-3

SHU-3

Saturday, October 25

Football

SHU-29

Duquesne-17

W. Ice Hockey

SHU-5

URI-2

W. Volleyball

SHU-3

Quinnipiac-0

M. Ice Hockey

RIT-2

SHU-4

Sunday, October 26

Field Hockey

SHU-2

St. Francis (PA)-0

M. Soccer

St. Francis (PA)-0

SHU-0

W. Soccer

SHU-0

Quinnipiac-3

W. Volleyball

FDU-3

SHU-2

Team

Records

Football: 7-1

W. Volleyball: 15-8

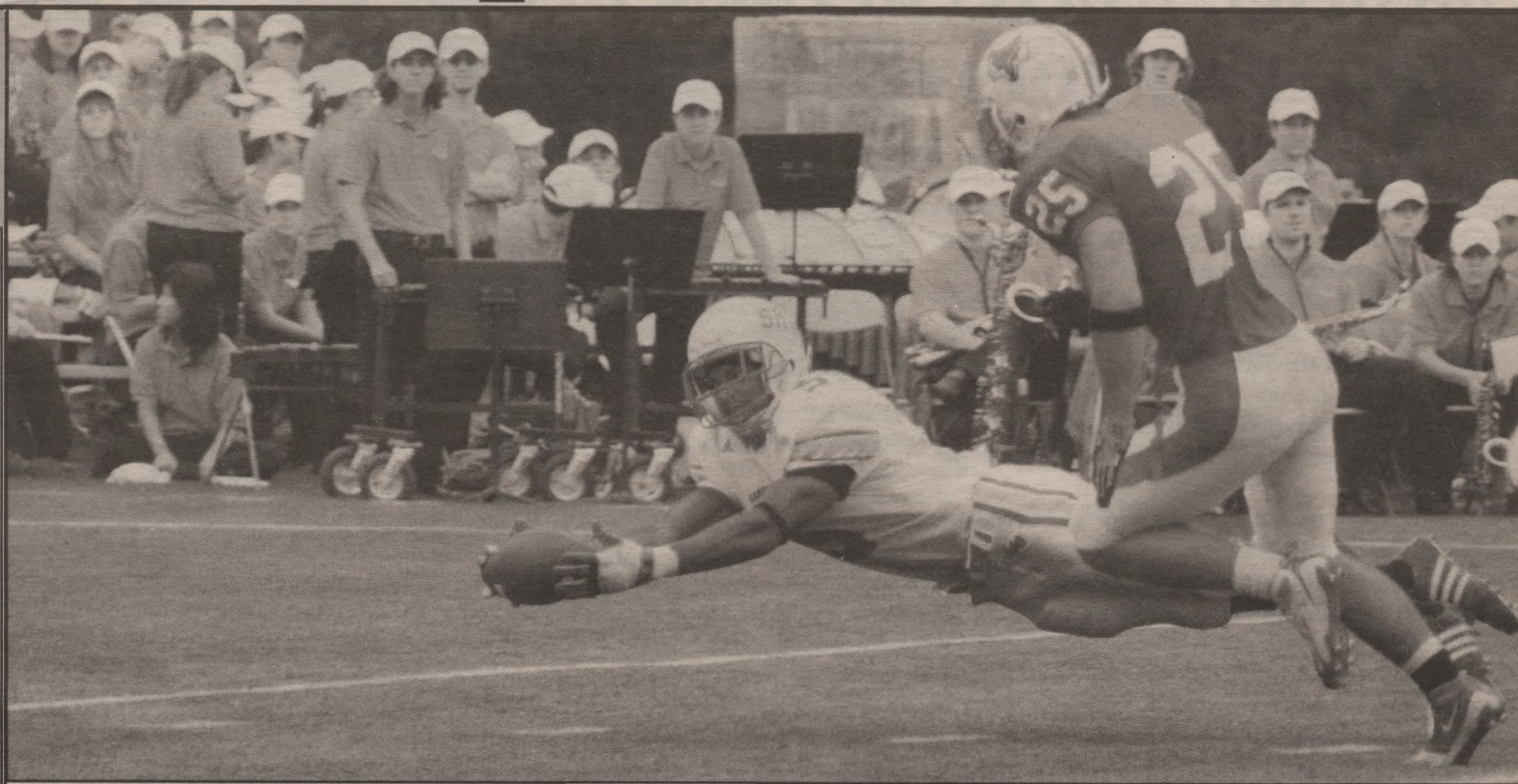
M. Soccer: 4-6-1

W. Soccer: 1-14-3

M. Ice Hockey: 1-4-1

W. Ice Hockey: 3-2

Field Hockey: 6-11



Sacred Heart's Steve Tedesco (#5) makes a diving catch against Marist on Sept. 27. Tedesco had 12 catches for 121 yards against Duquesne which set three school records.

The Spectrum/Rob Morgan

Tedesco leads Pioneers against Duquesne

Steve Coppola
Staff Reporter

After suffering their first loss of the season last week at the hands of the University of Albany Great Danes, the Sacred Heart University Pioneers were not about to let their losing ways continue.

Behind 17-0 in the second quarter, the Pioneers scored 29 unanswered points to defeat the Duquesne University Dukes 29-17 on Oct. 25.

Standout junior wide receiver Steve Tedesco set three school records in the game with 12 catches for 121 yards.

His 12 catches tied the Sacred Heart record for most catches in a game — a mark that has stood since 2000 and it also gave Tedesco 60 catches on the year, breaking the previous record of 59 catches three games remaining in the season.

The 121 yards Tedesco racked up in the game pushed him past former Pioneer greats Cory Bundy and DeVeren Johnson for career receiving yardage with 1,796.

"Like I've said all along, these records are dependent on everyone else on the offense, including the coaches for calling the plays," said Tedesco. "It's cool to have the records for now, but records are meant to be broken."

Defensively, the Pioneers were led by junior linebacker Chansler Davis who recorded six tackles and sophomore linebacker Brian Flumere who had five tackles, a sack, and two forced fumbles.

Sacred Heart won the opening coin toss but decided to kick off in order to start the second half with the ball.

The Dukes took the opening kickoff and drove 74 yards for the touchdown when quarterback Connor Dixon found his wide receiver for a 29-yard touchdown reception. Following the extra point, the Dukes took an early 7-0 lead.

Attempting to counter the Dukes' touchdown with a score of their own, the Pioneers took the ensuing kickoff and drove down to the Duquesne 31-yard line.

Redshirt sophomore and quarterback, Dale Fink dropped back to pass but saw the first of his two first-half interceptions fall into the hands of Akeem Moore who returned it 79

yards to the Sacred Heart 10-yard line.

The Dukes capitalized on the mistake three plays later when Dixon connected with Conrad Carter for a four-yard touchdown to put the Pioneers in an early 14-0 hole.

It appeared that the Pioneers would finally light up the scoreboard on the next possession, when they drove 66 yards in eight plays to the Duquesne seven-yard line. However, Fink once again saw his pass attempt fall into the hands of a Duquesne defender for his second interception of the game.

To start the second quarter, the Dukes took 5:02 to drive 65-yards before the Pioneer defense stiffened up and the drive stalled.

Although the Dukes were unable to turn the interception into a touchdown, they were well within field goal range for kicker Mark Troyan who drilled the 41-yard attempt through the uprights, putting the Dukes in command with a 17-0 lead.

"It was like we came out and were asleep," said Tedesco. "Then everyone's eyes opened when we got down by 17."

It was time for the Pioneers to take control, and they answered their call.

"Everyone was upset that we were down but we still felt that we were going to win," said head coach Paul Gorham.

Moving the ball mostly through the air, Fink and the offense moved the ball down to the Duquesne 19-yard line. Fink then found his senior running back Evin Jones for a 19-yard touchdown reception which put Sacred Heart on the board.

On the Dukes' next possession, it was the Pioneer defense's turn to contribute to the scoring.

Pinning the Dukes deep in their own territory, the defense forced Duquesne to punt from the shadows of their own goal posts. The snap from center sailed well over the head of punter Josh Brisk and out of the end zone for a safety. The two points awarded to the Pioneers for the safety added to their total but they still trailed 17-9.

Taking the free kick at the Pioneer 36-yard line, Fink engineered a 13 play 64-yard scoring drive, taking 6:02 off the clock. The Pioneers found the end zone when Fink connected with junior running back Brian Friedman for the 13-yard touchdown catch.

This made the score 17-15, still in favor

of the Dukes but Sacred Heart elected to try for the two-point conversion to tie the score at 17. The try was unsuccessful and the score remained Sacred Heart trailing 17-15.

With just 33 seconds left in the first-half, the Dukes decided to try and score one more time before going into the locker room. This proved to be an unwise decision as Dixon saw his pass attempt picked off by junior defensive back Andre Isla.

Starting the second-half trailing their opponents was a position that the Pioneers have rarely found themselves this season.

The decision to kickoff to start the game, guaranteeing Sacred Heart the ball starting the second half, proved to be a smart decision.

Junior Stephen Gerhard provided the Pioneers with excellent field position as he returned the second half kickoff to the 48-yard line.

Fink and the offense took advantage of the good field position, scoring in just eight plays when Jones plunged in from one yard out, giving the Pioneers their first lead of the day at 22-17.

The Dukes were unable to get their offense going on their next possession and were forced to punt. Freshman running back Gary Coles was back deep to return the punt but fumbled trying to catch the kick. He was able to recover the ball but his miscue put the Pioneers in a deep hole, giving the offense the ball on the one-yard line.

This didn't seem to bother Sacred Heart's offense as they drove the full length of the field in just 13 plays for the touchdown. Moving the ball mostly on the ground during the drive, Jones found the end zone for the second time on the day from one yard out.

This gave Sacred Heart a 29-17 lead that stood up for the rest of the game and gave the Pioneers their seventh victory on the year and their third win in the Northeast Conference.

The Pioneers will have a short week as they return home to take on the Wagner College Seahawks tomorrow night. The game will be televised on MSG Network as part of a special Halloween broadcast at 7 p.m.

For more on the Halloween night football game on MSG see PIONEERS on page 14...

Volleyball tames Bobcats, upset by FDU

Catherine Oehm
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women's volleyball team swept the Quinnipiac University Bobcats 3-0 on Saturday, Oct. 25 before falling to Fairleigh Dickinson University on Sunday, Oct. 26. The Pioneers are now 2-1 in conference play and 15-8 overall.

The Pioneers used powerful serves to defeat the Bobcats who fell to 3-24 overall and 0-4 in conference play.

"The difference between Quinnipiac and us was that they really couldn't generate enough kills to score enough points against us," said senior Lynne Principio.

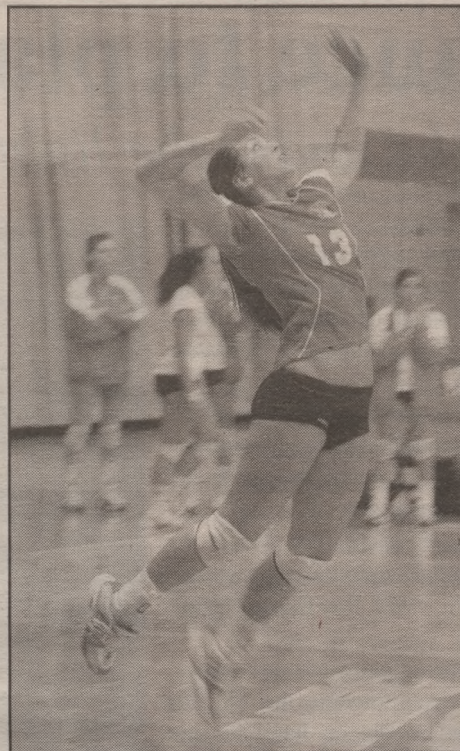
The combination of sophomore Courtney Kidd-Kadlubek who recorded 33 assists along with freshman Brittany Best who had a match-high of 11 digs and 12 kills helped lead the Pioneers to victory.

"We all work incredibly hard every day at practice in order to make each other better," said junior Alex Bavasi.

Kidd-Kadlubek had four of the 13 service aces leading to the sweep over the Bobcats. The Pioneers captured the first set 25-21 while the two other sets followed with wins of 25-19, and 26-24 to close out the sweep.

"Courtney Kidd-Kadlubek places the ball very well with her sets and Mydori Saipale and Annie Archer in the middle do an excellent job blocking and gathering kills," said Bavasi.

Freshman Maile Hetherington also contributed to the Pioneers' win and was the only player in double figures in kills



The Spectrum/Zack Lane

Sacred Heart's Brittany Best serves against Fairleigh Dickinson on Oct. 26.

with 11.

"In the matches, Maile Hetherington, Brittany Best, and Ashlyn Trimble rack up the kills, and Jessica Colberg digs everything," said Bavasi.

The Pioneers returned to the court on Sunday evening against the Fairleigh Dickinson Knights after their match – originally scheduled for 3 p.m. – was postponed till 6 p.m. due to an error in scheduling of the officials. The Pioneers lost their first Northeast Conference match to the visiting Knights 3-2.

"Although our game was postponed,

I think that we all did a nice job of holding it together and staying mentally in the game," said junior Katelyn Morin.

Best's five kills and two service aces led the Pioneers to win the first set of the match 25-23, coming back from a 16-11 deficit. Knights senior Lauren Boothby had 10 digs, 23 kills, and nine blocks helping FDU outlast the Pioneers.

"These [weekend] matches were great indicators of what our team needs to work on collectively," said Bavasi.

The Knights jumped out to an early 8-3 lead in the second set with help of Boothby's four consecutive service points. The Pioneers lost the second set 25-20 due to a barrage of powerful serves from the Knights.

"We'll be able to go into practice and fix specific things and work on different skills that will help us against future opponents," said Bavasi. "We're trying to get to the point of being able to play in the matches like how we perform in practice."

Freshman Jessica Colberg's serve helped lead the Pioneers to a quick 6-1 advantage in the third set. However, Boothby had five kills and three solo blocks along with big serve runs by Karolina Kowalski and Jennifer Brugger which helped FDU open up a 19-13 lead.

"Fairleigh Dickinson did a really nice job against us," said Principio. "Lauren Boothby was a force at the net."

Heatherington's kill got the Pioneers back within a point at 23-22, but a Sacred Heart service error and a Heatherington error led FDU to serve and they took the game.

The Pioneers captured the fourth set

28-26 thanks to Best's strong hitting. At one point, the Knights were leading 10-3 and then a Kowalski ace tied the set at 24-24. Junior Annie Archer made a block after a Knight service error, which enabled the Pioneers to win the set.

In the fifth and final set, Best had three consecutive points, giving the Pioneers an 11-10 lead. The Knights jumped ahead on an error on the next Best serve and tied up the game at 11-11. A Heatherington attack error on a Brugger serve put FDU ahead 12-11, forcing Pioneer coach Rob Machan to take a timeout.

After the timeout, the Knights made the next five points and defeated the Pioneers on Brugger's serve.

Heatherington finished the game with a double-doube of 16 kills and 12 digs while freshman Ashlyn Trimble did the same with 13 and 10, respectively. Best collected 11 digs and led the Pioneers with a career high of 21 kills.

"We don't really expect anything tangible for the rest of our season," said Bavasi. "All we really want to accomplish is to play at our peak performance by the time the end of November comes around; the time of our conference tournament," said Bavasi.

The Pioneers will be back in action today at 7 p.m. in New Britain against Central Connecticut State University.

"We expect that all of the hard work and all of the exhausting hours we put into practice every day will be reflected in how we play in the remainder of our matches," said Bavasi. "Our only expectation is to keep improving."

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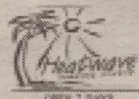
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Sports

Pioneers relishing chance to play on MSG

Halloween game against Wagner will be under the lights and on the air

Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

It was an offer that Paul Gorham could not pass up. When Sacred Heart University head football coach's phone rang one afternoon in mid-August, Athletic Director Don Cook was on the other end of the line.

Cook informed Gorham that the Northeast Conference and Madison Square Garden Network were interested in televising the Pioneers' regular season home game against the Wagner College Seahawks.

"My first thought was 'great,'" said Gorham. There was, however, one catch.

Instead of playing on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. the originally scheduled kickoff date and time, the game would have to be moved up to Friday night, Oct. 31, in order to accommodate MSG's broadcast schedule.

This meant that the Pioneers would have one less day of practice before facing the Seahawks and one less day to heal up after playing Saturday against Duquesne University.

"We're a little banged up," said Gorham. "But when you think about it, there's really not much difference between a 1 p.m. start on Saturday and a 7 p.m. start on Friday."

And by the way, Friday night, Oct. 31 just happens to be Halloween night which makes for an even more dramatic storyline to go along with tomorrow night's game.

So what started out as just another regular season game on the Pioneers' schedule quickly turned into a highly-anticipated conference matchup that can be seen in millions of homes across the tri-state area.

This is the sixth consecutive season that the NEC has televised football games as part of its extensive regional sports package but just the first time that Sacred Heart has been featured.

"We try our best to [televis] a couple of football games each year and Sacred Heart and Wagner had not been featured the last few years so we tried to find a game for them on MSG," said NEC Associate Commissioner Ron Ratner. "MSG informed me that they had [tomorrow] night open and we figured that being Halloween night, it would be a perfect fit given the newly installed lights that would be thrown into the mix."

Ratner's mention of the newly installed lights at Campus Field is particularly noteworthy because it is evidence that the university's decision to install the lights this past summer is already paying off in terms of bringing additional exposure to the athletic program and creating an exciting atmosphere at night games.

"Installing lights opened a new operating paradigm for Sacred Heart," said Cook. "The size and scope of our athletic program, including club sports and intramurals, made it possible for us to extend the operating day into the evening hours."

Having lights also gave Sacred Heart more flexibility to accommodate MSG's schedule because without them, there likely would be no game tomorrow night.

Gorham and his coaching staff fully understands the importance of playing a game on regional television because the opportunity doesn't come very often.

"It's big," said Gorham. "We recruit mostly from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut so we're hoping that with MSG broadcasting the game, it will help us in that area."

Having the chance to play on MSG is even rarer for mid-major college teams like Sacred Heart because it is difficult to find an open slot given the heavy schedules of both the New York Knicks and New York Rangers.

But when one does open up, most schools do not hesitate to jump on it even if it means having to shift around their schedules.

"Television is a big inducement to showcase a program on the most powerful regional sports network in the New York City area," said Ratner.

As for the players, most are thrilled about the chance

to play on MSG on Halloween night.

"I'm pumped," said junior wide receiver Steve Tedesco whose family in California will be able to tune in for the telecast. "Halloween night under the lights, huge crowd, big conference game on TV...what more could you ask for?"

It will be more than just a fun atmosphere, though.

Most people don't understand the significant amount preparation and planning that goes into hosting an event like the one taking place tomorrow night.

When ESPN came to Sacred Heart last March to televise the NEC men's basketball championship game, it was easily the biggest athletic event that Sacred Heart has ever hosted.

Whether it was planning the actual game day operations or figuring out how to accommodate the 50 plus members of local and national media on hand for the game, Sacred Heart had its hands full and, according to Ratner, "did a fantastic job" in pulling it off.

"There were absolutely no reservations about televising another game [at Sacred Heart]," said Ratner.

After being informed that Ratner had nothing but praise for Sacred Heart and the way that the university operates, Cook expressed great satisfaction and called it the "ultimate compliment."

"It means a great deal," said Cook. "No one understands better what it takes and what is involved than those who manage the conference operation."

While tomorrow night's game does not have nearly as much at stake as that championship game last spring, members of the university's athletic department are taking it just as seriously.

For example, Associate Athletic Director Mark Adzigan and his staff have been working tirelessly during the past few weeks in order to make sure everything goes according to plan tomorrow night.

"Last week, we had a site visit by MSG to figure out where they were going to station their satellite trucks and cameras," said Adzigan. "We also showed them the press box [at Campus Field] so that they could get a better idea of their surroundings and the resources that they will be working with."

Whenever there is a televised game at Sacred Heart, Adzigan and his crew must coordinate with the network to determine the best possible camera locations in addition to providing workers to haul the cable for the cameramen and serve as spotters for the announcers.

Tomorrow night, MSG will have six cameras, according to Adzigan, which will be stationed at various locations around Campus Field to capture the action from many different angles.

Adzigan is also in charge of the parking arrangements for the game which, given the university's well-documented lack of parking spaces, is a challenge in and of itself.

The normal procedure for Saturday football games is to lock down the parking lot on Friday at midnight, but since Thursday will be a normal work day, it will be even tougher to come up with a realistic plan.

But perhaps the biggest and most important task for Adzigan is to make sure that Campus Field is filled to capacity tomorrow night.

"From a marketing standpoint, we want to fill the place because we want to look good on TV," said Adzigan.

This will not be as easy as it sounds because being Halloween night, many of the young kids and families who regularly attend Saturday afternoon home games will be out trick-or-treating while the Pioneers and Seahawks prepare to kick off.

To overcome this, Adzigan has been coming up with ideas to make the game even more enjoyable for all of those in attendance and watching on TV.

"We have been working with Student Life to come up with some activities such as a pumpkin carving contest and a costume contest where the winners will be chosen at halftime," said Adzigan.

"Television is a big inducement to showcase a program on the most powerful regional sports network in the New York City area."

--Ron Ratner

NEC Associate Commissioner

Adzigan also hopes that the possibility of being shown on TV will attract a large crowd to the game just as it did for the men's basketball game last March.

Sacred Heart's Athletic Communications Department, led by Gene Gumbs, Bill Peterson, and Rick Cohen, also has a major responsibility in the form of making sure MSG's play by play announcers and camera crew have access to all of the information they need in order to successfully broadcast the game.

For instance, Peterson has to provide MSG with headshots of all the players, video clips of game highlights, recent games notes, and media guides which will all be used during tomorrow night's broadcast.

MSG has also been doing their homework to prepare for tomorrow night's broadcast.

"Paul [Gorham] just did a conference call with the MSG producer and announcers who asked him things like what the game plan will be, what key players to watch for, and any injury updates so that they could have all the information that they need," said Peterson.

While it seems like a lot of work and one big headache for people like Adzigan and Peterson, agreeing to play the game on MSG was a no-brainer because it gives the university valuable exposure.

"There are people out there with satellites in the Midwest and the South who are just college football fans and who will be switching the dial and tuning in because it's a Friday night college football game and suddenly Sacred Heart is on the map," said Adzigan.

The NEC's television package is just one of the initiatives that have expanded the conference's exposure on a national basis.

"The conference has made a major commitment to take what was a 10-12 game package a few years ago to around a 25 game package this year," said Ratner. "For leagues like us with mid-major programs, the chance to be on TV and to expose your brand so that the public can get to know the schools, players, and coaches is extremely beneficial."

Given the recent string of televised games at Sacred Heart, it is safe to assume that because of the hard work and dedication of the people behind the scenes and the atmosphere that televised games produce, there will likely be many more Sacred Heart athletic events on TV in the near future.

"Going forward we hope to take advantage of TV opportunities as they become available," said Cook.

One of these opportunities, according to Ratner, will come in a little over a month when MSG will return to Sacred Heart to broadcast the rematch of last year's men's basketball championship game between Sacred Heart and Mt. St. Mary's University on Dec. 4.

But for now, all eyes will be on tomorrow night's game at Campus Field which will be packed with thousands of screaming fans likely dressed in their Halloween costumes for millions of viewers to see.

"It's always more spectacular when you walk through tunnel and look at beautiful green field with the bright lights shining down," said Adzigan.

It will be Sacred Heart's own version of *Friday Night Lights*. On TV. On Halloween Night.

If you're a football fan, it doesn't get any better than this.

Men's Ice Hockey skates past Tigers

Pioneers pick up first victory of the season one day after settling for 3-3 tie

Zach Frank
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, the Sacred Heart University men's ice hockey team faced off against archrival Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers, entering the two-game series as the underdog. However, the Pioneers would take the series 1-0-1, with a 3-3 tie on Friday and a 4-2 win Saturday night at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

For the 514 people in attendance Friday night, it appeared as if the Pioneers were about to break their four-game losing streak and earn their first win of the season. However, after building a 3-0 lead midway through the second period, Sacred Heart couldn't hold off the Tigers, who battled back from the deficit to end the game in a 3-3 tie.

"We got away from our gameplan," said junior forward Nick Johnson. "We kept the game very simple in the first half, but towards the end played with some leniency and let them get back into the game."

The Pioneers knew that beating RIT would not be an easy feat, as the Tigers entered the matchup leading the all-time series between the two teams 4-1.

The game began rather evenly, as both teams came out aggressive and ready to get after each other. Of the 24 total shots taken by both teams in the first period, only one goal was netted when Pioneers' senior forward Eric Giosa recovered a loose puck off of shots from freshman Chris Bailer

and senior Bear Trapp, and scored on a slapshot with 34 seconds remaining in the first period.

Giosa scored his second goal of the game during a power-play, getting an assist from freshman forward Matt Gingera. The Pioneers' final goal of the night came on a slapshot from junior forward Erik Boisvert, after receiving a pass at the face-off circle from sophomore forward Pat Knowlton, making the game 3-0 in the second period.

The Tigers answered right back by netting a goal with just 52 seconds left in the second period, which would eventually become the one that started their comeback.

The third period belonged to RIT, as they tallied two more goals to even up the score at 3-3, forcing an overtime period.

At the 2:12 mark in the extra period, junior defenseman Corey Laurysen was sent to the penalty box on a tripping call, giving RIT the extra-man opportunity. On the penalty kill, the Pioneers were able to deny four shots by the Tigers and shut down the powerplay, thus ending the game in a tie.

"We are pretty upset with our performance in the third period," said Johnson. "We let them come back and steal a point from us."

After blowing a 3-0 lead and missing out on an opportunity to beat RIT, Sacred Heart knew that they'd have to bounce back from the previous night's loss and play a strong game if they were going to come away with a win.

"Our goal Saturday night was to play a full, hard-nosed 60 minutes," said Johnson. "I think we achieved that."

Sacred Heart's discipline and determination gave them the competitive edge over the Tigers on Saturday as they defeated them 4-2 in front of 387 fans.

Only 3:34 into the first period, the Tigers scored a powerplay goal. However, it was sophomore forward Evan Mladenoff who changed the momentum of the game, putting the Pioneers on the scoreboard and tying the game up 1-1.

With 3:35 left in the first period, Nick Johnson scored the go-ahead goal when he deflected a slapshot attempt from freshman forward Chris Brown past RIT's goalie.

While both teams came out skating well in the second period, neither managed to put the puck in the net, which meant that the third period would determine the conclusion of the game and series.

Only 2:35 into the third period, the Tigers tied up the game at two. However, their glory was short-lived, as Sacred Heart assistant captain Matt Gordon netted a goal just 11 seconds after the tying goal was scored. After receiving a pass from freshman Matt Gingera, Gordon went on the offensive attack, faking a forehand shot and swinging the puck across the front of his body and around RIT goalkeeper Jared DiMichiel with his backhand to give the Pioneers the 3-2 lead.

"I just knew that we had to respond to their goal," said Gordon. "The best way to take them out of the game was to score right away."

Although Gordon's goal wouldn't be the final tally for Sacred Heart, as Giosa would fire one past the Tigers' defense, it ended up being the game-winning goal. The Pioneer defense shut down RIT for the rest of the game to preserve the win.

"Defensively we've been doing well," said Gordon. "We have guys in good position, and when they do get the puck to the net, 'Drewsy' has been making the save."

"Drewsy," as teammates refer to him as, is senior goalkeeper Stefan Drew. After turning in a 39-save performance in South Bend against national runner-up Notre Dame, Drew came out with a similar fire against the Tigers. In the two-game series, he recorded a total of 72 saves, including a career-high 42 in Saturday night's game.

The Pioneers will look to get a win-streak going as they go head-to-head with the visiting Black Knights of Army. The game will be held tomorrow night at West Point, N.Y. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. Both teams will then travel back to the Milford Ice Pavilion on Nov. 1 with the puck set to drop again at 7:05 p.m.

Coming off their first win of the season, Sacred Heart is looking to keep it simple against Army to gain another tally in the win column and build a winning streak.

"We need to continue putting the puck in the net," said Gordon. "We need to get back to basics and work on getting the puck to the net, with guys driving there for rebounds and at the end of the play, scoring us some goals."

M. Soccer edges RMU, ties St. Francis (PA) 0-0

Ryan Mongillo
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's soccer team edged the Robert Morris Colonials 1-0 on Friday, Oct. 24 before settling for a scoreless tie with St. Francis (PA) on Sunday.

Senior Jason Tessitore provided the lone goal for the Pioneers on Friday in a game that they needed to win in order to keep their hopes of going to the NEC playoffs alive.

At 22:47 in the first half, senior David Backman found Tessitore streaking toward the goal. Tessitore then chipped the ball past Robert Morris goalkeeper Matt Felice to give the Pioneers a lead that they would not relinquish.

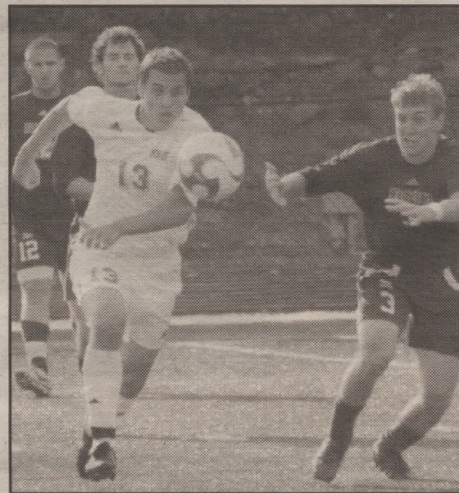
"We didn't play the best soccer game...but we had the heart that is needed when you don't play your best soccer," said senior Jonathan Allback.

The Pioneer defense was up to the task for the full 90 minutes only allowing three shots to get through to senior goalkeeper Matt Jones.

"We played solid defensively as a whole, and we made a lot of big plays when they needed to be played," said senior Luke Gagliardi. "Our defense always gives us a chance to win games."

A disciplined Pioneers team also made the difference in Friday's game as they only committed eight fouls and no player from Sacred Heart received a yellow card from the referee.

The Pioneers had a balanced offensive attack as 11 different players recorded a



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Sacred Heart's Jason Tessitore (#13) chases a loose ball on Oct. 24.

shot in the contest. Tessitore led the team with two shots on goal while Gagliardi and Denis Brunotte led the team with three shots.

The injury bug continued to plague the Pioneers as senior defender Anthony Anzevui played through the game with a foot injury. Gagliardi is also dealing with an undisclosed injury that he continues to play through.

On Sunday, the Pioneers returned to the field when they welcomed St. Francis (PA) to Campus Field.

The matchup featured two of the top defensive squads in the conference so it was no surprise that the teams battled to a scoreless tie.

With the tie, the Pioneers feel as though they may have missed out on an important three points in conference play,

but they know the task ahead of them is in their control.

"We played well throughout the game," said Allback. "We were working for each other but we just couldn't score a goal."

Early in the game, sophomore Lusiano Dadario had three quality scoring opportunities in the first 13 minutes but could not convert on any of them.

His first opportunity was a header that sailed over the crossbar. He then received another ball and blasted a shot that was stopped by Red Flash goalkeeper Brad Williams.

His final opportunity may have been his best one as he took a shot that sailed just wide of the left post.

Roughly 17 minutes later, junior Filipe Celikkaya ripped a shot on net that Williams was able to get in the way of to keep the game scoreless.

The Pioneer defense was up to the task again, recording its second consecutive shutout as Jones only had to make two saves in the game.

"When our defense plays well, we are the best in the conference," said Jones. "When they are focused and organized, no one can break us down."

The Pioneers relinquished a corner kick at the end of the first half, but the Red Flash failed to put together any threatening scoring opportunity.

At the 72 minute mark, Red Flash forward Owen Gombami let loose a shot that Jones was able to steer away.

The Pioneers had a chance to steal the win with time ticking down in regulation

"When our defense plays well, we are the best in the conference."

--Matt Jones

as junior William Richards had a shot from 30 yards out, but it was blocked.

Neither team had a quality scoring chance in the first overtime, but the second overtime period was a different story.

At the 104 minute mark, Celikkaya took a shot that sailed just over the crossbar. No more than three minutes later, the Red Flash countered when Danile Moir gave Jones his biggest test of the game, but Jones knocked the ball away.

The Pioneers again had a disciplined game, only committing 10 fouls. They know that limiting their opponent's chances can only help them.

"We had some problems earlier in the season defending set pieces, but we have a commitment to not concede goals on opportunities we know we can avoid," said Gagliardi.

With four conference games left to go and their record standing at 4-6-2, the Pioneers know they control their own destiny.

"If we want it, we have a chance to get a spot in the playoffs," said Allback. "We feel that we are good enough to be in the playoffs and it is up to us now."

The Pioneers resume action tomorrow when they travel to West Long Branch, N.J. to take on Monmouth University at 3 p.m.

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COMEBACK KIDS

Tedesco's big day helps Pioneers
rally from 17 points down to win



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Sacred Heart's Steve Tedesco (#5) makes a catch against Marist on Sept. 27. Tedesco helped the Pioneers defeat Duquesne 29-17 on Oct. 26.



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