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Sexual Assault Reported at 5151 Park Avenue

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A female student living in West Hall was the alleged victim of a sexual assault on September 11 in her dorm room.

According to a Public Safety report dated 9/11/03, at approximately 10:50 p.m. a female resident's boyfriend reported to Public Safety that someone was attempting to enter his girlfriend's room. Public Safety officers responded and established that the female resident was intoxicated and that two other residents were knocking on her door to check on her well

being. The incident was initially classified as an alcohol violation in West Hall according to Public Safety incident reports.

On the following day, a Bridgeport area hospital contacted the Fairfield Police regarding the female resident and reported to police that there had been an alleged sexual violation.

"It is standard at the emergency room for each hospital in Bridgeport, if there is a sexual assault reported they contact the police department," said Detective Parker of the Fairfield Police Department, the investigating officer. "We were contacted by the hospital staff. She had walked into the emergency room."

"Public Safety has inves-

tigated the alleged incident, which was initially reported as an alcohol complaint at West Hall on September 11," said Linda Maloney, Director of Public Safety. "The victim did not immediately report the incident to us or the R.A. staff."

This case is currently still under investigation because the alleged victim has not decided if she will press charges. A full police incident report will be available when the investigation is completed or an arrest has been made. No arrests have been made.

"The report is not open for public inspection due to confidentiality and a pending police investigation. The victim has not come forward to provide a

INSIDE: Dr. Lee leaves his prints on Sacred Heart University's Edgerton Center

Photo by Robert Trenske



statement and the suspect denies the incident took place," said Maloney.

If a sexual assault takes place on campus in the dorms there is a procedure to be followed.

"The victims RA should first be notified, then the RA (Resident Assistant) is responsible for calling the RHD (Residential Hall Director) who then has to notify

Public Safety," said Dr. Mary Jo Mason, the director of Counseling at Park Ave House.

"Public Safety along with the RA and RHD then make the decision to involve the Counseling Center. If the victim is taken to the hospital the local Police Department then have to be

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Media Studies/Digital Culture Department Celebrates its Independence

By Melissa Petsitis
Staff Reporter

The expansion of Sacred Heart University is happening in more ways than one. During this past summer, it was made official that there will be a new Media Studies and Digital Culture Department, which will have their first graduating class in May 2004.

Dr. James Castonguay, associate professor, is the first Chairman of the new department that was developed under the support and effort of Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, Dr. Louise Spence, and

Dr. David Curtis. Furthermore, Dr. Castonguay's fellow colleagues, Dr. Jeffrey Golda, Dr. Debbie Danowski, Dr. Andrew Miller, Dr. Jeffrey Cain, and Dr. Frances Grodzinsky, have also contributed to the Media Studies and Communication and Technology Studies programs over the past several years.

"This has been a team effort, and I am very pleased and honored to have been chosen by my colleagues to be the first Chairperson of the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture. Of course, MSDC is only as strong as its students, so I must also credit MS (Media Studies) and CTS (Communication and

Technology Studies) students for their dedication and hard work over the years," said Dr. Castonguay, associate professor.

Dr. Curtis was the chair of the Language Literature and Media Studies Department, but as it grew, he realized that Media Studies had less in common with the rest of LLM (Language Literature and Media). However, CTS and MS have common aspects in their fields, therefore, the students will benefit from the new department.

"By organizing as a department, (which includes a new department office with an administrative assistant), we feel that we are able to offer

students more support than ever before," said Dr. Miller. "Media Studies and Communication and Technology Studies majors will benefit from the increased resources, autonomy, and overall recognition that comes with being our own department," said Dr. Castonguay. "We have already organized and sponsored several University-wide MSDC events this year, and continue to expand our course offerings to remain relevant and competitive in this 21st Century media environment."

According to Dr. Gottlieb, studying MSDC will help all students get jobs, including those not majoring in the media field. Additionally, students will learn to avoid the "manipulations often reinforced by modern culture" and advance "toward the many exciting and potentially humanizing possibilities and responsibilities promised by contemporary media."

All the departments involved with the new Media Studies and Digital Culture Department have contributed each aspect of their field to the new major.

"I think that the new department is a great addition to Sacred Heart University because it allows a closer work environment between the teachers and students of the CTS and MS departments, which both the majors have a common learning ground," said senior Chris Fote (Wethersfield),

Class of '05 Pushes for SHU SafeRide

By Jason Bowza
Contributing Writer

One of the guest speakers at last year's Alcohol Awareness week was a student from Quinnipiac University who lost several friends in alcohol related car accidents the previous year. After hearing the speaker last year, Brad Carson, class of 2003, began researching SafeRide programs at other schools. SafeRide is a system put into practice at colleges and universities around the country to prevent driving under the influence of alcohol.

Carson designed a similar program for Sacred Heart in the event that it would have been implemented. He took his idea and presented it to the Student Senate for consideration. It didn't take much to convince the Senate that this was something it wanted to work on to benefit Sacred Heart.

Danielle Bachini, current Class of 2005 president, former class senator, and former co-chair of the Public Safety Committee, jumped at the idea. With the help of a few others, Bachini formed a committee that attempted to work the kinks out of Carson's proposal and get a SafeRide program started at Sacred Heart, but they didn't have much success.

"It's important because

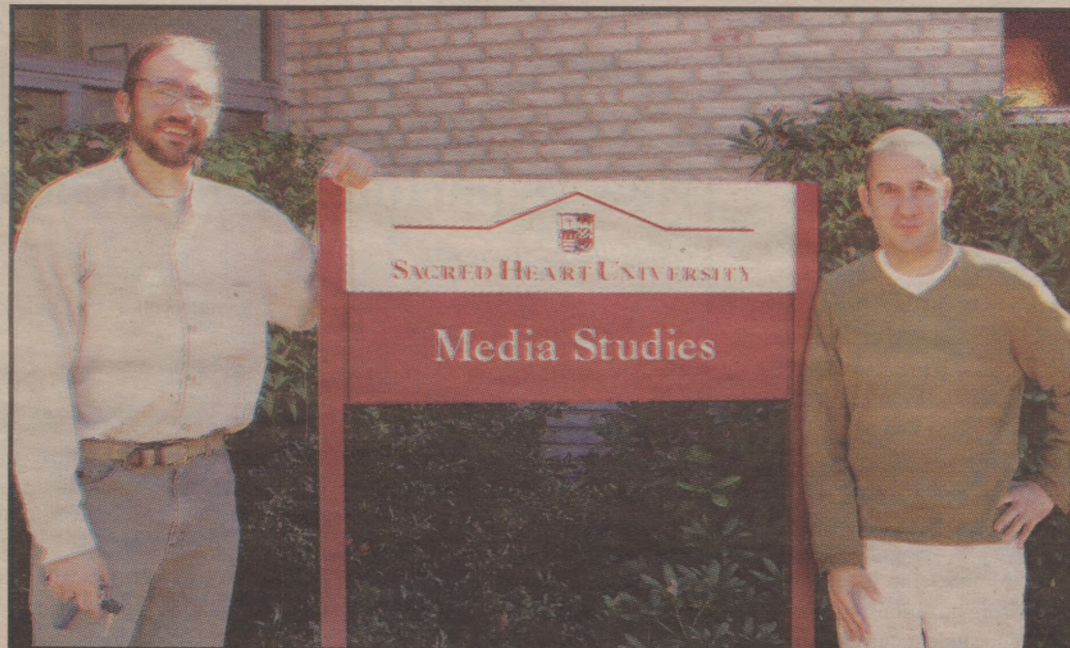


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Dr. James Castonguay, chairman of the new Media Studies and Digital Culture Department, and Dr. Andrew Miller pose in front of the Sacred Heart Media Lab.

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SHU Students Promote Political Awareness

By Anthony Franciosa
Staff Reporter

For the past few decades, the Sacred Heart University chapters of the College Republicans and the College Democrats have been educating students on campus about the principles of the political parties they endorse.

Though the two organizations promote opposing political philosophies, each shares a common goal: to encourage students to become more politically involved in local and national affairs.

"The objective of the College Republicans is the same as the College Democrats," said Dr. Gary Rose, Chair of the History and Political Science Department at Sacred Heart University and advisor to the College Republicans. "It is to get students more politically involved on campus and to heighten their political awareness."

United by this common cause, both organizations have decided to work together this year to achieve this endeavor.

"Our objective this year is getting more people involved in politics," said Carrin David, President of the Sacred Heart University College Democrats, "so we are working very closely with the College Republicans and organizing events with them."

According to Rose, one of these events will be a debate that is scheduled to take place at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, in the Edgerton Theater at Sacred Heart University.

At the event, which is sponsored by the Sacred Heart University political science honors society, Pi Sigma Alpha, the two organizations will debate two resolutions on US foreign policy. The first resolution will be whether or not the US has the right to conduct a preemptive strike upon a foreign nation. The second resolution will be whether or not the US should act unilaterally in world affairs or through the UN.

Audience members will be allowed to voice their own opinions on the either of the resolutions during a 10-minute open-microphone session that will follow each debate.

"I think the debate is a good idea because it gives people from both organizations a chance to get together and exchange ideas," said Jason Bowsza, CCO Representative of the College Democrats.

According to David, the event will be the first of a series of debates that will be held periodically throughout the semester. A second debate on "domestic social issues" is tentatively scheduled to be in November.

"We are organizing and mediating these debates in hope

that they will increase the political interests of the students," said Heather Schroder, President of the Sacred Heart University College Republicans. "We also want to give them the opportunity to be exposed to a bi-partisan outlook on the issues being debated."

According to Rose, another event the two organizations are actively planning is a trip to the College Convention 2004 in Manchester, New Hampshire. According to a press release, students at the conference will meet with presidential candidates, participate in workshops, and attend seminars.

Rose noted, however, that the trip is not definite.

Although the two organizations have pledged to work in unison to increase student involvement in political affairs, both recognize their primary objective of promoting the political candidates of their affiliated party. As a result, the two organizations are currently acting independently in the Bridgeport mayoral election race.

"The students are currently focusing on the local mayoral campaign," said Rose. "After 2003, the focus will be on the presidential campaign."

According to David, the College Democrats assisted in the mayoral campaign of State Rep. Christopher Caruso, who lost the Democratic primary on September 9, 2003 to the incumbent Mayor John M. Fabrizi.

After winning the Democratic nomination, the Fabrizi administration contacted the College Democrats and asked them if they would be willing to aid his campaign.

According to David, the members of her organization are currently deciding whether or not they will endorse it.

According to Rose, the College Republicans will continue to support the mayoral campaign of the Republican candidate Enrique Torres, who won his party's primary with 76 percent of the vote.

"From the beginning, the College Republicans supported Torres," said Rose.

In addition to their involvement in the Bridgeport mayoral race, the College Democrats are also currently participating in the presidency campaign of Governor Howard Dean (D-Vermont).

According to David, the Dean administration asked her to become a campus campaign organizer, but she declined the request.

"As president I felt I should be focusing on my party as a whole rather than a single candidate," said David.

Subsequently, Bowsza offered to assume the role instead. He is currently awaiting a response from the administration.

Dr. Lee Leaves His Prints

Dr. Lee, Dr. Karazulas
Host Forensic Science
Seminar Friday at the
Edgerton Center

By Steve Horvath
Staff Reporter

This past Friday, Sacred Heart University hosted a lecture by Dr. C.P. Karazulas and Dr. Henry Lee. The event was sponsored by Professional Learning Services, The Southwest Area Health Education Center and Sacred Heart University. Lecture topics ranged from the emerging trends of analysis and criminal profiling to the continued importance of dental information in crime scene investigations.

Dr. Karazulas illustrated the importance of bite marks and tooth outlines to the incrimination of a suspect.

"A single tooth can sometimes give away the perpetrator," said Karazulas during his presentation.

Dr. Henry Lee focused his lecture on the increasing importance of DNA evidence. He traced the methods of investigation back to his origins as a police captain in Taiwan.

"In Taiwan we didn't need DNA or fingerprints...we arrest everybody until somebody confess. If no one confessed, we took them to the back room, five minutes later we had a confession. Everybody confessed. We had a 150% clearance rate. We solved more cases than there were crimes," joked Lee.

Dr. Lee also explained that DNA evidence has become the future of crime scene analysis as well as forensic science.

Lee's humorous outlook was instantly apparent as he took the podium to speak.

"I just work at the Chinese food place around the corner. They paid me \$50 dollars to be here, so what do you wanna know?" said Lee.

He continued by challenging Jackie Chan to a kung-fu match.

"Some of you know I have a black belt. I wore it today," said Lee, indicating his black dress belt.

He joked around with the crowd, inviting comments and

According to Nick Walen, a general member of the College Republicans, the College Republicans will support the reelection campaign of President George W. Bush.

The College Democrats meet at 7 p.m. every Sunday in the Faculty Lounge. While the College Republicans meet at 8 p.m. every other Wednesday in the Mahogany Room. Their next meeting will be held on October 10.

Membership in either one of these organizations is open to any college student currently enrolled in Sacred Heart University.

questions as well as handing out official "Dr. Henry Lee" rulers to participants. One participant was singled out by Lee as the stereotypical profile of a rapist, causing a burst of laughter to come from the rest of the audience.

In the context of proving the ineffectiveness of profiling as a means of suspect detection Lee showed pictures of a chief medical examiner and a director

fascinated by his work. He truly is at the forefront of forensic science," said Eric Silvia, a senior member of the criminal justice club.

"This lecture with Dr. Lee embodies what Sacred Heart is trying to do. It's education beyond the classroom and it's a great resource for us," said Charles Sousa, a senior from Fall River, MA.



Photo by Robert Trenske

Dr. Lee, made famous as an expert witness in the infamous O.J. Simpson murder trial, spoke Friday in the Edgerton Center.

of a medical institute, indicating that they could be profiled as a child molester and serial killer respectively.

Members of Sacred Heart University were taken in by Dr. Lee's enthusiasm and wit.

"He really catches your interest. I even bought his book because of it," said Kayla McEaney, a senior from Queens, NY.

This was Dr. Lee's second visit to the university in as many years.

"He was here last spring and I saw him then too. This year he was even more informative and interesting," said Nick Zuzolo, a sophomore from Boston, MA.

The cooperative lecture was seen by the Criminal Justice Club as a wonderful asset to students in the criminal justice program as well as other students at the university.

"This was the second time that I saw Dr. Lee speak. I'm

Pat Sullivan, a senior from Groton and the president of the Criminal Justice Club was equally impressed by the lecture.

"It's a very rare occurrence. Dr. Lee usually only speaks at a school once and we have been lucky enough to have him here twice in as many years. It was a great opportunity for all of us in the club and I only wish more students had come out to hear him speak."

The program was attended by medical and law enforcement professionals as well as members of the Sacred Heart University community. Due to the success of the program and the benefits to the university, Sacred Heart has already made plans to continue to cosponsor these events in the future. Next year's guest will be Dr. Bernie Siegel. Dr. Siegel is a leading authority in helping patients cope with and overcome the effects of chronic and catastrophic illness.

New Department Christened

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a media studies major.

"In this Age of Information Technology, it is quite important that information disseminated through digital media be thoughtfully valued. Although this should be done across the University, the new department of Digital Culture will provide an additional dimension, production, for those who wish to pursue a degree that integrates media,

technology and communication," said Dr. Grodzinsky of the Communication and Technology Studies Department.

"One of the most important things about the formation of the new department is that it indicates that the University recognizes the importance of communications media and new media technology these days ... being an independent department gives us the opportunity to grow in many ways," said Dr. Gottlieb.

Sexual Assault Reported at Campus Housing

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called to conduct a full investigation. The priority is always to ensure the victims safety and their confidentiality," said Dr. Mason.

"Sexual assault does happen on Sacred Heart's campus," said Mary Jo Mason the director of Counseling. Mason facilitates a group called A.L.i.V.E (A Lesson in Violence Education) that runs for students who are victims of assault. Counselors, located in the Health Services building across from East, are trained to help students on campus with any kind of assault.

"As far as the [college cam-

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Mary Jo Mason

pus sexual assault cases] that I have investigated, every time they have been alcohol related," said Parker. "That doesn't necessarily mean the victim, it just means that alcohol was a factor."

Next week, Public Safety and Lambda Sigma Phi will be sponsoring a RAD certified self-defense course that will teach female students how to prevent themselves from becoming a sexual assault victim. The nine-hour course will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on October 7, 9, and 11.

The deadline to register for this course is tomorrow, October 3.

According to Public Safety Dispatcher Lisa Brown, the idea for the program was conceived before the departure of former

Public Safety Director William H. O'Connor, who left Sacred Heart University last spring. She also added that the program was not a direct response to any particular event that occurred on campus.

The fraternity Sigma Phi's cause is to educate students about sexual assault as well as ways to prevent this from happening. Every spring these brothers hold a week to promote the prevention of sexual assault and let people know if it does happen where you can go to get help. "All the Sigma Phi brothers are trained in helping victims of sexual assault and educating students," said Dr. Mason.

In addition to this campus program, there is also a new program being developed in Bridgeport Hospital. "There are nurses being trained just for sexual assault cases. One nurse will be assigned to each assault case to help the victim who will stay right until the case is closed," said Mason.

The Counseling Center has pamphlets and other information on how to deal with an assault. In a pamphlet called "Acquaintance Rape" by the ETR Associates it says "to avoid excessive drinking and drug use, never leave your drink out of your sight, if someone is being aggressive or violent yell for help, don't let someone continue to touch you after you've said 'stop'."

Call Info line 2-1-1 is a pamphlet put out by the Partnership of Connecticut Ways and the State of Connecticut, where you can dial 2-1-1 and case workers who are trained in crisis intervention can help you if you've been assaulted or are just searching for information, or need someone to talk to.

Sexual Assault Awareness Programs and Policies

It is important that all members of the University community take precautions and act responsibly toward the goal of reducing vulnerability for crime. Should you become the victim of a crime, immediately call the Department of Public Safety at 371-7911 (emergency line).

The great majority of sexual assaults reported to the Department of Public Safety are committed by acquaintances. Victims of sexual assault are urged to report the incident to the Department of Public Safety as soon as possible, regardless of where the offense took place, and whether or not the offender is known to the victim. Public Safety will work closely with the victim to ensure that the appropriate medical care and counseling is made available and will assist the victim in notifying the appropriate local law enforcement agency, if applicable.

Victims of sexual assault are not required to file formal charges, even if they report the incident to the Department of Public Safety. A Public Safety Officer will present the victim with a full range of options and services available, enabling the victim to choose the most appropriate course of action. Some of the options available to a student victim of sexual assault are on or off campus counseling, immediate relocation to a different residence facility if the offender lives in the same residence facility, and changes in the victim's academic class schedule if the victim wishes and if such a change is reasonably available.

Students accused of sexual assault are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Conduct Code and Judicial System section of the Student Handbook, whether or not formal criminal charges are filed by the victim. Both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunity to have witnesses present (no attorneys allowed) during University disciplinary proceedings, and both are informed of the outcome. A student found to have committed a sexual assault in violation of the Conduct Code and Judicial System section of the Student Handbook is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University.

Victims are also advised of the importance of preserving any physical evidence that may be present for potential use for criminal proceedings (if desired), and to not use the bathroom until a hospital examination.

After reporting the incident to the Department of Public Safety, victims of sexual assault are strongly encouraged to report the crime to the local police. The Department of Public Safety and the University Counseling Center will provide assistance to victims who wish to report sex offenses.

On campus assistance for sexual assault victims includes:

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| - Public Safety | 371 - 7995, or emergency 371-7911 |
| - Counseling Center | 371 - 7955 |
| - Campus Ministry | 371 - 7840 |
| - Student Health Center | 365 - 4711 |
| - Office of Residence Life | 416 - 3420 |

Off campus assistance is available at the Center for Women and Families Rape Crisis Center, at 888-999-5545, or 203-333-2233. You may also dial 211 for the names of other service agencies.

The above information is reprinted from the pamphlet entitled "Sacred Heart University Department of Public Safety 2003." These pamphlets, which contain policies, statistics, and other information regarding campus security, are freely available across from M102 by the Public Safety office.

The issue of date rape and sexual abuse on campus is certainly something to be well informed of. Unfortunately, incidents of this nature take place frequently on college campuses. According to Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (R.A.I.N.N.), one out of every six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime, 44 percent of which were assaulted while under the age of 18. Also, nine percent of college men report that they have been victims of sexual abuse. As students, we should address this issue with a serious approach and strive to improve the safety on our campus.

IT Continues to Fix Computer Problems

By Greg Cappello
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University is still the victim of an ongoing computer virus plague. Information Technology and the Call Center have been working together since the summer to fix the network connections on campus. Park Ridge is now able to connect, but it still has its problems with service since. Taft was the last remaining dormitory without internet access. The problem was resolved Saturday.

"At the same time we got Park Ridge up, almost all of those computer were connected to Kazaa." Even though the worms that previously shut down Park Ridge are fixed, file-sharing programs continue to interrupt the network. The immediate con-

nection to file sharing programs has caused the connection at Park Ridge to slow up.

"Every computer I have checked at Park has been affected by the Kazaa virus," Bill Mumper explained the cause of Park Ridge's new problems hitting students. File sharing has become not only a legal issue in university, but also connection problems. The use of these programs have

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Bill Mumper

clogged up systems on campus and created a lack of performance

and speed in residence halls.

Because of the creation of new worms and new patches, it has been next to impossible for Taft to be fixed. The patch that was offered weeks ago has become unimportant and already outdated. New patches have been released recently to eliminate the worm from networks. Taft has not been able to operate because new worms keep making their way into the network. Once the worms are controlled, it should not have any more problems. Taft will be receiving a new circuit that will represent the final piece of the halls solution. The circuit will allow the hall's firewall to go up and protect outside interference.

"Putting the firewall in will filter out the bad to protect people's computers." Bill Mumper, the Head Engineer of IT, explains importance of the firewall being installed in Taft. Once the fire-

wall is up and running, Taft will be able to connect without any problems. The new firewall should be installed and operating

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within a week.

"The students need to take full responsibility to update their machines," Mike Trimble wanted to express the importance of updating virus software to ensure the safety of student computers. New software comes out each week, and it is important for

computer owners to take care of their laptops as the year progresses to prevent future problems at school.

The importance of patches and security systems in computers also corresponds with the delay of new computers to students. When IT ordered the new Dell and Mac systems for students who did not receive computers, they needed to make sure they were going to be patched. The new worms that have been created within the last couple of weeks created a delay in shipping out new laptops.

"We make changes to improve performance," Mike Trimble explained the delay in computer arrival. Sacred Heart wants to make sure their computers are as updated as possible, so the new laptops will be as updated as they can be. The laptops arriving have already been shipped out and will be arriving soon.

Freshmen Vote Torn in Twain

By Courtney Gotshall
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, September 24, and Thursday, September 25, the freshman class was able to vote their class candidates into office. The polls were open from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that Wednesday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. that Thursday. There were a total of sixteen students running in the election and students voting used the recently adopted online method. From this, seven members were elected onto the Class of 2007 board, and two are tied for the position of Class of 2007 President. A lot of combined efforts helped to make this exciting and slightly unusual election happen.

According to Student Government President Guy Savage, the online voting is a

"very secure" means of voting, yet is "still a learning process." Savage, on behalf of Student Government, wanted to bring to attention the work of Call Center and Special Projects Manager, Wang Cheng, who, as Savage points out, "puts his all into helping us."

After 268 voters of a class of 823 finished their task at the polls, the winners were selected and announced. Student Government President Guy Savage said, "I thought voter turn-out was good. But, there's always room for improvement."

Class of 2007 Vice-President is Dominic D'Errico who won after running against Jaque Boothby and Michael Pirrello. Also, Jillian Hoxsie won the position of secretary over her contenders, Tessa Cleveland and Allyson Conca. Frank D'Errico was the sole candidate for the treasurer position he now holds. And, Justin

Colby, Erin Maurer, Christina Piazza, and Rob Rood all won positions as senators. Frank Pistecchia and Chris Williams had also run for senate.

As for the Class of 2007 President, candidates Monica Concha and Nick Silivanch found themselves in a tie, both having a total of 103 votes. Student Government did not have any prepared method of figuring out the winner, as this is an atypical incident. To break the tie, Concha and Silivanch were allowed to campaign Monday and Tuesday before a second round of voting, held yesterday between 12 and 6 p.m. The results of this election were not available at time of printing.

Those who ran in the election had to accomplish a few duties in order to secure a place in the election as well as votes from their fellow classmates. Firstly, each candidate had to gather a petition of 60 signatures.

According to candidate for secretary, Allyson Conca, "At first I thought the petition was an annoyance but then I realized that by having to get 60 people, it shows that the person running really wants to run and isn't just signing up for the sake of it. I really think that eliminates a lot of people."

Conca's opinion on the petition was echoed by several of the other candidates, including senate candidate Chris Williams, who said, "this prevents people from taking the job for granted."

Those running for election also campaigned for a week before the voting, putting up flyers and sending out global e-mails, among other things. Speeches were held on Wednesday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m., before the voting was scheduled to begin. This year being the first year for these students to run for Student Government at Sacred Heart, some had a few things to say looking back in retrospect at the process of running for election at Sacred Heart University.

"The petition is a very good way to get yourself known," said presidential candidate Michael DelViscovo. "I think you should have to get more than 60 signatures so that more people can see

who is running. There should have been more people at the speeches, but it's not mandatory so there isn't much that can be done except to make it mandatory. As for the campaigning, we should be able to hang posters in more locations."

Another suggestion for campaigning came from unopposed Treasurer Frank D'Errico.

"You have some people sending out 10 global emails a day," commented D'Errico. "That's either going to help them out or totally backfire, deterring any supporters they have. In my opinion, with the global emails, less is more."

On this issue, Allyson Conca said, "If I had any suggestion, it would be to have a wall with something up for each of the candidates rather than having them all over the school, it got a little annoying seeing the same persons' name over and over and probably made me less willing to vote for them."

"I was particularly impressed by the Student Government web page. It had our candidate statement and our pictures posted for the students to see. This was good for those who could not attend the speeches," said Vice-presidential candidate Mike Pirrello.

Others involved in the election had a few comments to make regarding the elections in general, and had a few things to say after experiencing it firsthand.

"This election is actually very exciting being how I was told there has never been a tie before," said presidential candidate Concha. "I think that the whole election process overall is going quite well. Having seen all the campaigning slogans and having heard the speeches given by all the candidates has proven that this year's class elections were bound to be immensely competitive."

Senate runner-up Williams said, "I think the whole election process is a good thing. In my old school I was vice president of the school and no one ran against me. So this is great to have competition. Even though I did not make it, it was still a good experience." Williams also noted, "Overall the elections are great. It's great to see

people getting out and having school spirit."

Another senate candidate, Frank Pistecchia, continued the positive feedback when he said, "It was a fun week in which everyone tried their hardest to get votes from their fellow peers. I feel everyone that won deserved to win because of all the effort they put into it. I now have the knowledge that if I decided to run again next year that campaigning is an integral part in making student government."

Some of the events only experienced by those on Student Government are already being enjoyed and some of the duties of being in a position are already being planned by the new members.

"I got to go on Senate retreat, and it was an awesome experience, I got to meet my fellow senators and get to know them very well," Senator Rood said. "We are an excellent team and everyone should keep their eyes open for all the stuff we have coming up. One thing that excites me is the tentative date of October 6th for Meet Your Senator Day, where we will be out in the open for everyone to meet us, and everyone can get a better look at what we actually do!"

"Although I just joined the Senate, I think some of the great things will be actually accomplishing goals and making changes for the Class of 2007 and the school as a whole," Senator Maurer said.

This was not only the first year for the members of the Class of 2007 to run for Student Government here, but also to vote using the online method. The system received mixed reviews.

"I thought the voting system was easy-I just opened my laptop and voted," voter Anthony Romeo of Freeport, New York, said.

"The online voting system was very convenient, but not many people voted because no one really knew how and where to vote," said Vice-President Dominic D'Errico. "Many could not find the link or webpage for the online voting and some found the voting system to be somewhat complicated."

Ebone Woods, of Middletown said, "The process was fine-they advertised it very well. I think the speeches could have been better advertised."

After the majority of the election process was over, Amy Ricci, Class of 2007 Advisor, said, "No matter the outcome, all of the candidates have leadership qualities that Student Government exemplifies." And, regardless of the results of this election, Student Government reminds and encourages everyone to stay involved.

Rash of Hit and Runs Strike Sacred Heart Lots

By Brian Thorne
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Mario DiNatale (Durham) was the alleged victim of a hit and run accident in front of South Hall on the evening of September 16. DiNatale notified the Fairfield police the following day. Officer Kalson responded to fill out the accident report.

According to the report, at approximately 10:30 p.m., DiNatale's Audi was rear-ended by a white vehicle with New York registration. After striking DiNatale's vehicle, the operator of the white vehicle, described as a Caucasian female in her late teens or early twenties, got out of her vehicle and asked if DiNatale was injured.

"She asked me if I was ok, then took off and left the scene," DiNatale told Kalson about the incident. "Her car had New York plates."

According to police, DiNatale was unable to obtain a license plate number. His vehicle sustained damage to the rear lower bumper. He stated that he did not require medical attention. DiNatale was unable to locate a witness.

"If the person who hit Mr. DiNatale is located, she can be charged with 'Evasion of Responsibility' (14-224), which is a serious motor vehicle violation," said Linda Maloney, Director of Public Safety. "Anyone who is knowingly involved in an accident must stop and provide name, address, operator's license number and registration. Failure to do so can result in steep fines."

"Public Safety is doing everything possible to enforce motor vehicle laws on campus," said Maloney. "When a hit and run is brought to our attention we notify the police and broadcast a description of the operator and vehicle. If we locate a vehicle matching the description we contact the police immediately."

In separate occurrences, two vehicles were reportedly hit while unoccupied in North Lot on the following day.

Sophomore Jeffrey Collins (Rochester, NY) reported to Officer Chaisson of the Fairfield Police that his Honda Civic was allegedly damaged by a hit and run. The vehicle's left rear bumper was scratched. No information about the striking vehicle was obtained. Collins refused to comment about the alleged accident.

A Subaru owned by Junior Peter Prysclak's (Mahopac, NY) was damaged by an alleged hit and run on September 18 as well. According to the Fairfield Police report, Prysclak's left door was scraped. There were no witnesses and no paint exchanged between cars. Prysclak, a commuter, was unavailable for comment.

On September 22, three other hit and runs were reported according to Public Safety incident reports. A staff member's car was hit while parked in the Faculty Lot at approximately 5:19 p.m. Two other vehicles belonging to students were also damaged in North Lot on that day. All three alleged victims declined Fairfield Police notification.

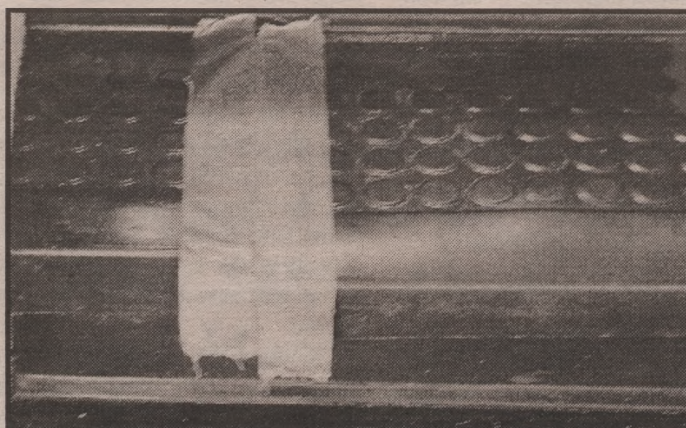


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SafeRide Program Pushed by '05 Government

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people need to be safe and sometimes they're not. There should be an alternative to driving drunk," Bachini said. "I'd like to see more people back the idea and do something to get it going."

Todd Dixon, a newly appointed Senator for the Class of 2005, has also been named to the Public Safety Committee. Having heard about the efforts made by the Senate last year, Dixon decided to make SafeRide a priority of his for this year.

"This would save lives," Dixon said. "I don't want Sacred Heart students dying before we put a SafeRide program in place. Something like this is all about prevention."

Dixon took his first step towards establishing this program when he met recently with the new Director of Public Safety, Linda Maloney. According to Dixon, Maloney whole-heartedly supported the idea and was willing to work

with the students to find a way to implement the program.

Dixon plans on sending out a global email to students, inviting them to participate in the new SafeRide committee in hopes of gaining momentum within the student body to support the idea. Dixon plans on reworking last year's proposal to see if any progress can be made with the administration. "We need this. It's not an if, it's not a maybe. We need this," Dixon stated strongly.

"There should be an alternative to driving drunk. I'd like to see more people back the idea and do something to get it going"

Danielle Bachini

Last year, the idea was proposed to Larry Wielk, Dean

of Students, and will probably find its way into his office again this year. "I'm always willing to entertain the discussion," Wielk said. He hinted that the implementation of SafeRide is not guaranteed.

There are some logistical questions that would need to be clarified for the administration before steps could be taken to make SafeRide a reality. Wielk said that he would need to know what other private institutions have enacted such a program, what would be entailed in running the program, and what the University's liability would be in the event that something tragic happened.

Wielk also pointed out that SafeRide contradicts the university's goal of stopping underage drinking, and worries that it may go to the other extreme by encouraging it.

When asked how Quinnipiac University was able to get around the promotion of alcohol while running their service, Wielk was quick to point

out that their shuttle system doesn't take students to bars, but rather cultural areas that happen to be near bars. The students are dropped off in walking distance of theaters, malls, museums, restaurants and bars. Wielk said that the administration might consider running weekend shuttle routes to Fairfield Center, South Norwalk and New Haven, all areas that are comparable to Quinnipiac's route.

"I'd be open to running the shuttles to those areas. I think there is a lot students could do there, not just get picked up from the bar," Wielk said.

As open as Wielk was about possibilities, any SafeRide program is still up in the air. The weekend shuttles Wielk talked about will run several times this semester, but any final implementation will not even be considered until after the trial routes are tested.

The lesson learned by Quinnipiac University two years ago is one that was brought to the students for Alcohol Awareness

week last year, and did not go unheard. Students took it to heart and began trying to find ways to prevent the same thing

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Dean Larry Wielk

from happening here, including examining all possibilities to initiate a SafeRide program at Sacred Heart. It seems that the administration is doing their part as well to make sure students are safe, and they look as if they are willing to work with student leaders to examine all possibilities. No one wants to learn the hard lessons the way Quinnipiac University did.

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Let Your Voice Be Heard

Dear students, staff, faculty and administration,

Hello and welcome to the month of October! It's hard to believe an entire month of classes has come and gone already... I'm happy to be a senior, but on the same token, I'm very unsure of where I'll be October 2, 2004.

My main reason for writing this particular editorial is to encourage you all to use this section of the newspaper to your advantage. The editorial pages provide space for you to put your first amendment right, freedom of the speech (and press!) to action for your benefit.

We can't know every joy,

goodness, injustice or absurdity around campus on our own, and that's where all of you come in. Editorials can be written about new things on campus and how they are meant to improve the University. They can complain about chairs in classrooms. Editorials can tell funny stories about dates, adorable actions of children, to announce new classes at the University...

The whole SPECTRUM of ideas is yours to explore, e-mail to me, and then share with the rest of the reading public. Sure, I can write three editorials every week and fill the space... I can run ads... But that isn't effectively using the space.

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I want to hear your opinions, the good, the bad, the ugly and the pretty, and then share them with the SHU community so everyone can benefit and learn in another way that a classroom atmosphere might not facilitate.

Besides opinions, we'd like to open the editorial pages as a forum for writers other than reporters. At one point in time, authors used to write chapters for books that were run in the newspapers. Many famous authors got their start in this manner.

We'd like any interested authors to contact the Spectrum to submit chapters on a weekly, or every other week, basis. People will want to read your words and

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I look forward to reading what you have to say!

Sincerely,

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What is one thing about your roommate that really annoys you?



"Talking in her sleep...the other night she screamed 'Holy Crap' and went back to sleep."

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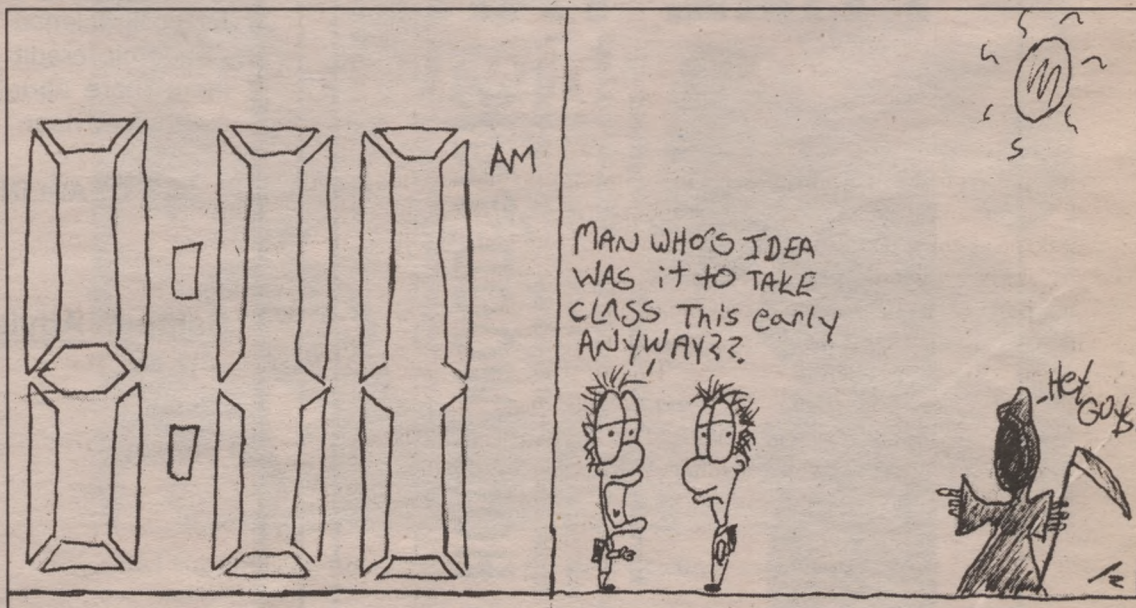
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By Patrick Reinhart

Where Have the Good Manners Gone?

By Cristina Baptista
Contributing Writer

If you drop something, you should pick it up; if you spill something, you ought to clean it up. Such lessons are often taught to elementary-school children who are beginning to learn that the world is not theirs alone, nor is it their private junkyard.

Given the relatively young age that most people are introduced to the proper methods of taking care of public space and cleaning up after themselves, one would venture to presume that college-aged scholars would be quite efficient in the area of proper manners and basic rules of cleanliness. That is, such an assumption could be made; yet, from the looks of things around the Sacred Heart University campus of late, such a presumption would, unfortunately, be incorrect.

What has happened to the basic practice of good manners? Have they become obsolete, their skeletal remains lying idle and neglected in a trash bin somewhere? If so, then good manners are some of the few things that have actually made it into such a receptacle because it does not seem as if much else has found its way into the proper designated areas for litter and debris.

In classrooms ranging from the main academic building to Curtis Hall and elsewhere, crumpled papers can be found littering desktops and floors; there is often gum stuck on the bottom of furniture and empty food containers left on desks as if their owners believe that they somehow add to the decorum.

Water bottles, especially, are left in nearly every nook and cranny simply because the purchasers are too lazy to recycle them, apparently. Spills and greasy stains that could be cleaned up easily with a

simple wipe of a napkin are left untouched. Perhaps some students believe that if they pretend not to see their smudges and stains no one else is going to notice. Of course not...until someone accidentally sits down on day-old mustard or French fry grease and causes a fuss.

Even students who have the right general idea as to what constitutes decency and general cleanliness seem desperate to defy the odds and continue to stuff their empty food containers in trash bins that are already overflowing and that have a burgeoning mass of fallen refuse at their bases.

How simple it would be to find an alternative receptacle that can hold one's garbage. Instead, many students appear to believe in bottomless trash cans or in wide plastic containers that can balance themselves endlessly atop the tiny opening of a straw without toppling over, spilling globs of ketchup all over the carpet and walls.

Even in dormitories, places where residential students in particular spend a majority of their college life, there is a general lack in the decency of cleaning up after one's self out of respect for others and his- or herself. For example, it is not uncommon to find unflushed toilets in any given residential bathroom, nor is it unfathomable for suitemates to watch fellow students stride out of the restroom without washing their hands following use of the facilities.

Considering how rapidly germs can spread from one person to another simply by coming into contact with soiled surfaces like doorknobs (and also considering that only 78% of Americans, on average, wash their hands after using a public restroom, according to a recent study by the American Society for Microbiology), SHU's dormitory bathrooms are becoming less a retreat and more a place that students are apprehensive about

venturing into.

It is a germ jungle in there and it is not pretty. I am sure that some people believe they are "less dirty," so to speak, than other people, but I also believe that this is simply an egotistical myth; we all have germs and we do not want to become infected and ill thanks to someone else's dirty habits; why should we, therefore, do the same to others?

What is more, hypocritical residents often refer to the university as their "home away from home;" yet, it is doubtful that these same students would disrespect their home to the extent that they disrespect the commonly-shared facilities.

I find it difficult to believe that most would leave week-old spaghetti-sauce-lined pots on the kitchen counter or soaked paper towels mushrooming all around the sink, counter, and floor areas of commonly shared dormitory spaces. Such neglected items are not going to sprout legs or wings and make their own way to the sink or garbage, nor will parents come bustling in to clean up after their children. Why, then, do so many careless students act as if this is what they expect will happen?

Even in the library, where many students go in order to find some peace and solitude, one often finds him- or herself faced with ink-smeared desks and tables thanks to pen explosions and empty drink bottles, crumpled papers, and other stray refuse endlessly sprinkled across random tables in the Learning Center. It is the Learning Center, not the Littering Center; ironically, it seems that some students still need to learn the basic rules of cleanliness and respect for public space.

Consistency is often considered a positive thing, but as far as the laxity in neatness and cleanliness is concerned, it proves a serious problem. The grounds surrounding Sacred Heart often appear no cleaner than within the

buildings on the property. Litter abounds at nearly every turn, whether rolling aimlessly about the lawn or stuck in defenseless bushes.

The asphalt paths that criss-cross the SHU campus have suddenly become a giant ash tray without an end in sight, what with the amount of cigarette butts strewn about them. Even in parking lots—especially on weekends—there are more abandoned take-out containers and Styrofoam cups than cars in the lots and half-eaten, decaying food is prevalent enough to take one's appetite away.

It is utterly sad to observe such a disregard for sanitation and allocating refuse to the proper locations, but most of all, it is astounding at how many people are guilty of either littering or ignoring the problem on a daily basis.

To illustrate this concept, I have personally observed students drop a tray of food in the cafeteria or hallway on several occasions and very rarely did many of the students stop to clean up the results of their accident. More often than not, the "food-dropping" student took off from the scene, leaving unsuspecting crowds to trample through alfredo sauce, cold cereal remains, and soft-drink puddles, tracking the food particles here, there and everywhere else, only magnifying the problem tremendously. Not only are such neglected sites filthy and messy, moreover, but they are also dangerous and anyone could slip and injure him- or herself because of abandoned food spills.

Yes, SHU has a hardworking staff to do much of the janitorial services, but janitors are not babysitters or scapegoats; they are not, that is to say, responsible for remedying anyone else's carelessness or blatantly sloppy behavior, nor should the workers be used as an excuse for students to be lax with cleanliness.

In reality, there is no excuse

that trash and recycle bins are not accessible to students and faculty members because the large, fire-engine red receptacles can be spotted nearly anywhere around campus, as can the blue and green recycling containers and standard-sized trash-bins located inside the school buildings themselves. There is also no excuse that college-aged students cannot pick up after themselves, and consequently, show respect to themselves, their fellow students, and their university in general. Most of us would agree that we pay enough money to attend school here; let us respect what we and others pay to be able to enjoy, shall we?

In the end, although I do not believe that Sacred Heart is turning into a gigantic dumping ground, I do believe that there is a problem with litter and the lack of hygiene and cleanliness on campus. Common sense and decency, however, are all one needs to realize that there are some things we, as a university, must do.

Unfortunately, these days, I wonder if common sense and decency did not somehow accidentally make it into a trash receptacle, wedged somewhere between a half-eaten sandwich and an old notebook. It is no fun sitting on unidentifiable sticky objects in an afternoon class, stepping on a moldy sandwich while walking through the parking lot, or wading through someone else's flotsam and jetsam in the shower.

Such tasks are not desirable, nor should anyone have to put up with it. In the end, if there is one thing to recycle, let it at least be good manners; do not let this basic practice make it into the trash bin when nothing else seems to be getting there. Let us have some respect for others and ourselves and be more conscientious consumers who know that a little water goes a long way and trash belongs in trash cans.

Double-Check The Address

A couple from Minneapolis decided to go to Florida for a long weekend to thaw out during one particularly icy winter.

They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years before. Because both had jobs they found it difficult to coordinate their travel schedules, so it was decided that the husband would fly to Florida on a Thursday, and his wife would follow him the next day.

Upon arriving as planned, the husband checked into the hotel. In his room there was

a computer so he decided to send his wife an e-mail back in Minneapolis.

However, he accidentally left out one letter in her address, and sent the e-mail, without realizing his error.

In Houston, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. The dearly departed was a minister who had been called home to glory following a heart attack.

The widow checked her e-mail, expecting messages from relatives and friends. Upon reading the first message, she fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

**To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've Arrived**

You're probably surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send e-mails to your loved ones. I've just

arrived and checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P.S. Sure is hot down here!

This little story is a good reminder nonetheless of how important it is to check who you're sending what kind of e-mail to. Do you have a funny story about a misdirected e-mail? The Spectrum wants to hear from you! E-mail your stories to spectrum@sacredheart.edu or kerry-freel@sacredheart.edu

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Homemade Italian Pizza Right Next Door

By Nadia Korovesi
Staff Reporter

Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza II is a small family-owned restaurant that makes New York-style pizza with an authentic Italian touch. Mr. Franco Durso, his wife Tina, and their two children Teresa and Rocco own the second Jerry's Pizza in Connecticut. During a recent interview, Mrs. Tina Durso talked about her life, her family, and the secrets for a tasteful Italian pizza.

The atmosphere inside Jerry's pizza is friendly and warm. The owners make jokes with the customers and everything in the store has an Italian theme from the gigantic poster of "The Sopranos" on the wall to the funny names of the sandwiches on the menu, such as "The Fugetaboutit."

Jerry's Pizza is connected to an authentic Italian family. "I was born in Italy in a very small town that is called Toritto Provincia di Bari and I've been in the United States for 37 years. I came from Italy in 1967 and I grew up in Bronx, NY," said Mrs. Durso.

She also revealed that she met with her husband on vacations to Italy. It was love at first sight so they got engaged and married in 45 days.

The whole Durso family is originally from the Bronx and they know how to make original



Photo by Robert Trenske

Jerry's Shakespeare Pizza II, a family-owned Restaurant located on 4270 Main Street, provides students with New York-style pizza. Originally from Italy, owner Tina Durso, who also met her husband in Italy, strives to supply customers with an authentic Italian pizza experience.

New York style pizza.

Mrs. Durso notes, "There is a lot of competition out there but we make New York style pizza. I'm originally from the Bronx, I was raised in the Bronx and a lot of people come in and say 'Thank God we found the New York pizza.' The difference is that there are a lot of people who own pizza places that are not Italians and they don't know how to make it good."

"I started my company because my grandfather came

from Italy and he opened up his own pizza place. The Jerry's Pizza that my family owns is the second one. There is the original in Stratford that my brother and my sister own."

Although it seems easy to make a pizza there are some secrets that only Italians know. "Everything's got to be fresh," says Mrs. Durso. "[We use] fresh dough, fresh tomatoes, and the nice mozzarella that you have to ground by yourself. We also import some of our groceries

from Italy."

Jerry's Pizza is located on 4270 Main Street, just a few blocks off the Sacred Heart campus and is very popular with the students.

"Because we do deliver pizza in the area," Mrs. Durso continues, "students and coaches from the football, soccer, and the girls' team, all take pizza from here. They usually order pizza but some other favorites are the dinners, the Italian grinders, and the sandwiches. We also sponsor

the fraternity Sigma Delta Chi."

Students at Sacred Heart University have their own opinion about the freshness and taste of Jerry's Pizza.

"I've tried Jerry's Pizza before and I prefer it because it is not too greasy. My favorites are the chicken Parmesan, the ziti, and the sandwiches because they are very authentic and fresh," said Wade Kennery, a senior from Bedford, MA.

"Jerry's Pizza tastes better than most pizzas in Connecticut and it is New York style. The thing I like most is the good prices on pies on Monday nights," said Joe Zalak, a senior from Middle Village, NY.

"I've tried Jerry's Pizza on my freshman year and it was very good. When I lived in East Hall there was a whole bunch of menus so I said 'Why not to try a new place?' I'm a little boring and I like to get usually plain cheese pizza but it was really good and fresh," said Kate Garneau, a senior from Rocky Hill.

If students are in the mood for a piece of delicious pizza made fresh and in true Italian fashion then they should not hesitate to stop by or order from Jerry's Pizza. As Mrs. Durso said, "I want more people to come here and feel at home and more Sacred Heart students to come and check us out. It is not a big place but it is a fun place!"

This Sibling Connection Common at College

By Kelly Ryan
Staff Reporter

The bond between siblings could seemingly lighten or destroy a person's life. Parents sometimes plan on having children close in age, so their children can have someone in life that will always be at their side, a forever friend. For the most part, students are glad to have brothers and sisters. However, there are some situations where competition amongst siblings is much greater than companionship.

Jeanne and Betsy Baker, twin sisters, who are sophomores from

Franklin Square, NY, said, "We like having each other here."

The twins live in an apartment in J-Hill and mentioned, "We wouldn't want to live separately while being at school."

Betsy said, "It was good to come to this school having someone there that I already knew and trusted."

Her sister, Jeanne had similar feelings. She said, "Having [my twin sister] here feels so much more like home. There is no one I'd rather be away from home with than my sister."

Freshman, Josh Katalinas from Ringwood, NJ said, "I like that my brother and I are both here. Since we came here

together, it was good that we at least had each other when we didn't know anyone else yet. Not to mention that he has a car on campus that I sometimes use."

Laura Day, a sophomore from Worchester, MA enjoys her sister's company while being at school. She explained, "Having my sister here at SHU with me makes things so much easier. Hopefully my brother will come here next year too."

Though some people are lucky enough to be away at college with their siblings, there are those who have brothers or sisters back home.

"Being apart from my brother has made us so much closer,"

said junior Lauren Maorini, from Staten Island, NY.

Alexandria Hatzipetros, a junior from Queens, NY also confessed, "I really miss my sister while I'm away. We're very close while I'm home and even closer now that we don't get to see each other everyday. The good thing is when we talk on the phone I've learned to appreciate our conversations so much more. It makes me realize that I'm lucky to have a sister to go home to."

Being apart from a sibling isn't always that hard though. Sophomore Tony Alaimo, from Biddeford, ME said, "The internet helps us keep in touch."

However, he also noted,

"I do miss my sister, but I'm more concerned about not being around while she's still in high school." While some students are mourning the distance that has separated them from their siblings, there are some who are happier than ever to finally be apart from them.

A senior, from Milford, who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I love my brother of course, but it feels like I'm constantly competing with him. He's older so I have to do as good as he's done, or better."

She also stated, "Since we

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Students Puff in on Smoking

By Vanessa Rubino
Staff Reporter

"I never thought that I would get addicted," says Maureen Miller, a senior from Springfield, MA, as she smothers out the butt of her cigarette and continues, "I guess no one ever thinks they will get addicted."

"The worst thing I ever could have done was start smoking because I never realized how hard it would be to stop."

Stacey Jackson, senior

Miller was a smoker in high school, but quit before starting her freshman year at Sacred Heart University. She began smoking again when she started college. She started again as a social smoker and never kicked the habit. Miller is among the hundreds of thousands of college students that use tobacco products nationwide.

According to a study published in the "Journal of the American Medical Association," smoking at colleges and universities is on the rise. The study that was compiled and administered by the Harvard School of Public Health and Massachusetts General Hospital found that close to 30 percent of college students in the study are currently using tobacco products. Showing that despite the health risks that include increased risks for lung cancer, emphysema, and heart disease, college students are lighting up at an alarming rate.

The study revealed that more than half (61 percent) of those who responded to the survey have tried a tobacco product, nearly half (45.7 percent) reported using tobacco products in the past year, and one-third (32.9 percent) reported using tobacco products within the past 30 days. Specifically concerning cigarette use, 38.1 percent of students reported smoking in the past year and 28.5 percent reported smoking within the past 30 days.

Most cases of nicotine dependence develop in adolescence and college, which seem to be times where students decide to abandon the habit for good, or continue into adulthood. The social pressures and stress of college life are some of the reasons why college students start and continue the habit.

Kristen Cooper of Mahopac, NY says that she was a smoker in high school, but quit before coming to college. She started smoking again sophomore year as a "stress reliever."

"Most of my friends smoke so I am always around it, but at the same time I choose to do it," says Cooper. She plans on quitting but most likely not until she finishes college.

Stacey Jackson, a senior from Ridgefield, NJ says, "The worst thing I ever could have done was start smoking because I never realized how hard it would be to stop."

Like other college students, Jackson realizes she is addicted and has had difficulty quitting in the past.

The study also found that of the respondents, men reported using tobacco more than women. More than half of the men (53 percent) reported having used tobacco in the past year compared with 41.3 percent of women. Close to 40 percent of men and 29.7 percent of women reported using tobacco within the past 30 days. This difference was attributed to men using more than one type of tobacco product such as smokeless tobacco, or chew.

"I use chew and smokeless tobacco," mentions Brian Rojee, a senior from Foxboro, MA, who plans on quitting after he finishes school. He started using tobacco when he was in high school to pass the time on the field during baseball games.

"A lot of the upperclassmen used it, and I just picked it up," explains Rojee. "I knew that I might become addicted, but I did it anyways."

Like many other students, Rojee believes that it will be easier to quit once he is finished with school.

"I plan on being a police officer, and I can't use tobacco on the job," says Rojee.

Miller agrees that it will be easier to quit once she graduates.

"I think there will be less pressure to smoke when I am in the workforce," says Miller who plans on being an elementary school teacher upon graduation. "My job especially will limit the time when I will be able to smoke."

Whether it will be easier to quit once these students finish school depends not only on their social circle and professional life, but also on other factors such as their ability to battle the powerful addiction of nicotine.

The national study cites that if the increasing trend of tobacco use continues, "it threatens to reverse the decline in smoking prevalence among U.S. adults that has occurred during the past half century."

The Factory Provides On-Campus Computer Solutions

By Deboah Carrara
Staff Reporter

Recently, Sacred Heart University's Information Technology (IT) Department has made a bold move to alleviate students' frustrations with trying to acquire tech support. In the past, students had to call a help line that would connect them with staff people working hundreds of miles away, handling random tech calls from across the country. Today, Sacred Heart's Factory brings that same technical assistance closer to students and their specific needs.

The Factory is an on-campus call center, one in which students can walk into. It is designed to be a visible in-house tech support system that deals with common student issues such as difficulties with their laptops, software, memory keys, even problems arising in online access from their dorm rooms.

Through the old system of calling the help line, all of these issues had to be handled by "techies" unfamiliar with the school and student life. As of today, a student can be greeted by a familiar face, drop off a dead laptop battery, and pick up a freshly charged one just minutes before a paper needs to be printed out. Situated across from the cafeteria, The Factory is housed in walls of glass, making the support team, which is already easily accessible, highly visible by the student body while providing tangible tech support with a personal touch.

This past July, students that had been recruited to campus early underwent a one-month long training session to help bring The Factory to life.

"There's a lot to learn, but being a part of The Factory means more opportunities opening up for me after graduation. You get

to put the work experience on your resume," says Renee Boyce, a senior at Sacred Heart who can be found working at The Factory

ing the evolution of The Factory will be a means to empower students, allowing them to play a larger role in the University's

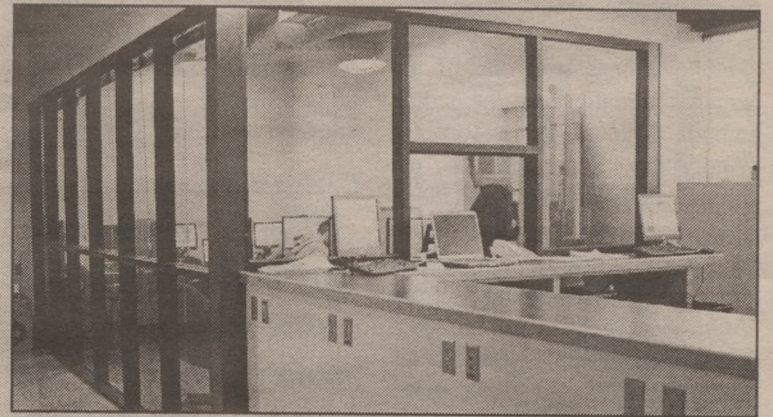


Photo by Robert Trenske

Instead of having to call the help line to receive help with computers, students can now stop by or call The Factory.

on Sunday afternoons.

Boyce admits it might be tough once classes start rolling into exams, but realizes that The Factory is a great chance to use his talents and put them to the test. "I know that later, The Factory is only going to grow and get better as it does."

"Working at The Factory means being part of a team," says Mike Trimble, Sacred Heart's Chief Information Officer and Assistant Vice President of Information Technology.

He discusses the plans that are underway for The Factory's future, "Weng Chang [Call Center and Special Projects Manager] is planning on having six teams comprised of four people. Within that superstructure, you will find team members, assistant team leaders, team leaders, and one overall call center leader.

"It is within that tier of four that you'll find the responsibility of hiring and firing, scheduling and managing all falling on the shoulders of the students that run it. Eventually, Chang sees the Factory becoming a student run center, where his involvement will be simply an advisory role."

The IT Department is hop-

life. Each year students graduate and take with them the talents that the University has honed over a period of years. It seems only natural to use this resource the University has on hand and have it benefit student body and University alike.

A recent interview with Chang revealed that the ultimate goal of The Factory is to become a "solutions provider" for students and graduates alike.

"I really want this to be a hub for I.T. solutions. Let's say you have a linksys router at home, and you don't know how to fix it, I want the call center to be able to help you at home. I want to train [the call center staff] to be able to do that."

"It is a great opportunity for our students... to get this kind of exposure. Training is ongoing. They get customer service experience too... they're learning communication skills here as well," continues Chang.

"Long distance assistance can not be as familiar with our students, their issues, or our network. I like to see our students being our own 'solutions providers', and addressing our problems here."

Sibling Ties

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don't go to the same school, it's easier for me to just be me, instead of his little sister."

Contact A Family is a national registered charity, founded in 1979, that devotes their studies to siblings. In a study they con-

ducted, 29 siblings between the ages 10 and 20 showed similar grounds and feelings as their siblings. The most common were feelings of jealous about amounts of attention the other gets from the parents, having disturbed sleep because of sharing a room with a sibling, and being embarrassed by a sibling's behavior in public.

However, there were also studies between siblings in which they were grateful to have each other. The most common feel-

ing of gratefulness was found in school situations. For example, the study found that a younger sibling was much more confident in a school environment when they had an older brother or sister who had already been there before them.

What it all boils down to is that siblings affect each other in both negative and positive ways. For the most part, it's difficult not to be close with a sibling or miss them while distance separates them.

Dave Matthews: Free at Central Park

Jayde Levesque
Staff Reporter

This past week, New York City and thousands of Dave Matthews fans saw one of the greatest donations to the public school system in history. On Wednesday, September 24, the Dave Matthews Band played a free concert on the Great Lawn of Central Park. In conjunction with a \$1 million donation from AOL, another \$1 million from concert organizers, and numerous donations from generous ticket holders, DMB was able to raise a tremendous amount of money for NYC's Fund for Public Schools and, more specifically, for music programs across the city.

"It's for a good cause," agrees Dan Meany, a former student of Sacred Heart University from Smithtown, NY. After a massive advertising campaign that spanned television, radio, and the internet, free tickets were finally distributed between Sept 13 and Sept 23 by AOL street teams in all the five boroughs. In fact, between the street teams,

the Dave Matthews website, and local radio stations, a total of 70,000 tickets were distributed throughout the tri-state area.

While ticket distribution was expected to be an estimated 70,000, the New York City Parks Department said that around 85,000 concert-goers actually attended the venue. Conveniently

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**Tom Denninger,
junior**

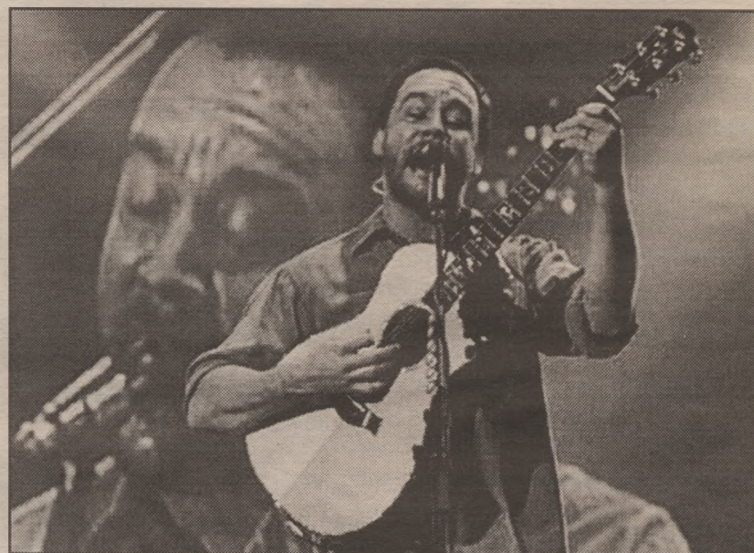
enough, those unable to make the concert and lucky enough to be an America Online Subscriber, were able to view the entire concert online. Attendees themselves could be found waiting as the gates opened at 3:30 p.m. despite

the fact that the three-hour-long show didn't start until about 7:15.

It goes without saying that the concert opened to an uproarious crowd.

Opening the show with the Frank Sinatra High School of Performing Arts' Choir, the Dave Matthews Band began by playing some old favorites like, "Crush," "Too Much," "Two-Step," and even the Bob Dylan cover, "All Along the Watchtower." In addition their older tunes, DMB showcased new songs such as "Blue Eyes," "Gravedigger," and "Some Devil."

The Dave Matthews Band, who has had ten top 10 hits and has sold more than 25 million records since 1993, is just following the footsteps of other widely acclaimed musicians such as Simon and Garfunkel, Barbara Streisand, and Garth Brooks in the Central Park concert tradition. Also in attendance to support the cause were actors Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon. "I came up through the Public School System so I'm definitely a supporter of that. A lot of programs are being cut, so



Dave sings to a crowd estimated to be in excess of 80,000 at New York City's Central Park.

Photo by Jayde Levesque

I think [this idea] is cool" Bacon was quoted as saying.

Even people who are not huge fans of DMB feel that what they are doing is making a great contribution. "I'm not a big Dave fan, but it's really cool that they're raising money for a cause like public schools that are lacking funds" said Tom Denninger, a junior from Newtown.

While the idea may be chari-

table because the proceeds go towards the 1.1 million public school students of New York City, it is also another chance for die-hard Dave Matthews fans to see him again in concert for the final time this season. Whether or not you're a Dave fan, everyone can agree that supporting New York City's public schools through music is in itself a cause for celebration.

Disposable DVDs Find Test Market

Matt Philipp
Staff Reporter

Imagine going to the store to buy or rent a DVD that will only last 48 hours once it is opened. Such a scenario could soon be a reality if the current test run of a new type of DVD is successful.

A west coast company called Flexplay Technologies has recently developed a new type of DVD called EZ-D. Lasting only 48 hours from the moment they are unsealed from their airtight packaging, EZ-D's contain only the movie—usually in the widescreen format—with no special features at all. The suggested retail price of the DVDs is \$6.99 and Buena Vista Home Entertainment, owned by Disney, is the first company to sign up to test out this new digital format.

"I personally don't like this idea" says an anonymous student. "I would rather just rent a movie for \$3 instead of buying a DVD for \$7 when it just lasts for 48 hours."



Disposable EZ-D DVDs expire after a 48-hour window and are now at the center of a consumer controversy.

Photo by Robert Trenske

EZ-Ds aren't supposed to be thrown out once they expire and are meant to be recycled. However, a question remains as to how many consumers will actually take the initiative to recycle the discs. To further complicate things, the EZ-Ds must pass through a special recycling process because of a chemicals contained on the disc. Local recycling centers have to send all

the discarded discs to a company called GreenDisk in Colombia, Mo. Teri Errico, a junior from Bridgeport, says, "I think it's kind of a waste. It'll be a lot of constant disposal of products and continuous recycling of its parts."

The key to the EZ-D is a special chemical that adds an extra layer to a normal DVD. Once the substance comes into contact

with oxygen, a chemical reaction is started and ends 48 hours from when the package is opened. The actual disc starts out as red but at the end of its life changes to black.

EZ-Ds are aimed at people who normally rent movies, but don't like having to go back to the video store to return them. As such, there are both positive and negative qualities to these new discs.

Most of the positive qualities benefit the movie studios more than they benefit the consumer. Major movie rental chains such as Blockbuster make a good amount of their money from overdue fines and movie studios don't see much or any of that extra profit. Some studios, specifically Buena Vista, feel they can make more money off of each rental by using this new idea. Studios also see EZ-D as a way to expand the rental market from specialty stores such as Blockbuster to supermarkets and other venues. EZ-Ds are currently being tested at grocery stores, pharmacies, and convenience outlets in four select U.S. markets.

However, EZ-D also has several obvious drawbacks. Paying \$7 for a DVD with just the movie that will only last two days doesn't seem to make much sense and movie rental chains would have to constantly re-order and re-stock the discs to keep up with the usual demand. Environmentalists also have a big problem with EZ-Ds. They feel that people will not follow the instructions on recycling the discs and have bombarded Disney with complaints.

Since EZ-D's introduction more than two weeks ago, Disney has announced additional plans for consumers to mail the expired discs to GreenDisk. As further incentive, customers are offered one free EZ-D purchase for every six EZ-Ds returned for recycling.

While EZ-D may appeal to some, the overall reaction thus far has been far from positive. With DVD prices dropping lower and lower, it would make more sense to spend a few extra dollars to own a DVD that will last forever rather than one that will self-destruct in less than three days.

Lone Rangers Dominate



The Lone Rangers (Brian Gardner, Alex Kantarelis, Nicky Kantarelis, and John "Shorts Guy" Faherty) headlined a show at Danbury's Empress Ballroom this past weekend and are expected to play at SHU later this month. Stay tuned for updates!

Photos by Patrick Scalisi, Crystal Cassetori, and Grace Henderson

SHU FORCE Kicks Off the New Semester

Brittany Hoole
Contributing Reporter

What does it take to start a new group on campus? In a word, determination and vision. For Samantha Couture, Kacy Lansing, Joanne Ong, Brianne O'Sullivan, and Dawn Doucette, it took a fusion of rhythm, creativity, and energy. SHU FORCE, a new dance performance group at Sacred Heart, aims to create an organized group of dancers with-

result was F.O.R.C.E. or "Fusion of Rhythm, Creativity and Energy."

Back at school, tryouts were held in early September. Twenty-five to thirty girls showed up and auditioned one piece that the board had choreographed. Currently, the team consists of nineteen girls and six guys.

Junior Sam Couture, president of the club, tells us that FORCE's goal is "to be an outlet for girls and guys who like to dance." SHU FORCE



Contributed Photo

The new SHU Force Team.

out a competitive edge. Senior Joanne Ong sums it up when she says "We all have a common interest and drive to pursue our talents and express ourselves in a noncompetitive environment".

In order to get the group started, the executive board met two or three times a week this past summer. At their meetings they worked out the details of the group and actually choreographed some dances. Everyone worked hard to combine their talents and creativity to come up with the best material possible.

Junior Kacy Lansing recounts how the board came up with a name for their new group: "After talking online all night about what we wanted this organization to be, [Samantha and I] literally thumbed through a thesaurus to decide what we should name ourselves. The

hopes to perform at various events throughout the school year and eventually hold a recital. Tryouts will be held every semester, as the group understands that students have busy schedules and continuously wants to see new talent.

FORCE's first event will take place at 10:00 p.m. at the University Commons on Monday, October 6. The event will consist of the dancers showing what they have put together so far, as well as a kick-a-thon in which the audience will pledge money on how many kicks each dancer can do. The fundraiser's aim is to garner funds for the group and gain SHU FORCE more exposure around campus. Students can expect to see a lot of energy when they show up for the show on Monday.

Insanity and Humor Live Side-By-Side In Danny DeVito's "Duplex"

Nadia Korovesi
Staff Reporter

It is not uncommon for someone who is moving in a new house to be positively predisposed towards one's neighbors. For New Yorkers, this is a must, as they often find themselves living in small apartments that cost too much money. But in the case of the young couple in "Duplex" the seemingly sweet old lady living in their upstairs apartment has made their life a living nightmare.

Released in theaters on September 26, Danny DeVito's "Duplex" comprises a variety of emotion. Alex (Ben Stiller) and Nancy (Drew Barrymore) are a beloved couple who decide to abandon their cramped life in Manhattan in favor of a spacey, quieter and less-expensive apartment in Brooklyn. When they find the two-family house of their dreams through a local real estate agent they buy it almost immediately.

At first, the house seems to be everything that the couple has ever wanted. Alex and Nancy's new home is a historic building on a quiet, tree-lined street, with three fireplaces, high ceilings, and a shopping center a mere block away. Alex, a writer, has less than two weeks to finish the book he is working on and the couple's new home is (at first) a perfect place to finish his novel.

There is, however, a catch!

As the house is a duplex, the top floor is occupied by an old Irish widow, Mrs. Connelly (Eileen Essell), who turns out to be an unbearable nuisance day and night. Alex's attempts to finish his book are continually disrupted by Mrs. Connelly's constant requests and complaints. The old woman asks her new neighbors to help her with the garbage, to fix the pipes in her bathroom, and to go with her for



Alex (Stiller) and Nancy (Barrymore) begin to plot against their neighbor Mrs. Connelly (Essell) in Danny DeVito's newest comedy "Duplex."

Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

groceries where she individually counts out her grapes and blueberries. In the afternoons she turns her TV on to maximum volume and, at night, dances to the sounds of Irish folk music.

With an easy-flowing storyline, a constantly humorous tone, and a clever twist at the end, "Duplex" makes for a pleasant and worthwhile comedy.

Soon, Alex and Nancy both realize that they like the idea of getting rid of their intolerable fellow tenant and begin to devise ways to make her leave the apartment. The real hilarity begins when each of their attempts end in outrageous results.

"Duplex" is a hilarious comedy with great performances from the entire cast. Ben Stiller and Drew Barrymore have great chemistry and manage to come off as very funny both on their own and as a couple. However, it is Eileen Essell who really steals the limelight. The aging actress

does a excellent job of alternating her character between a sweet elderly widow and a menacing old hag. She is perhaps one of the most memorable supporting characters to come through the movies in recent months.

With a script written by Larry Doyle, a former writer and producer for "The Simpsons," "Duplex" manages to find an excellent blend of well thought out and ironic humor. Like any classic DeVito movie, "Duplex" has a distinctive sarcastic tone that in many cases is composed of cleverly chosen black humor. "Duplex" is extremely ironic on a very fundamental level, from Mrs. Connelly's jabs at writers to the extreme generation gap that marks the two sets of tenants.

"Duplex" is a comedy about neighbors and how careful someone has to be when buying a new house. Nothing is as it seems, and everything can turn against you. Granted, the circumstances in the film are extreme but many people that live in close quarters will relate to a number of things going on in the movie. With an easy-flowing storyline, a constantly humorous tone, and a clever twist at the end, "Duplex" makes for a pleasant and worthwhile comedy.

Reminder!

In order to submit an entry, please write to SHUCultHits@yahoo.com. Is "El Mariachi" your favorite under-appreciated actioner? Does "Super Troopers" become even funnier with each subsequent viewing? Now you can enter all of your unsung favorites onto our list with one simple email.

Remember: each entry must include your full name, grade, title of the film you wish to enter, and a short explanation of why you feel the film belongs on The

Spectrum's list of SHU's Top Cult Hits. The subject of your email should read "SHU's Cult List."

All entries must be received by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, so don't wait until the last minute to send in your submission. The list is slated to appear in the following week's issue of The Spectrum based solely on reader response. Please limit one entry per student and happy watching!

Patrick Scalisi
A&E Editor

Last week, the A&E section of The Spectrum announced that it will be compiling a list of SHU's Top Cult Hits and now we need reader submissions! Entering your favorite cult film is easy and we need as many submissions as possible to make our list a success.

PIONEERS



Men's Lacrosse Gears up for a Promising Season

By Nick Brown
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University men's lacrosse is certainly fired up and ready to compete this year. The Pioneers have had a productive pre-season and cannot wait to take the field.

Their 7-7 overall record and 1-4 in the CAA last season left a sour taste in the mouths of many players. With a young group of talented rookies and returning players, the Pioneers will be a tough team to beat this fall.

The team kicked off their season on Sept. 27, with their annual alumni match. Every year, the Pioneers host a friendly match against former players to begin their fall season.

"This is a solid group of student-athletes from various parts of the country"
Coach Mariano

Last Saturday, the tradition lived on as alumni battled the Pioneers as part of the festive afternoon. When the match concluded, both teams joined together and tailgated in the sun for the remainder of the day.

After Columbus Day weekend, the Pioneers will begin the season in New Haven by participating in the annual Yale Fall Tournament. On Oct. 19, the team will take on opponents such as fellow CAA teams Villanova and Delaware as well as Albany, Vermont, Ohio State, and Colgate.

According to head coach Tom Mariano, incoming play-

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Coach Mariano

ers should contribute a great deal to team success. "This is a very good class coming in that will help us compete in the CAA," said Mariano. "This is a solid group of student-athletes from various parts of the country," he added. This diverse field of athletes should make for an interesting season.

The Pioneers welcome 18 new faces to the team this year, all of which are accomplished high school athletes. Newcomers should add to the team's strength to help them achieve victory. Nevertheless, returning players will certainly be a valuable element in generating wins.

Veterans from previous seasons have the thirst for victory more than anyone in the lacrosse program. Returning Pioneers include, Ben Giamichael (Courtland Manor, NY), Mark Lewis (Milton, MA), Jorge Bravo (Long Beach, NY), Tomas Hind (Farmingdale, NY), Matthew Robideau (Massena, NY), and Adam Dzezdy (Glenmore, PA).

With the crafty veterans and 18 newcomers, this season is without a doubt a shove in the right direction for the Pioneers. The strength and speed built into the foundation of the team, combined with the power and stealth of the rookies make this team a favorite in their division.

Men's lacrosse is positively a force to be reckoned with and should raise some eyebrows around campus this season.

MLB Playoff Preview

By Greg Maurice
Staff Reporter

After a long season of 162 games, eight major league teams will be seeing playoff action. The National League Champions, the Atlanta Braves, who finished the regular season with a 101-61 record, will host the National League Central champions, Chicago Cubs, who finished with an 88-74 record.

It's going to be the Braves twelfth straight appearance in the post season, while it's the Cubs' first appearance since 1998. It's going to be a rematch of the 1998 post season, when the Braves swept the Cubs 3-0 and it's also going to be a duel between good batting and good pitching.

The Atlanta Braves have the best batting average in the National League, while the Cubs have the second best earned run average. It's going to be a duel

between good batting and good pitching.

The Braves won the regular season series against the Cubbies 4-2. The National League west champions, the San Francisco Giants with a 100-61 record will play the wild card champion, the Florida Marlins who won 91 games and lost 61 games. The Giants were victorious over the Marlins when they played during the regular season.

The San Francisco Giants have the second best record at home during the season while the Florida Marlins have the second best batting average at .274 while playing away.

The American League East champion, New York Yankees, with a regular season record of 101-61, will host the American League Central champion, the Minnesota Twins. The Twins have won 90 games and lost 72.

The Yankees won all their seven games against the Twins during their head to head match up during the regular season.

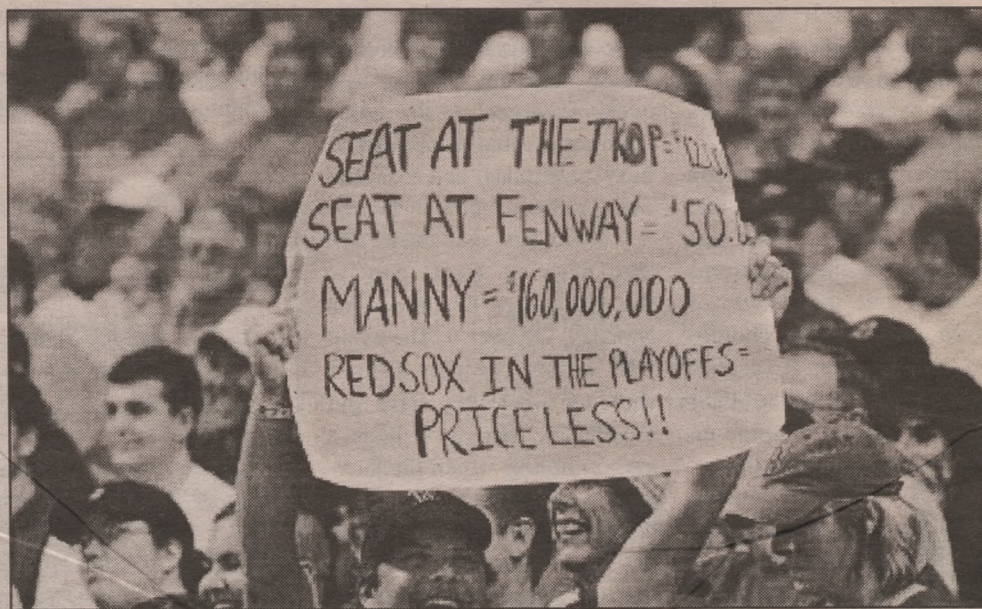
The American League West

champions, the Oakland A's, who managed to win 96 games and lost 66 will play the Wild card winner, Boston Red Sox, who finished the regular season with 95 wins and 67 losses. The Red Sox were defeated four times out of seven games they played against the A's this year.

The champion of the American League will compete for the World Series in October against the champion of the National League. The winner of that series will be crowned as the 2003 Major League Champion. The best pitchers in the game, such as Pedro Martinez from the Red Sox, Roger Clemens from the Yankees, Greg Maddux from the Braves, Tim Hudson from the A's will be seeing action against the best offensive players of the league. Superstars such as Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Jason Giambi, Derek Jeter, Nomar Garciapara and Manny Ramirez will prove why they are so valuable to their teams.



Derek Jeter celebrates with Manager Joe Torre after the Yankees clinched the American League East
Photo courtesy of CBS Sportsline.com



A Red Sox fan holds up a sign during the final regular season game
Photo courtesy of CBS Sportsline.com

Pioneers Get First Two NEC Wins

By Loren Aversa
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Women's Soccer team has been busy the past following week, achieving two Northeast Conference wins over Robert Morris and St. Francis, and having one of their key goalkeepers, Leslie Konsig (Millburn, NJ) named NEC women's soccer player of the week.

Konsig started her record off with two shutouts and 28 saves. She then went on to be named the Governor's Cup Tournament Defensive MVP in Albany last weekend. Konsig was named NEC women's soccer player of the week with a total of four shutouts and tied for the lead in goals against average.

Konsig should be the player of the week every week with the way she plays. She is definitely the best goalkeeper in the conference. The team gives all that they have and Konsig always finishes up with the rest," said Head Coach Joe Barroso.

Since Konsig has been given the title, she has continued to add positive points to her record, as seen in both games against Robert Morris and St. Francis.

On Friday, Sept 26 in Moon

Township, PA the Pioneers defeated Robert Morris (1-0). In the first half of the game, the Pioneers had eight shots on goal, but still remained scoreless. In the second half of the game at minute 67, junior Nathalie Urbas (Ontario, Canada) came through with one of her eight shots on goal and slammed the ball into the net, leaving the Pioneers with the only goal they needed to win the game.

Konsig only needed to make three saves to make the game against Robert Morris her fifth shutout game of the season. Out of the eight games played so far this year, Konsig has led five of her opponents to a scoreless game. The Pioneers' win against Robert Morris leaves them 3-2-3 overall and 1-0 in the NEC.

The Pioneers ended the road trip to Pennsylvania on a good note. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28 in Loretto, PA the Pioneers tackled St. Francis (2-1) leaving them with a perfect score of 2-0-0 in the NEC.

Senior Paula Pineda (Vigo, Spain) scored both of the goals needed to put the Pioneers in the lead and grab the win against St. Francis. The Pioneer's had a scoreless first half up until the last 15 minutes, when Pineda made her first goal off of junior Christel Kalweit (West Barnstable, MA). "With just 15 minutes remaining, I took my

chance and risked everything to score because I knew that there wasn't enough time to have another good chance. So I took the responsibility, got the ball, risked dribbling around two players and scored the winning goal," said Senior Paula Pineda (Vigo, Spain)

Pineda made her second and last goal of the game with just six minutes left of the game. "This is my last season at Sacred Heart, so as a senior, as a captain and as a Sacred Heart University player, I want to do something great for this school. I want to get into the playoffs and I want to play the NCAA again. I think that is what all of us dream about the night before the day we have a game," said Pineda.

The road trip to Pennsylvania left the Pioneers 4-2-3 on the year and 2-0-0 in the NEC. "It feels great to have been away from home, all the way in Pennsylvania, and come home with two consecutive wins. Not to mention, that one of our main goals is to make it into the playoffs and in order to do so, we have to win conference games. I am very proud of them," said Barroso.

The Pioneers can be seen in action once again on Oct 4 when they battle Mount St. Mary's on Sacred Heart's Campus field at 10 a.m.



The Women's Soccer team returns to action this Saturday at 10 a.m. at SHU's Campus Field

Photo by Nathalie Urbis

Football Fails to go 4-0

By Bryan Fogle
Staff Reporter

This past Saturday, the Pioneers' bid to go 4-0 on the season was stopped short by an offensive onslaught by SUNY Albany, as they lost 42-7. The Great Danes offense out-gained the Pioneers by almost 300 yards at 453 to 165.

The lone touchdown for the Pioneers was scored by senior quarterback Joe Kroells (Burbank, CA) as he ran the ball in from 13 yards out for the score. The score was set up by an interception by senior defensive back Pete Athans (Ocean, NJ).

A student, who wishes to remain nameless, states, "The team looked flat. Right from the moment they took the field, their intensity just didn't seem to be there."

With the touchdown by Kroells put aside, he also completed five of six passes for 34 yards before being replaced by freshman quarterback Robert Ammel (White River Junction, NJ). Ammel completed six of the 15 passes he attempted for a total of 63 yards.

Senior wide receiver Marlon Ward (Revere, MA) led the Pioneer receiving corps with four receptions totaling 32 yards. Also making catches

for Sacred Heart were junior wide receiver Steve Clayton (Pontiac, MI), who had three catches for 31 yards, and junior running back Jason Healy (New Milford), with two catches for six yards. Junior tight end Mike Peshler (Hopkington, MA) and freshman wide receiver Alvin Franklin (New Haven) had one catch each for 23 and five yards respectively.

Senior running back Jason Bonadies (Southbridge, MA) carried the ball 21 times for the Pioneers, gaining 50 yards on the ground. Kroells had five carries, highlighted by his 13-yard touchdown run while sophomore running back Ed Pricolo (Johnston, RI) had two carries for nine yards.

Defensively, Sacred Heart intercepted two Great Dane passes with the Athans pick leading to the Kroells touchdown.

The Pioneers punted the ball on nine occasions throughout the game, averaging approximately 27 yards per punt. Sacred Heart goes into next weekend's game with a 3-1 record overall, 2-1 in the Northeast Conference. The game will be the focal point of the weekend's Homecoming festivities. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Campus Field against visiting Marist College.

THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

Friday, October 3

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| Men's Soccer | at Robert Morris | Moon Township, PA | 4:00 PM |
| Hockey | at Providence | Providence, RI | 3:00 PM |
| Women's Tennis | at Manhattan | Riverdale, NY | 3:00 PM |
| Women's Volleyball | at Iona | Albany, NY | 4:00 PM |

Saturday, October 4

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| Football | vs Marist | Fairfield, CT | 2:00 PM |
| Women's Soccer | vs Mt St Marys | Fairfield, CT | 10:00 AM |
| Men's Tennis | at UConn Invitational | Storrs, CT | 9:00 AM |
| Women's Volleyball | at Albany | Albany, NY | 11:00 AM |
| Men's Cross Country | at Fairfield Invit | Fairfield, CT | 12:00 PM |
| Women's Cross Country | at Fairfield Invit | Fairfield, CT | 12:00 PM |
| Women's Volleyball | at Marist | Albany, NY | 4:00 PM |
| Men's Ice Hockey | vs Red & White Game | Milford, CT | 8:00 PM |
| Men's Golf | at Army Invitational | West Point, NY | |

Sunday, October 5

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| Men's Soccer | at St Francis PA | Loretto, PA | 1:00 PM |
| Men's Tennis | at UConn Invitational | Storrs, CT | 9:00 AM |
| Women's Rowing | at Hartford Regatta | Hartford, CT | All Day |
| Men's Golf | at Army Invitational | West Point, NY | All Day |



Hank incorrectly predicted that the Phillies would clinch the National League East but in fact, they missed the playoffs in their final year at Veteran's Stadium

Photo courtesy of CBS Sportsline.com

Tough Loss on the Jersey Shore

By Megan Pompey
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University field hockey team fell to NEC rival Monmouth 1-0 this weekend. Jess Miller scored the game-winning goal for the hawks with just over 25 minutes remaining in the match. Monmouth held on for the important NEC win.

Monmouth goalkeeper Carrie Colbert made 13 saves in recording the shutout, while Pioneers junior goalkeeper Robyn Breer (Montpelier, VT) made 11 saves in taking the loss. SHU out shot Monmouth 17-13. This game was the first conference loss for the Pioneers, who have just three NEC matches remaining on their fall 2003 schedule. This game was the NEC opener for the Hawks.

"We had plenty of opportunities to score, we just couldn't put one in the net"
Marie Aiello

The Pioneers second NEC match that was scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28th vs. Rider was cancelled due to inclement weather. This would have been the seventh game of their nine-game road trip. There has not been a makeup date announced at this time.

The loss for the Pioneers to Monmouth was tough for the Pioneers because of a new NEC

rule that was put in place this year. It only allows each conference team to play each other once, so there are no second chances for these teams. The difference between a win and a

"Overall we were disappointed because we dominated this team and didn't come out with a win"
Marie Aiello

loss can be the deciding factor when it comes down to the NEC tournament.

"We were definitely a better team than Monmouth. We had plenty of opportunities to score, we just couldn't put one in the net. Overall we were disappointed because we dominated this team and didn't come out with a win," said junior forward Marie Aiello (Stamford)

So far this season the Pioneers are tied for fourth with Monmouth, while Quinnipiac is in first, Rider is in second and Siena is in third. The next few NEC matches are crucial for SHU if they intend to get a seat in the NEC tournament.

The Pioneers will be facing Quinnipiac at Campus field on Thursday, Oct. 16th at 4 p.m. and Siena away on Friday, Oct. 24th at 3 p.m. The cancelled game against Rider will also be rescheduled in the next few weeks.

The Pioneers will return to play on Wednesday, Oct. 1st when they play the University of Vermont at UMass Amherst at 4 p.m.

And Laugh We Will

By Hank Gargiulo
Sports Columnist

Spring training is a time for hope, excitement and predictions, and October is a time to look back at those predictions made in the early season, and laugh at how horrible and misguided they were.

If you read my column last year, then you know I made 10 bold and fearless predictions regarding the upcoming season. And with the season now over and the playoffs about to start, its time we look back, and see just how big of an idiot I really am.

Prediction 1: The American League East will finish the exact same way it has since 1998.

Result 1: Starting off right, 1-1. Just like I predicted, the Yankee's took top honors with the Red Sox coming in second followed by a pair of birds (Blue Jays and Orioles) with the lowly Devil Rays dwelling in the cellar. Now lets see if the rest of my predictions are as good...

Prediction 2: Barry Bonds will continue to instill fear in the hearts of opposing pitchers.

Result 2: While he didn't put up another 70 home run season, Bonds was still one of the most feared hitters in the league, if not THE most feared. Hitting .341 with 45 jacks and 90 RBI's may seem pedestrian according to Bonds trend. But keep in mind his on base percentage of .529 and his ridiculous OPS of 1.278. Two for two, lets see how long I can keep it up.

Prediction 3: Derek Jeter will continue his fall. Ever since a career year in 1999, Jeter's stats have gone nowhere but down.

Result 3: Well let's just leave this as a simple answer of "wrong" and move on.

Prediction 4: The Red Sox plan of a "Closer by Committee" approach will yield measurable results.

Result 4: Let's first define "measurable." Well, you see, with measurable, you can interpret it in a plethora of ways. One way being that the results can be measured, yes, that's the ticket.

Alright, honestly, I haven't

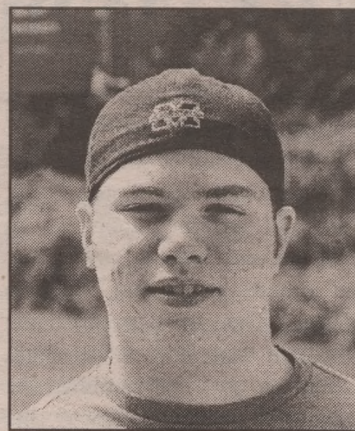


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seen something fail as badly as the "closer by committee" since AOL bought out Time Warner. At least young Theo Epstein was wise enough to trade for a proven closer in Byung-Hyun Kim. Granted Kim has seen more balls fly out of Yankee Stadium in October than anyone in recorded history, but it is still better than a revolving door out of the bullpen. Two for four now, things are starting to go south.

Prediction 5: The Philadelphia Phillies will win the National League East.

Result 5: Thanks to a bullpen meltdown, and the Atlanta Braves turning into an offensive monster this pick went down in a hurry. At least the Phillies hung around and tried for the wild card. Hey, when you're wrong, you're wrong, three for five and I slip ever closer to .500. Lets see if I can pick it up.

Prediction 6: The trio of Barry Zito, Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson will make Oakland the league's best team.

Result: Well, if Miguel Tejada remembered that he was good in the beginning of the season, the A's might have finished with the leagues best record.

As it is, they finished with the fourth best record overall and the second best in the AL. But I said team, not record. I'm going to go ahead and give myself this one on the basis that I can. Four out of six and I'm looking strong!

Prediction 7: The Yankee payroll will top \$200 million by the end of the season.

Result: Maybe I was being a little to exorbitant with prediction \$200 million, but Steinbrenner

did panic and threaten everyone's job from manager Joe Torre to the guy who vacuums the clubhouse. I was generous on my last prediction so I'll lay off of this one. Four out of seven.

Prediction 8: Ken Griffey Jr. will return to form and lead a push for a wild card spot for Cincinnati.

Result: You would think that I'd learn. It seems that I've thought Griffey was poised for a return to his normal brilliant self ever since his first injury. Yet, here I sit, completely wrong and know my predictions fall to an even four out of eight.

Prediction 9: The Mets promising young shortstop Jose Reyes will be in the majors to start the season.

Result: While he wasn't While he wasn't up to start the season, Reyes did prove to be a spark for the Mets. Yes they did finish at the bottom of the N.L. East, and yes they were eliminated from playoff contention around the middle of May, but Reyes is a bright spot.

I'm taking half credit for this one. Reyes proved he could play at the major league level, and play well. Four and a half for nine. This one is going to come down to the final one...

Prediction 10: Before the trading deadline both Javier Vasquez and Vladimir Guererro will be wearing different uniforms.

Result: I can't figure this one out. While Les Expos had a chance at the wild-card, deep down they had to know that they wouldn't be able to bring both of these guys back for next year.

Why not get some prospects and save some money in the interim? I guess general manager Omar Minaya has a masterplan, or at least all 274 fans of the Expos should hope he does.

Final score, four and a half predictions right out of ten. And what does that teach us? Well, it teaches me that I obviously should shy away from any future columns regarding baseball before the season starts, and that most importantly, that I am in fact, a moron.

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All Our "Heart" is Recognized

By Ashleigh Bepko
Staff Reporter

Between Sept. 8-24, Sacred Heart has had eight athletes, from six different teams, who have been named NEC players of the week. Senior Katie Wrinkle (Medford, NY)-cross-country, senior Jeff Bowers (Naugatuck)-tennis, senior Leslie Konsig (Millburn, NJ)-soccer, senior Pete Athans (Ocean, NJ)-football, senior Ron St. Juste (Stamford)-football, sophomore Chris Marchese (Middletown)-soccer, freshmen Becky Ford (Salem, NH)-field hockey, and lastly junior Robyn Beer (Montpelier, VT)-field hockey.

Senior Katie Wrinkle received NEC honors for the second time this year after taking a fourth place at the Monmouth Invitational with a time of 19:09. This was Wrinkle's first top five finish of the year, but she was also the first NEC runner to cross the finish line. "The NEC has so many great runners that it's a real honor to be named conference athlete of the week," said Wrinkle. "It's a nice feeling of recognition for my hard work," she added. In the four years that she has been here, Katie has been named a NEC athlete of the week eight times. Katie and the rest of the cross-country team are back to the races on Oct. 4, for the Fairfield Invitational.

Senior Jeff Bowers of the men's tennis team received his NEC honors for the week of Sept. 15 after reaching the semifinals of the ECAC North Championships. In the opening round Bowers defeated Jeff Bender of Connecticut College, 6-0, 6-2, but then fell to Lehigh's Randall Smalley in the semi-

finals. Bowers also help in a 6-1 win over St. Peters, when he knocked off Matt Tyteli in the number two singles draw, 6-2, 6-3, then went on to compete with Pat Darragh to win 8-3, in the number one doubles draw. You can catch Jeff in action this weekend at the Uconn Invitational in Storrs.

Senior Leslie Konsig, keeper for the women's soccer team, was named NEC player of the week after recording two shutouts and 28 saves in the 1-1-1 week. The first game of the week against Yale Konsig posted three saves in a 3-2 loss. Then heading to Albany for the Governor's Cup, and recording seven saves in a 1-0 shutout over Siena, and getting a season high 12 saves again Rider in a double overtime scoreless match. "I'm very happy with the way the team is meshing together," said Konsig. "I feel real confident in goal with the talent we have on the field," she added. Konsig was also named as the Governor's Cup defensive MVP. She leads the NEC in shutouts for the season with four, and is tied for the average goals against, at 0.53%. "It's nice to achieve NEC player of the week, but I am just looking forward in helping my team win another NEC championship in my last year," said Konsig.

Senior Pete Athans set the school record with a 76-yard punt return the week that he received his NEC honor's and special team's player of the week in the 27-24 win over Central Connecticut. Sacred Heart was holding a 20-17 lead over Central when Athans returned a punt 76 yard for a touchdown, and sealing the win for his team. He broke former teammate Kiheme Cowan's 71-yard return from Sept. 22, 2000. In the win over

Central, in the first half, Athans made a 62-yard return that teammate senior Greg Tonzola (Denville, NJ) to put them up 13-3. On the other side Athans also recorded seven tackles on special teams coverage.

Athans's teammate Ron St. Juste was named NEC player of the week while being named Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette's NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major Defensive Player of the Week. In a 37-12 win over St. Francis (PA), Juste had two of the four interceptions, his first which lead to a touchdown after a 22 return when the team was down 12-0, in the second quarter. His second interception was for another 22-yard return before being stopped at the 13-yard line. Also in the St. Francis game, Juste had three tackles, broke up four passes, and forced a fumble to help Sacred Heart hold St. Francis to only 206 offensive yards. Athans and Juste and the rest of the football team are back on their home field this weekend on Saturday against Marist.

Sophomore goalkeeper Chris Marchese, of the men's soccer team, received NEC player of the week after two tough ties to Central Connecticut, and three time defending NEC champion's Fairleigh Dickinson. In the game against Central Marchese had eight saves, including one in overtime for the 1-1 ties with the Central Connecticut Blue Devils. Then against the defending champs Fairleigh Dickinson Marchese had nine saves on his way to his second shutout of the season. Marchese is ranked third in the NEC for goals against, 0.94, and in save percentage, 0.839. The men's next game is away against Robert Morris tomorrow.

Men's Soccer

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"A positive we can take out of this weekend is the fact that we have our goal scorer Sylvester Kaar coming off a two-goal game, and he will be playing with a lot of confidence coming into the Northeast Conference stretch," said junior captain Alan Tomczykowski (Bedford, MA).

"Hopefully those two goals will get Sylvester rolling because he works so hard," said Coach McGuigan.

According to McGuigan, his team played a sloppy first half, and had trouble bringing the ball out of the backfield, turning the ball over too frequently in their half the field.

"We needed to pass the ball more sharply and maintain possession. We didn't execute well, and we weren't as physical as we should have been. They are in great shape and physically we can handle that situation, but I think they were somewhat mentally exhausted from the traveling," said McGuigan.

Luke Rivard scored the third

goal for Maine while the Pioneers were down a man, losing Wilken to a red card with approximately 15 minutes left in the game.

"The loss of Glenn really hurts because he's a big asset to this team, just about as big as Eric Bradley. He does such great work," said Coach McGuigan.

Playing without Bradley for the game, Arsi showed he can handle a defensive position for the second game in a row, and offers even more depth in the back. McGuigan utilized his strength in the goal and used both Marchese and Roeder, who combined for 10 saves on the game.

"We have had a positive start to the season with ties against quality teams, but our real season starts this week and we are ready," said Tomczykowski.

Sacred Heart returns to conference action as they travel to Pennsylvania to take on rivals Robert Morris and St. Francis on Oct. 3 and 5. Their next home game is Oct. 10 verse the Hawks of Monmouth University.



Cross Country team member Katie Wrinkle, who was named Athlete of the Week for the second time this year, is among 8 SHU athletes to receive such an honor.

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Men's Soccer Posts Fifth Tie

By Meghan O'Connor
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team toughed out three non-conference games this past week, including traveling and playing two within twenty-two hours of the other. First on Sept. 24, the team traveled to Stony Brook University posting their fourth consecutive tying score, and fifth on the season.

Following the tie, the men visited Brown University and the University of Maine on Sept. 26-27, dropping both games to their Ivy League and Atlantic 10 opponents.

Freshman standout Eric Bradley (Wexford, Ireland) tallied his first goal of the season against Stony Brook on an assist from junior midfielder Carlos Caracas (West Haven) midway through the first half, giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead at the break.

"We played extremely well in the first half," said Head Coach Joe McGuigan, "but the first twenty minutes of the second half Stony Brook played extremely well against us and was awarded a penalty kick, in which I have no complaints on the officiating. It was legitimate."

Stony Brook's Anthony Barberio took the kick for the Seawolves, evening the score at 1-1 as he fired a shot past sophomore goalkeeper Matt Weston (Mansfield).

The appearance by Weston was his first Division I playing time, as he red-shirted last season due to a knee injury. He made eight saves in a very solid game, and didn't let any overtime opportunities from Stony Brook find the net.

"For Matt's first college game, he made a few huge saves to keep us in the game and in overtime he made a huge breakaway save that kept us from losing," said fellow sophomore

goalkeeper Chris Marchese (Middletown).

According to Coach McGuigan, in the last five minutes of the game, the team was all over Stony Brook, missing a few close chances to take the lead.

It was thought that Bradley had his second goal of the game, only to have it strike the crossbar, while Caracas just missed the post with a header soon after. Freshman Ricarti Mendes (Campinas, Brazil) has the ball in the penalty area in the last 5 seconds but couldn't get a hold of it and finish.

"It was a game we should have won, but we failed to put away our chances when we had them and then let them back in the game," said Bradley.

Traveling to Rhode Island on Sept. 26, thirteenth nationally ranked Brown University of the Ivy League posted a 2-0 win over the Pioneers.

"Brown is a much better team and they are extremely fast

and talented. They play a simple game and are very deserving of their ranking," said Coach McGuigan.

Sacred Heart spent most of the game playing defense, as the Bears out shot the Pioneers 26-2, not allowing a shot in the second half.

Brian Perry scored close to the end of the first half, and that small lead held for almost the rest of the game, until Seth Quidachay-Swan scored late to cushion the win.

Another first time goalkeeper for the year was sophomore Chris Gray (Concord, MA), recording seven saves against Brown and providing a very respectable game against such a strong opponent.

Gray's showing proved the depth of goalkeeping for Sacred Heart, as McGuigan has four concrete men to go to, also including Marchese, Weston, and sophomore Jason Roeder (Independence, MN).

Sophomore Chris Arsi (Washington Township, NY) got his first minutes of the season and played very well paired on defense with Bradley and sophomore Neal Shapiro (Vernon, NJ).

With Arsi in the game, it enabled the move of sophomore talent Glenn Wilken (Ridgefield) to provide more punch in the mid-field with Caracas and Mendes.

Within hours of the game verse Brown, Sacred Heart traveled and took on the University of Maine, falling to the Black Bears 3-2. Junior Sylvester Kaar (Haward, CA) notched his first goals in his Sacred Heart career, scoring 2 in the second half to keep the game close.

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Standout Eric Bradley scored his first goal of the season against Stony Brook.

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Freshman Ricarti Mendes has been a constant impact this season.

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The team suffered a tough loss in the red carding of Glenn Wilken, losing him for the next conference game.

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